



# Davidstown Primary School

Newsletter October 2017

## Dear Parents,

As mid-term approaches we get a chance to draw our breath and reflect on what was a very busy term so far. There is beautiful artwork and lovely projects up on our corridors and there is a lot to be seen on our school Facebook page, twitter account and school website. The work and effort that all our students, parents and staff have put into making our school a wonderful place to work, learn and play is incredible and I thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication.

Attendance and punctuality has been excellent this year so far and there will be a little reward for all our pupils who have 100% attendance for the first 100 days.

Some important dates to remember between now and Christmas:

Shoebox Appeal - 10th November, one box per family is plenty, lots of ideas on Team Hope Facebook

Christmas Cards - Could we please have orders and money for Christmas Cards by 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Sing Out Loud 16th of November - Tickets can be purchased from the Opera House from Nov 1st.

Table Quiz - Friday 17th of November at 8.30 - Tickets and info went home in bags yesterday!

Parent Teacher Meeting: 23rd of November. Appointment times will be sent out after the mid-term.

Lenrec Clothing Collection - 27th of November

Book Fair - Wednesday 29th of November to Friday 1st of December from 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Thank you to all the parents who have updated their contact details including mobile and e-mail. Please do so asap if you have not done so already.

The school website is currently being updated. A google calendar has been added with all the important dates for the school year. If you visit the website you can sync the calendar to your phone or tablet. Please check the NEWS section on the website for upcoming events and dates. Any suggestions of what you would like to see on the website or other social media sites would be welcome.

## Board of Management

The first Board of Management meeting took place on Tuesday the 24th. The current Board of Management has been appointed and its term of office is to 30th November 2019. The school community is very grateful to the B.O.M. and all its members who work in a voluntary capacity for the good of the school, the children and staff. More information about the Board will be on the website shortly.

## Parents' Association AGM

The running of our school is truly enriched by the volunteerism and commitment of the members of our school and the wider community. This is evident from the high number of parents who willingly volunteer their time and expertise. It is encouraging to see such a high level of interest in our school. The Parents' Association AGM will take place in November and it would be wonderful to see both new and familiar faces. A message will be sent with date and time.

## Green Schools

We have learned so much about the importance of water conservation and how we can play our part! We have mapped the schools water points, recorded our daily water usage, checked the toilets for leaks and reduced the toilet flush volume. We will continue to monitor the taps for leaks as every drop counts. In Davidstown we save our water so the earth's lifespan won't be shorter.

## Healthy Eating week

The school came together to celebrate healthy eating. We baked some delicious brown bread, whipped up creamy butter and squeezed juicy oranges for our brunch. We took part in a table quiz and developed healthy lunchbox ideas. Remember 'be healthy and feel wealthy!'

The Health Promotion Team wrote and conducted a lunchbox survey. Here are their findings:

- 97% brought water or flavoured water to school
- 83% had fruit - apples were the most popular fruit
- 44% had dairy
- only one person in the whole school had vegetables
- 79% had one or more sugary treat. The lunchbox survey results were very interesting and should give us all food for thought!

It has been a very busy term with Food Dudes, Rackard League, Soccer Blitz, Discover Primary Science, Digital Storytelling, Space Week, Green Flag, Health Promotion Schools, Pumpkin Carving Competition and Sing Out Loud to name but a few! Keep an eye out in the Guardian paper for our fabulous Pumpkins and other goings on.

Remember to keep an eye on our Facebook page and twitter account for photos and updates on goings on in school. You don't have to have an account, just google Davidstown Primary School and Facebook.

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