



Primary 7 Newsletter

Term One

We hope you all had a marvelous summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

In Literacy, the Primary 7's will be focusing on comprehension skills, and reading for understanding using a class novel *Adolphus Tips* which is linked to our WW2 topic.

Writing lessons will concentrate on up-levering vocabulary and punctuation, and on developing our skills in writing imaginary historical recounts, newspaper articles, and character studies.

Numeracy and mathematics

Primary 7 will continue to extend and consolidate their knowledge of the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) within and using decimal numbers to one decimal place.

We will also be looking at time, from calendars to working with 24-hour notation, as well as examining problems involving measurements in metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Expressive arts

Linked to our World War 2 topic, art lessons will focus on using drawing skills and visual patterns.

Music and drama will also be linked to WW2. In music, we will be exploring wartime songs and in drama we will explore the timeline of significant events throughout the war.

Social subjects

World War 2 and the Home Front is our history focus this term.

Health and wellbeing

Primary 7's PE will focus on Games lessons this term, in particular Short Tennis.

We are also beginning our Peer Mediation training, preparing to work with the rest of the school.

Health Week will take place in October, and we will be looking at such issues as lifestyle choices, healthy diets and internet safety.

Reminder: Please remember to pack gym kits and water bottles for PE. Gym days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Religious and moral education

Primary 7 will use this term to re-examine the school values, Golden Rules, Respect, Rights and Responsibilities, and in doing so, will establish a Class Charter.

We will also participate in *Show Racism the Red Card* workshops, and will be undertaking extensive anti-sectarianism work with pupils from St Charles Primary.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Science

Science lessons this term will focus on science in the news, and on the important role of antibiotics in WW2.

Technologies

P7 will use the ICT suite to develop their *PowerPoint* skills, and begin work with *Sumdog*, a website which helps build numeracy skills.



Dates for your diary:

w/b 11th September: Global Citizenship Week

Fri 22nd Sept / Mon 25th Sept: Holiday Weekend

w/b 2nd October: Health Week

Fri 13th Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 16th – Fri 20th Oct: Holiday Week

Mon 24th Oct: Start of Term 2