



# Lisbellaw Primary School Newsletter - January 2010



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our children for 2010 and wish you all a Happy New Year. The next number of weeks will bring us closer to our date to move into our new school (1<sup>st</sup> March 2010).

It will be an exciting and busy time for everyone in school and already we are eagerly anticipating this major event in the history of Lisbellaw Primary School.

## **NEW SCHOOL**

Each day sees further completion of work inside our new school. Painters are busy painting the interior and all the workmen under the leadership of Mr Seamus Mulligan are working endlessly to meet the completion deadline. Staff have been busy choosing items for their classrooms assisted by Mrs Linda McKelvey (WELB) and Mr S McErlean from Kindercraft. Due to Health and Safety large numbers are not allowed to visit at present but we assure you that you will be delighted when you see the finished product.

It has taken much planning time for all concerned and I would pay tribute to all the staff for the way in which they have approached this major project.

## **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Well done to all the children and staff for excellent performances at Christmas and thank you for all your support during the Christmas season. We appreciate it greatly.

The amount raised from the sale of tickets for our Christmas performances was an amazing £675.00. This will be presented to a representative from Horizon West Children's Hospice for Fermanagh and Tyrone at a later date this month.

## **CHOIR / BRASS**

Well done to our Choir who were extremely busy during the Christmas season singing at Carol Services, nursing homes, Erneside Shopping Centre, the Northern Bank and of course in our village.

Thank you to Mrs Foy who coordinated this and trained the choir. We look forward to further choir ventures this term. Also well done to our Brass ensemble who received much praise from the community.

### **HOLIDAYS (SPRING TERM)**

15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2010	-	Half Term Holiday
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2010	-	School will close at 12.30 p.m. (Dinner will be served)
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2010	-	Holiday for children
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	-	St Patrick's Day

### **PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

We are very grateful for the hard work which the PTA committee has undertaken this year and to all parents and friends of the school who contributed so generously by buying a calendar. The amount raised so far is £1,100.00.

Calendars can still be purchased at our school office.

Also a big thank you to all local businesses, who by their sponsorship, cleared the cost of the printing which was done by the Reprographics Department (WELB).

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will be held in March (more details in the next Newsletter)

### **BLUEBAG COLLECTION**

A Blue Bag collection will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Bags may be left in school from the Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February but if possible bring them to school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> (8.30 -9.30 a.m.) and your bags can be loaded straight onto the van.

Thank-you very much for your support.

### **OPEN DAY**

Our school's Open Day will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

All prospective parents and children are welcome to come along and see our school in action.

A further OPEN DAY will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April in our new school (more details will follow in a later Newsletter).

## **HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL AWARD**

As a Health Promoting School (Gold Standard) we will be reassessed in the New Year to maintain this high standard.

Our targets for this year's Health Promoting School Award are

- Drugs Awareness
- Physical Activity
- Environmental Issues

We continue to take part in the Munch Box Challenge, promoting healthy eating. Thank you to all parents who send a healthy break / lunchbox for their children. Please continue to ensure that your children get enough sleep. All children need to bring a coat to school as we all go outside at breaktimes for fresh air and exercise unless it is wet. All children will have the opportunity to take part in a "pop aerobics" session in late January.

## **FERMANAGH TRUST (SHARED EDUCATION)**

We continue to work with our partner schools on the above and are delighted that the children are benefiting from such excellent opportunities.

As part of our Shared Education programme (Term 2)

- Year 6 will take part in pop aerobics, football and cookery.
- Year 4 – Gymnastics / Art
- Year 7 – Dance / Drama (Performance for parents in March. (Further details to follow.)

## **CLUBS**

Clubs will begin on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January and will run until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Children will be given a choice in the next two weeks.

### **CLASS ACT DRAMA**

Have you got a budding actress or actor in your household? Or simply someone who could benefit from greater self confidence, team work skills and speech work? Drama classes will be offered in January in Lisbellaw Primary School for Primary 3 – 7 from 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. on either Wednesdays or Fridays if enough interest is shown.

Classes will include: poetry, acting, improvisation, singing and much more!

Preparation for exams, auditions and Feis will also be facilitated.

Cost will be £5 per week, payable as term fees. If your child is interested in attending please fill in the slip below and return it to school before 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

(Tutor will be Stephanie Kenny-Quinn).

### **VETTING**

I would like to remind any parent who wishes to be included in school life (whether in class or on a school visits) that they need to go through a vetting process before we can allow this to happen. This generally takes four to six weeks as the backlog has now been cleared.

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Principal