



# Lisbellaw Primary School Newsletter - November 2009



*Dear Parent,*

It is hard to believe that half-term is over. Our children have had a great start to the Autumn Term and have worked hard. We all hope they enjoyed their break and are ready for the months ahead.

**\* Our feeling for November is "Lonely". \***

## HARVEST SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Service on 16<sup>th</sup> October, when each child in our school had a part to play. We had a very meaningful and high quality Harvest service when we were joined by our pupils, families, friends, local clergy, members of our Board of Governors and our former Principal, Mrs Adams.

A total of £2952.60 was raised for the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. This is a registered charity, which offers practical, emotional and financial support to children and young people who are living with cancer.

We have invited a local representative from the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children to an assembly on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November to receive a cheque.

This is a very worthy cause and we say thank you to everyone for your generous support. The amount raised was beyond our expectations. Thank you to all teachers and especially our pupils for a lovely Service.

## P.T.A. Disco

Thank you to the members of our P.T.A. for a very well-organised disco on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. All concerned had a fun night and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere. A special thank you to our D.J., Mr James Gray.

We look forward to our P.T.A. Calendar which you have already received information about. We would ask that all permission slips are with school by Friday as the photographs will be taken next Monday (9<sup>th</sup> November). If your child is off school on that day but would be able to come in for the photograph they will be taken between 11.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Thank you for PTA Voluntary Contribution money received. Contributions are still welcome.

## **BLUE BAGS**

Thank you for your support. We had a huge display of blue bags in our Assembly Hall and hopefully we will raise a lot of money through these.

## **FERMANAGH COUNTY SHOW**

Six children represented our school on 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Killyhevlin Hotel to receive the following awards.

- Sarah Irvine / Jack Hamilton – Doonan Shield for Handwriting
- Rachel Morrison / James Foster – Eileen Magee Cup
- Claire Boles – Collum Shield

This was an excellent evening and Lisbellaw Primary School did exceptionally well receiving three cups. Well done to all pupils who entered. The above pupils have written a thank you letter to the Show Secretary, Mrs Heather Crawford.

## **EVENTS TO COME FOR NOVEMBER**

9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
14 <sup>th</sup>	AQE Test 1 (Girls)
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week
21 <sup>st</sup>	GL Test (Boys)
28 <sup>th</sup>	AQE Test 2 (Girls)

Children from Years 4, 6 and 7 will continue to take part in the Shared Education programme.

## **SAFETY – DARK MORNINGS / EVENINGS**

We have reminded all children about keeping themselves safe during the dark mornings and evenings. We would ask parents to try to add some form of reflector to the children's clothing as the days get shorter.

## **NEW SCHOOL**

All staff have now had a tour of our new school. Our "move in" date is **26<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. Therefore we would like to highlight that our **Exceptional Closures** are now as follows:-

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - (½ day) School will close at 12.30 p.m.  
Lunch will be provided.**

**25<sup>th</sup> February & - (All day)**

**26<sup>th</sup> February - (All day)**

**(Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 will now be normal school days for the pupils.)**

## **TEACHER NOMINATED FOR GREEN TEACHER AWARD**

Our Year 4 teacher, Miss McElwaine, has been nominated for a "Green Teacher Award" 2009. We wish her well.

## **BOOK FAIR**

The school Book Fair will be held in school from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase books throughout the day and it will be open to parents from 8.45 - 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. on the above days.

The school receives 55% of sales in commission and this is taken in books to supplement class libraries.

## **TEACHER/PARENT/PUPIL MEETINGS**

Thank you to all parents and pupils who met with the class teachers on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October. These meetings are a great help to everyone concerned and a great way to use formative assessment. Many parents have commented favourably on these meetings.

## **PICK UP IN AFTERNOON**

As from next Monday (9<sup>th</sup> November) we would ask that parents who normally collect children after school from the Assembly Hall will collect children at their appropriate classroom at 3.05 p.m. (Bus children will go to the Assembly Hall as usual with the teacher on duty).

On Fridays (from 13<sup>th</sup> November) children will be collected from the classroom where their particular club takes place. (Hockey, Football and Cookery Club children will be in the Assembly Hall).

## **CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION (REMINDER)**

The Christmas Assembly will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 10.00 a.m. and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Proceeds will go to Horizon West Children's Hospice for Fermanagh and Tyrone. (More details in December Newsletter).

School will close at 12.00 noon. on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

## **RECYCLING**

Mr Paul Stewart has asked us to bring a website to your attention -

[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) It's all about reuse and keeping items of use out of landfills.

## **SHARED EDUCATION (YEAR 6)**

Parents, family and friends of Year 6 children taking part in the project are invited to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15 p.m. to see the work (art / dance) that the children have been involved in. A cup of tea will also be served. Parents should meet in Miss McKeon's room at 2.15 p.m. We hope you can come along.

## **WEBSITE**

A reminder to parents that this newsletter and other school publications can be seen on our school website. [www.lisbellawprimary.org.uk](http://www.lisbellawprimary.org.uk)

*Thank you for your continued support. Should you require any further clarification about these or other points, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Ingrid Logan (Mrs)  
Principal*