

## Primary 7 September Newsletter 2011.



Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to school after our long Summer break. The children are in great form and looking really well in their uniforms. We are now well and truly settled back into our normal school day. Primary 7 is a really busy but very enjoyable year. On the agenda for this month...

**Language & Literacy** – Variety of group novels & associated work. Class novel is “Under The Hawthorn Tree”. Reading associated with current topic “Young Environmentalists”. New level of Spelling Workbooks. Creative Writing – autobiographical writing, factual writing (word document) surrounding chosen environmental issue. Persuasive writing for P7 school council ( manifestos ), Diary entries, factual accounts ( TWAU ). Proof reading and editing skills are ongoing. Focus on good basic punctuation and the use of the paragraph.

**Mathematics & Numeracy** – revision of 4 rules of number, place value, creating our own loop games for maths, Folens maths tests ( covering all maths areas in test format), mental arithmetic games. Quick revision of shape & space, co-ordinates & fractions, decimals & percentages.

**The Arts** – designing our Manifestos, cover page for “ Young Environmentalists”, the changing seasons..., self portrait – facial symmetry. Music – 4 seasons, hymns for our school Mass, Alive0 7. Public speaking – delivery of our P7 Manifestos.

**PDMU** (personal development & mutual understanding)– Rules & responsibilities for P.7 Pupils. What it means to be a P7 in Holy Family. School Council – areas for change & development in our school. Playground Pals Training. Health & Hygiene in school.

**TWAU ( The World Around Us )** – Our topic for this half term is “Young Environmentalists”. Learningni website. Visit to Magherafelt council – recycling. Renewable/non renewable energy. How can we make a difference? Topical environmental issues on the news.

**I.C.T** – Creating word document on chosen environmental issue – revise inserting borders, images, using word art, etc. Creating P7 Manifestos (inserting photographs from shared documents). Introduce power point.

**Religion** – Aliveo 7 – I am unique. Responsibility – modern day prophets – links to manifesto. The Old Testament prophets. Preparation for School Mass.

**P.E** – Movement & Energy. Aerobics exercise – links to Heart Rates. Healthy lifestyles. Listening games. Playground Pals training – games to play in K.S 1.

- **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are healthy break days throughout the school.**
- **Please do not send any food items containing nuts to school.**
- **Children can continue to bring water to drink in class.**
- **Deadline for registering your child for Grammar school entrance test is 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**
- **New Holy Family sports top this year with new school logo!**
- **Opening Mass for school year – Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> September– all welcome.**

**Thank-you for your continued support in Primary 7,**

**Mrs. Anne Mc Kenna, Mrs Michelle Marley, Mrs Clare Taggart.**