



# Year Five News

Miss Eccles and Mr. Tracey  
May, 2017



## Congratulations, Dylan!



A few weeks ago, one of Miss Eccles' pupils, Dylan, won a singing competition on Q Radio. The competition was organised by N.I. Water to mark and celebrate ten years of delivering their Education programme. Part of Dylan's prize was that he won a goody-bag for everyone in his class. The goody-bag contains, amongst other items, a free annual pass for each family to Silent Valley Mountain Park in Newry. The value of Dylan's prize was over £500!

There were lots of smiles, celebrations and cheers in Year Five on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, when Michael Nicholas, from N.I. Water, visited Dylan's class to present the goody bags.

**Congratulations, Dylan. Everyone in Year Five is very proud of you!**

## Dates for your diary

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017

- Visit from the charity, 'Action on Hearing Loss', to deliver an education workshop

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017

- **Young Enterprise** workshop based on the theme of 'Our Nation'
- **Gaelic competition**

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

- **Internet Safety** presentation – for **parents only**, at 7:00 p.m. in the school assembly hall

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

- **Book Fair** arrives today. The last day for buying books will be Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

- Year Five's allocated days in the I.C.T. suite for their **annual assessments** (Progress tests in English and Maths). We will also be completing assessments in spelling and 'Pupil attitudes to self and school' throughout the month, in the classroom. These four assessments will be computerised.

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

- The **author, Stuart Reid** will visit school. Pupils will take part in a book-reading assembly and creative-writing workshop.

## Save the date!

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017 – 9:00am to 5:00pm

We are heading to 'The Jungle' for our end-of-year trip.

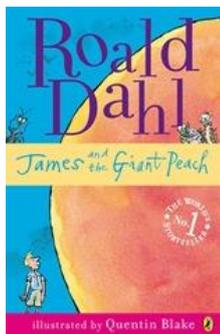
We're getting excited already!





## Literacy

We will be beginning our new class novel, 'James and the Giant Peach'. It's the second novel by Roald Dahl that we'll be reading in class and we're sure that this will be another scrumdilyumptious delight! If you've a copy of the novel at home, it'd be really helpful if you could bring it in to use in school. Thank you!



The focus of our work in punctuation this month will be the use of the **apostrophe**. We will be learning how to use the apostrophe to mark **contractions**. We will also learn how to use the apostrophe to show **possession**.

We will begin an interesting unit of work about **stories which raise issues**. We will identify social, moral or cultural issues in stories, e.g. the dilemmas faced by characters or the moral of the story. We will also become aware of / discuss how the characters deal with issues in stories. We will get to plan and write our own story which raises an issue / in which a character faces a dilemma.

In our **phonics** and spelling work, we'll be exploring different ways to write the **d, g / gh** and **m** sounds.

We'll keep working on our **joined handwriting** and continue to gain practise in using the **pen**.

Don't forget to keep checking out our year group page on [www.omaghintegratedps.com](http://www.omaghintegratedps.com).

We regularly update the page with the latest news and information on what's happening in Year Five.



## Numeracy

In Numeracy this month, we are:

- using **grid-references**;
- learning about **co-ordinates**;
- learning the eight points of the **compass**;
- exploring **clockwise** and **anti-clockwise turns** of 30°, 45°, 60°, 90°, 120°, 180° and 360°;
- **comparing** two **angles** to determine which is larger / smaller;
- **ordering** up to four **angles**, starting with the largest / smallest;
- revising **odd and even numbers**;
- working with **number sequences**;
- understanding and using **multiples**;
- understanding and using **negative numbers** in practical contexts;
- **estimating, measuring** and **recording weight** in g and kg;
- **adding and subtracting** common measures for **weight**;
- understanding the **relationship between metric units for weight**, e.g. 1kg = 1000g; and
- **converting from one metric unit of weight to another**, e.g. 4kg 125g = 4125g.

## Topic

Our new and exciting topic is **Rainforests**. This month, we will:

- share **what we know** and **would like to know** about rainforests;
- be introduced to the **sights and sounds** of a rainforest environment;
- identify and discuss the **location** of rainforest areas;
- learn about the **climate** in a rainforest; and
- learn about the four **layers** that make up a rainforest.

Why not explore <http://kids.mongabay.com/> and <http://www.activewild.com/rainforest-facts-for-kids/> to get you started?