**WINDMILL INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER**

Happy New Year to you all.

**Holidays:**

The school will be closed on Thursday 11th February for staff training and on Friday 12th, Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th for half-term.

**Well Done:**

Well done to the Netball team who played their first Tri-County matches on Friday 22nd January. Thanks to Miss Hughes for accompanying the team.

**Best Wishes:**

Best wishes to the football team who will be playing their second set of fixtures on Friday 29th January.

Best wishes to the boys and girls who were selected to participate in the Dungannon Leisure Centre Primary School Swimming Gala on Wednesday 10th February.

**AQE/GL Test:**

AQE/GL test results will be issued on Saturday 30th January. The AQE office will be open on the Saturday from 2 – 5pm for anyone who does not receive the result in the post. Tel. No. 028 90224002. Mr Campbell and Mrs Ferguson will be holding meetings on Tuesday 2nd February to complete the Transfer forms.

**Reminders:**

Please do not send your child to school with medicine in their school bag. If your child needs to take medication during the school day you will need to fill in a Medical Form and speak to your child’s teacher.

We have had a number of cases of Head lice reported over the past few weeks. Please remember to check your child’s head on a regular basis.

We will not phone home for forgotten permission slips, P.E. Kits or Swimming Kits. Please check your child’s school bag every evening and encourage him/her to ensure that they have everything they need for the day ahead.

**Pupil Council:**

Donations of games for wet play will be gratefully received. Please make sure all parts are intact.

**Parent Council:**

£979 has been raised so far. Thank you for your continued support. Currently there are vacancies on our Parent Council. If you would like to join please send in your details addressed to the Chairperson. Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in the Christmas raffle. A list of prize winners will be posted on our new website when it is up and running.

**Website:**

Our school website is currently under construction and we aim to have it up and running soon. Please be patient whilst we transfer information over to our new website.

**Gaelic sessions during school:**

All classes will have the opportunity to avail of Gaelic coaching (6 week sessions) before the end of this academic year.

**Dates for your diary:**

Sue Wright from the PSNI will be visiting Primary 7 pupils on Monday 1st February to offer a drama workshop based on E-safety, ‘Who’s at the door?’

On Thursday 4th February Miss Judith Reid (IFA) will be delivering a ‘Healthy Family Workshop’ for Primary 3 & 4 pupils and their parents/guardians from 6 – 7:30pm.

Primary 4 assembly will take place on Friday 5th February at 9:30am.

Primary 7 will hold a sale on Friday 5th February to raise money for the bus to Shannagh-More. The sale will be taking place after P4 assembly.

**Dungannon to Dunkirk:**

A team from Vineyard Church is going to volunteer at the refugee camps in Northern France mid-February. The refugees live in desperate conditions and suffer terribly from exposure to the elements. **Can you donate a blanket or sleeping bag?** If so bring it into school ASAP! (No duvets as these are too difficult to launder). Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**More Information:**

Jenny Kilpatrick is working with our Primary 7 pupils for 6 weeks on examining the New Testament.

Primary 3 pupils are participating in a Young Enterprise programme entitled “Our Families’ on Fridays from 1:15 – 2pm for 5 weeks.

Mrs Ferguson had the pleasure of meeting the new CEO for NICIE, Ms Roisin Marshall on Thursday 31st January.

Miss Neill (University of Ulster student) will be working with all our pupils on Fridays over a period of approximately 8 weeks to design a large wall mural. The mural will be constructed using coloured plastic bottle tops. We would really appreciate it if you could collect a variety of coloured bottle tops to assist us with our project i.e**. milk bottle tops, juice bottle tops etc**. and send them into school.

Mid Ulster Council has invited our Primary 5 pupils to take part in Irish Language Taster/Gaelic Heritage Sessions. These sessions will take place over an 8 week cycle commencing Thursday 28th January from 1:45 – 2:45pm.