

## Maths Problem Solving Workshop for Parents

As part of our on-going school improvement work in Mathematics and Numeracy, we are offering a **Parent Workshop in Problem Solving in Maths on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm.** It will be a great opportunity for you to see how we teach problem solving in school and find out more about how to help your child with maths problem solving at home. Please come along and support us at this event.



## Lesson Observations in Mathematics and Numeracy

As part of our monitoring timetable this year Robert Thompson (EA School Development Officer) and I will be observing lessons in Mathematics in November. We will observe Problem Solving in all year groups in the weeks beginning 14 and 21 November. This is only one of the ways that we can observe and measure improvement in this area.

## Panto...Panto!

What a lovely day to look forward to..... **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** is Panto Day. This year we are going to see Cinderella. The cost per pupil is £14 and should be paid before **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

Details about pick-up etc will be sent out closer to the time.

## P1 & P2 Christmas Concert

We are really looking forward to our P1 and P2 Christmas concerts as I am sure you are too. The dates for these are as follows:

- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Both concerts will start at 9.30am. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** and will be limited to 4 per family until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, after that the tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets cost £4 each and can be purchased from the office.



## GL Assessment and AQE Tests

November is a very busy months for some of our P7 pupils and their families as they will be sitting AQE and GL Assessment examinations across Saturdays in November and early December. All of our pupils have been working very hard in P7 and have shown maturity in their attitudes and we are very proud of them. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our P7 pupils at this busy time.

## New Colour in the P2 Mobile!

P2 children in Miss Beatty's class have returned to a newly painted classroom this morning. We thought green would be a lovely colour and so Miss McAnerney's brother came into school over the holidays and painted the mobile. Thank you so much to Martin. The children all love their new bright classroom.



## Continual Professional Development for Teachers

The next six weeks is a busy time for teacher professional development here in school. All teachers will be involved in Literacy training facilitated by EA Officer, Annemarie Flynn on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Mr Gallagher will lead training in Mathematics, Problem Solving on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November staff will be participating in an I-teach Workshop learning how to use a Green Screen. All in all a busy month.



## Quality Play Based Learning in the Foundation Stage

Coming up in November, Primary One and Two teachers will be taking part in training focusing on 'Quality Play Based Learning in the Foundation Stage'. We look forward to welcoming Early Years specialist, Joan Henderson into school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>. Joan has previously worked as a teacher, principal, teacher educator and as an educational inspector. She has a tremendous depth of experience and will assist staff in developing a highly reflective and progressive learning community through play. We hope that Joan will share her previous experience and that teachers will have lots of new ideas to try out in the classroom!

### **iTeach Digital Leader Day**

Our P6 and P7 Digital Leaders, 14 in total, had a fantastic day at the iTeach Digital Leader Lab on Wednesday 26 October. Miss Clarke and Mrs Gould were very proud of them!

The children took part in a variety of workshops to help them develop their creativity when using iPads.

They had to design an app that could be used in school to help with learning. The children had some fantastic ideas and even managed to promote their new apps by creating an advertisement film. They also used the Lightning Lab app to programme the Spark Sphero to move around a grid! They used brilliant maths problem solving skills to do this! We now look forward to our Digital Leaders presenting their ideas at Assemblies in our new '**Digital Leaders' Assemblies**'. The first of these assemblies will take place this month. The digital leaders will also be going into classes to teach children and how to use different apps!

### **Road of Hope Shoe Box Appeal**

We hope to collect a lot of shoeboxes this year.

Last year we collected over 300! All shoe boxes should be in school by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please help us to support this very worthwhile cause.

For more information about what to include in the shoe boxes, please have a look at our school website.

### **Class Newsheets**

We hope you enjoyed the first editions of our Class Newsheets distributed in September. The second editions will be distributed next week. Have a read and see what is going on in your child's class!

### **PTA News**

Have you seen our new PTA Facebook page? Don't forget to check it out for all the latest PTA News!

