



LOIRSTON SCHOOL

All are well and back to working hard here at Loirston following a lovely summer holiday. Our term has started well and we are looking forward to a year of working hard and achieving great things.

Our pupils in Primary Five, Six and Seven have been involved in St John's Ambulance First Aid training and

have all passed their certified course developing very worthwhile life skills. Our Eco work has also got underway with two valuable themes coming out. The first project we will cover will be on looking after our School and Community with a view to reducing litter. All classes have been out around our school grounds carrying out a whole school litter pick. We have designed posters to promote this all around our school. The second campaign will be about saving energy and we will be ensuring computers, lights etc will not be left on unnecessarily. We have voted for Eco reps from each class and are working to revamp our Eco Code to encourage all in the school community to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Already our Paper recycling has started.

This term we have also welcomed fifty seven new pupils to primary One. They have now started full days and are settling in well to life at school. We have also welcome three new members of staff to our school. Mr O Riordan to Primary Seven, Mrs Beattie to Primary Five and Miss Pendrey to Primary Four. We look forward to working with them over the coming session.

Our active schools programme has also started with Bonnyfit, (an aerobics class) starting on a Thursday afternoon after school. Karate is also on each Thursday

at 4 o'clock. Feel free to contact the school should you want any further information regarding these or any other upcoming classes.

We are also starting out our Forest school initiative again this week. Originally a Scandinavian idea, forest schools operate on the principle that children of all ages can benefit greatly from the hands on learning opportunities inherently present in an environment such as our Wildlife Garden area. Our Pupils from Yellow 8 will be involved in many outdoor learning activities led by one of our staff Mrs Turner and a Forest Ranger. The aim from this programme of work is for all pupils to develop the following skills:

- confidence and self esteem
- communication and social skills
- a greater understanding and awareness of the natural environment
- a natural, motivation and positive attitude to learning
- the ability to recognise and manage risk
- adopting healthier lifestyles

All whilst having fun!

As the term goes on we will continue to work hard and all of us here at school look forward to sharing all our learning and development with the community.