



Dens Road Primary School News Update

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Note from the Head Teacher :

Dear Parent/Carer,

Learning Committee

All classes now have 3 children representing them on our Learning Committee. The children who have been selected attend meetings with the school's management team. The children will bring along a different member of the class to ensure that we are consistently challenging learning for all children.

Book Busters

We are keen to promote and encourage the use of fiction and non fiction books with our boys.

Batoor from P5, Andrew and Connor from P4 and Matthew from P5/6 have come together and formed their own group of Book Busters .

The boys have come up with their own slogan to promote enjoyment of reading — ” If you are stuck on a word—who ya gonna call—” Book Busters ! “ Well done boys.

Children's School Improvement Plan

The school captains and the representatives of the Social Enterprise Committee have edited the School Improvement Plan and made it more accessible for our children . Please contact the school if you would wish to have your own copy. All Primary 7s have an individual copy.

Children's News Letter

Some of the children in Primary 7 have been discussing the idea of the children creating their own news letter which will tell everyone about what is going on across the school. Look out for their first publication next term.

Pupil Council

In the pupil council we have been talking about Folio Friday and the Learning Committee. A lot of children like sharing their folio with their teacher. We also talked about the playground and how we can improve it. During this conversation we talked about the playground toys being broken by some children. At assembly the school captains (Courtney and Scott) presented a power-point on the new pupil council name and logo. We are now named The Dens Road Helpers

Eco Committee

The Eco Committee had to complete a form from Mrs Fraser which asked about what we can do to help our school. There are currently things like inside and outside bins and also a bin for recycling paper. Mrs Fraser told all the Eco Committee to do something to help the school. Amaan from Primary 7 is an outdoor bins inspector.

Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors and Responsible Citizens

Folios will also be sent home regularly for parents and carers to support the children in learning skills for learning, life and work. Please make sure you take time to enjoy the opportunity to discuss what your child/children are doing at school and help them to include any out of school learning and activities which support them to be successful, confident, effective and responsible.

Fund Raising this session 2012—2013

Thank you so much for your generosity.

P7 Café for Mary's Meals	£147
Children in Need	£211
Osigili Warriors	£397
Book Fayre	£99
Christmas Fayre for School	£350
Red Nose Day	£685
Easter Bingo Night	£300

Farwell

As you may already know we are saying goodbye to Mrs Fraser at the end of this term. Mrs Fraser has only been with us since August but she has already made a very positive impact on the continuous improvement of Learning and Teaching at Dens Road. We wish her every success in her future career as she takes up post of Head Teacher at Woodlea Child and Family Centre.

We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Connor as she takes up her new post of Early Years Practitioner at Law Nursery. As yet we do not have a leaving date for Ms Connor but I know you will wish her well. Ms Connor has served as classroom assistant at Dens Road PS for more than 14 years. She has contributed a great deal to the life of the school and she will be greatly missed. I will keep you posted of her leaving date.

On behalf of all of the staff may I wish you all a Happy Easter.

And a special thank you to all staff for their continuous hard work and efforts to ensure your children receive the best opportunities for learning that we can offer them. Kind Regards, *Ann Marie McDonald* Head Teacher