Thank you to all who completed Christmas Cards Designs. You will receive a sample card in the next few weeks with an order form. It would be great if you could order some cards drawn by your little ones for you and for us as we receive a share of the profits made!

You can also follow our brilliant PTA on twitter @stjlisburnpta...#keepintouch

### **Choir News!**

We are taking a different approach to choir rehearsals this term as the choir will be warming up their voices every **Tuesday morning at 8.20am** in the 'Breakfast Room'. Choir Practice will begin on **Tuesday 15 November** at 8.20am sharp.



### **Open Night**

This year our Open Night will take place on **Tuesday 6 December at 7pm**. If you have a child or know a child who will be 4 years old on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 then come along to see what we have to offer. Application forms will be available on the night. The closing date for application forms is **Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 12noon**.



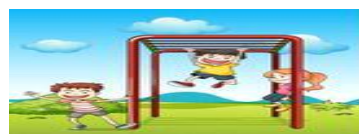
### **Well done!**

Congratulations to Hannah Dougherty in P4 who won a prize in Lisburn City Council's Purple Turnip competition before Halloween. Well done Hannah!



### **Have you seen it?**

Well...what a treat for all our children this week as they returned to school to see our brand new play trail almost finished. We are so delighted to have received an 'Awards for All' grant to fund this new play trail. The children are going to have so much fun using it. We have picnic benches as well for those children who prefer to read or talk at lunchtime and breaktime. Thank you to Garden Escapes who installed our new play trail.



## September Awards

This year we have chosen some new monthly awards to tie in with curriculum development in the school. These awards are presented to children at assembly each month and are celebrated in the newssheet and website. Well done to all our September Award winners as follows:

Value of the Month: Friendship	
P1	Darcey Magee Gabi Ramanauska
P2	Jay O'Neill Martin Quinn
P3	Rosie Wright Sarah Ringland
P4	Owen Watson Thomas Fay
P5	Lucy Nokes Sophie Jennings
P6	Eddie Green Alex Pienkowski
P7	Shannon Johnson Holly Rafferty
Pope Francis Award	
P1	Kian Kennedy Cillian Oakes-Campbell
P2	Eliza-Belle Faulkner Tony Kelly
P3	Luke Hunter Mollie Barr
P4	Maia McGaughey Mia Rooney
P5	Cara Jones Luke Morrison
P6	Kyla Marshall Alannah Harris
P7	Emily Dunlop Kuba Debowski
Writer of the Month	
P1	Madison Ward Annie McCann
P2	Alexandra Frazer Andrew McLorinan
P3	Jessica Shanley Eva Branks
P4	Erin Mallon Katie Roche
P5	Katie Longley Daniel McNamara
P6	Aoife Doherty Aoife Moran

P7	Jamie Broadbent Ana Enrique Gascon and Amanpreet Kaur
ICT Whizzkid of the Month	
P1	Ryan McCaffrey Niamh Pollock
P2	Corey Mathews Kaiden Mayes
P3	Eimear Rafferty Ruby Lavery
P4	Rosie Skates Roisin Quinn
P5	Joe Ferris Kiera McLorinan
P6	Ryan Walker Jack McMahan
P7	Hannah Gartland Maebh Quinn
Mathlete of the Month	
P1	Nancy Craig Ellie Sloan
P2	Finn O'Hare Eve Trimble
P3	Nora Beggs-McCormick Ronan Southwell
P4	Simranjeet Kaur Barra Noble
P5	Dheeksha Grace Feenan
P6	Richard Mathews Ronald Mathews
P7	Matthew Brown Enya Daye

**Our October Awards winners will be announced at our assemblies on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Value of the Month

Our Value of the Month for November is: **RESPONSIBILITY**. We hope that all of our pupils will show this value in the classroom and beyond this month.

*"The price of greatness is responsibility"*

**Winston Churchill**

