



# Year Five News

Miss Eccles and Mr. Tracey  
February, 2017



## Year Five get their dancing shoes on!

Year Five began a series of Céilí dancing lessons in February. We are being tutored by Kevin Goodwin, who is from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Every week, we are having great fun finding our dancing feet and learning routines including 'The Barn Dance', 'The Walls of Limerick', 'The Siege of Ennis', 'The Waves of Tory' and 'Shoe the Donkey'. We are looking forward to displaying our dancing skills at **The Primary Schools' Céilí**, which will take place in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. This event has run successfully in the Omagh District for the past six years, as part of the Council's St. Patrick's Day Festival, and we are delighted to have been invited to take part this year again. There will be many other schools present on the day and it's always a lively, exciting and energetic occasion!



**Céilí dancing**  
Mondays at 11:00am



**Brass tuition**  
Every Monday



**Strings tuition**  
Every Thursday



## Punctuality

Please remember these important times:

- **School starts at 9:00am.**
- **School ends at 2:55pm.**

It is **really important** that all children arrive at school on time and that everyone is collected promptly at hometime. Thank you for your support with this matter.



**Afterschool Football**  
Fridays from  
3:00pm to 4:00pm

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# Our Learning Plan

February,  
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## Literacy

We will be completing our unit of work on **Fantasy Stories**. We've been very busy planning and writing our very own fantasy stories. We can't wait to let you read the finished pieces of work!

We'll also be finishing our class novel, **'The Iron Man'** by Ted Hughes. It's been an enjoyable and entertaining read – let's just hope the Iron Man doesn't pay a visit to Omagh anytime soon, though!

We're going to read and explore examples of **poetry**. One poem is called, **'The Huntsmen'**, and it's written by Walter de la Mare. We'll also enjoy a humorous poem about **pancakes**! We'll have a go at writing our own verses for the poems.

We'll continue to work on our **phonics**, where we'll explore different ways of writing sounds. We'll complete more **joined handwriting** activities as well.

We'll also begin to learn about **prefixes**.

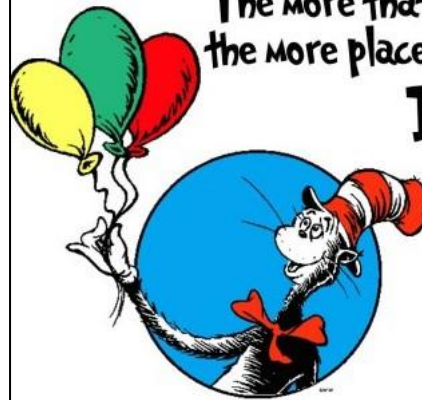
## Topic

- We'll be completing our topic on **'Sound and hearing'**.
- We will be moving on to our new topic of **'My body'**. First up, we will be learning all about the **skeleton**.

## Just a thought ...

The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

**Dr. Seuss**



## Numeracy

In Numeracy this month, we are:

- **revising multiplication** and **division** facts for all of the tables we have learned so far;
- learning **multiplication** facts for the **12 times tables**;
- continuing to explore **place value** for **4-digit numbers**;
- understanding what the **<** and **>** symbols mean;
- exploring mental strategies for the **addition of 3-digit numbers**;
- exploring mental strategies for **subtraction involving 3-digit numbers**; and
- continuing with our work in **mental mathematics** and **problem solving**.