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**JONESBORO'PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Principal: Mr Donal Keenan*

Monday, 16 January 2023

A Thuismitheoirí / Dear Parents

I would like to wish everyone connected with Jonesboro' Primary School a happy new year for 2023.

Our Primary 7 children have a busy start to the new term. Our footballers will travel to Silverbridge GAC this Wednesday morning 18<sup>th</sup> January to take part in an indoor Gaelic football blitz. The following day all primary seven children will travel to Lislea Community Centre to take part in the Council led 'Bee Safe' event. I have attached some further information below regarding this event.

Primary 6 and 7 children will also be invited to enter an in-school competition next week to choose two teams to take part in Slieve Gullion's Credit Union Primary Schools' Quiz which will be taking place in Forkhill Community Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

The 'School Photographer will be in school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January so parents have plenty of notice to get the haircut, shoes shined and uniforms starched !

We will be holding a fundraiser in early February to support past pupil, Brendan McCoy in his endeavours to be chosen to participate in Abbey Grammar School's Zambia Immersion Project. Details will follow soon.

'Safer Internet Day' takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. As part of our preparations children from primaries 5,6 and 7 will be taking part in an internet safety workshop delivered by REIM Training Solutions. There will also be an on-line workshop for parents at a later date.

Le meas / Yours sincerely

Donal Keenan

***Baile An Chláir***



Bee Safe is a proactive, multi-agency community safety initiative specifically aimed at the primary seven age group. These educational events promote safety and develop community awareness, preparing pupils for the transition to secondary level education. Participation at Bee Safe events alerts pupils in how

to react in dangerous situations, understand the role of emergency services, and also develop good relationships with various authorities, increasing safety awareness.

The agencies and scenarios at this Bee Safe event include;

N.I Fire & Rescue - Fire safety in the home

PSNI - Stranger Danger

HAP - Safety in the home

Translink - Bus Safety

Mourne Mountain RescueTrust –

Take 5 Mental Health