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Woodlawn Newsletter

October 2017

IMPORTANT Information
Keeping YOU informed



Important Dates:

Hallowe'en Holidays:

Monday 30th to Friday 3rd
November

Return to School:

Monday 6th November

Open Night:

Wednesday 22nd
November

Christmas Performances:

Tuesday 12th December
Wednesday 13th
December
Thursday 14th December

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 20th
December

Start of Term 2

Thursday 4th January

See Saw

At the beginning of this term you would have been sent home a letter regarding the Seesaw app. This app is great way for us to share your child's successes with you on a regular basis. You can receive photos, videos and messages straight to your phone or tablet. It allows you to like the work and even comment.

IMPORTANT: Some parents who had connected via Seesaw last year think that they are able to just continue with the setup from last year but you CAN'T; you need to archive last year's information and use the letter that was sent home this year to update your child's class.

If you haven't updated the information by archiving last year's and using the letter from this year then please do so. If you have lost the letter, please contact your child's teacher who will be able to provide you with a new one.

We hope you enjoy receiving information this way as it allows you to celebrate your child's successes.



My School App

Towards the end of 2016-17 academic year we introduced the Our School App. This app allows us to communicate the school calendar and up to date news bulletins. It also gives you quick links to the school website and Branches of Woodlawn Facebook page.

The app is FREE and we would urge ALL parents to download this app. Ensure you have "*notifications allowed*" so that you will be alerted every time we post information onto the app.

The Parent Bulletin is added each week, usually on Thursday or Friday with information regarding the following week; this will be found in the News section.

School website

The school website is currently being updated and more items being added. In the Parent section you will find some useful Help-at-home tips for Maths and Reading. In the near future we plan to add short videos showing you how to help your child with phonics and how to help your child if they are having difficulties with Maths. Please keep checking the website...which is easier with the Our School App 😊

Sport

Football Season So Far ...

The new football season is underway and the Under 11s have been playing each week against other Primary School teams in the local area. After a very successful season last year, the boys qualified for the 'Champions League' tournament against the top schools in Antrim. Unfortunately, we didn't qualify for the semi-finals, finishing third in our group.

So far this season in the Carrickfergus League we have recorded a 1-1 draw with the Model, a 5-1 defeat, to last season's champions, Woodburn and a 4-3 thriller win against Victoria. Well done to all the boys who have played this year and to all those who come to training each week. Keep it up!

Mr Proctor



Congratulations Joel McKimm

We would like to send huge congratulations to former Woodlawn pupil Joel McKimm who recently won the Rory McIlroy Cup at Holywood Golf Club. He is the YOUNGEST person to have won this trophy! This is a trophy Joel has always wanted to win.

At the prize giving a few days later Joel was not only presented with the Rory McIlroy Cup but added the Junior Golfer of the Year to his collection. We are so proud of this humble young man. He thoroughly deserves this success and we know there will be many more trophies added to his cabinet in the future. Unfortunately, Joel broke his arm a few weeks after this award ceremony and we wish him a speedy recovery.



CRDM British National Champion!

Rachel Hay, one of our P7 pupils recently competed in the British National Championships for Irish Dancing in London. As you can imagine at this level the standard is extremely high which makes us so proud to report that Rachel came 1st in the Age 10 Preliminary Championship and 4th in the Age 10 Open Championship. This is such a fantastic achievement and the result of dedication and perseverance.



I think Rachel might be a little excited!



Branches of Woodlawn 2017-18

As usual our hard working Branches of Woodlawn have a great programme of events planned for this year. The **Sponsored Fit Kids** was a great success and to date **£2100** has been raised. THANK YOU to all those who supported this event and thank you to the members of the Branches of Woodlawn who came along on the day to help with the programme. For photos and videos of the day visit the school website.

The **weekly Friday Treats** have been continued this year and so far this alone has **raised £350**. The children certainly look forward to their 50p treat day each Friday.

The annual **Hallowe'en disco** is planned for **Thursday 26th November**. So get those costumes ready!

P1-3: 6pm – 7pm

P4-7: 7:30pm to 9:00pm