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# Ballykeel Bulletin - 8th June 2023

## Dates For The Diary

**Monday 5th June** – 'Take 5 Week' health and well being in the outdoors

**Mon 5th - Fri 9th June** - 3-4pm - Colin Tinsley Bible Club for P4-P7 children

**Fri 9th June** - picnic lunch for all children as part of Take 5 Outdoors Week

**Monday 12th June** - P.1 to P.3 Sports Day, if wet - 13th June and so on that week.

**Thursday 22nd June** - P.4 to P.7 school disco. P.4 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm and P.5 - P.7, 7:15pm to 8:45pm.

**Thursday 22nd June** - P.7 leavers barbeque

**Friday 23rd June** – 9:15am P.7 leavers assembly and last day.

**Friday 30th June** – School closes for the summer break. P.4 to P.6 finish at 12:00pm and Nursery to P.3 at 12:15pm

**Tuesday 29th August** - New school year begins.



## Pupils of the Month



**P1CM - Isla**

**P4LK - Jayden**

**P1KH - Brody**

**P5MA - Adam**

**P2JT - Stewie**

**P5LM - Jaylee**

**P2AMA - Alfie**

**P6JDT - Isla**

**P3CM - Bella Y**

**P6BE - Isaac**

**P3AT - Sophie**

**P7SG - Riley**

**P4SM - Harry**

**P7JH - Alex**

## Classes of the Month

**Attendance:** P2AMA

**Uniform:** P2JT

**Playground Awards:**

**P1-P4** - P1CMC

**P5-P7** - P5LM

**Accelerated Reader:**

**P4/5** - P5LM

**P6/7** - P6BE

**On Time Down Time - Well done to** P4SM & P6BE





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### Festival Day

On Thursday 25th May we held a fundraising celebration of Coaching for Christ raising an amazing £720 for the charity. This year children across the whole Primary School have enjoyed coaching sessions by UEFA qualified coaches as part of their PE lessons and this was a great way to round off the year.

The festival day commenced with an engaging and fun whole school assembly led by Simon who taught the children a bible lesson. Throughout the course of the day classes enjoyed a circuit of fun football activities and matches with the team of 8 coaches followed by other fun challenges in class such as relay races and cardio drumming.

Thank you to all parents who supported this day financially. The Coaching for Christ team have expressed their gratitude towards us in helping sustain their work into the future.



### And some more outdoor learning..

Here is a new game Port/Starboard we learned today. It was hilarious! I am sure you will be able to recognise the actions corresponding to "SEAGULL!" "LAND AHOY!" and "MAN OVERBOARD!"







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### Football Teams



The girls' football team took part in a friendly competition at Cullybackey in glorious spring sunshine at the end of March. Despite not having played together as a team before, the girls quickly gelled and played brilliantly.

Team; Eva (GK), Abbie, Ava, Maisie, Sophia (captain), Ellie

#### Results

Ballykeel 1-0 St Colmcille's (Goal Ellie)

Ballykeel 1-0 Carniny (Goal Ellie)

Ballykeel 1-1 Buick (Goal Maisie)

Ballykeel 0-1 Gracehill

Ballykeel 1-1 Camphill (Goal Maisie)



They also took part in an 8-a-side tournament at Ballymena Showgrounds on 27th April. Considering the fact that a number of those taking part had not played for the school team before, the girls gelled quickly and formed a good footballing unit - tight defensively and creating chances in attack. While narrowly missing out on qualification for the cup semi-final, the girls made it through to the shield and were victorious in the final, with the winning goal coming through the team captain, Sophia. Very well done to all who took part!

Team: Eva (GK), Abbie, Ellie, Sophia (captain), Poppy, Emeli, Skylar, Maisie, Ava,



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### Windsor Park Trip



The school Boys' football club participated in a tour of the home of the Northern Ireland International team in Belfast, where we got to visit the VIP lounge, press conference room and changing room; we even got to go pitchside, where we had the opportunity to experience the stadium from the players' point of view. We learned a bit about the history of the team and even had a go at taking penalties against a virtual Pat Jennings.

Huge thanks to IFA volunteers Alan and Gary who showed us around today. A great trip was had by all!

**So far we have raised a  
fantastic £5,407 from our  
Sponsored walk.  
THANK YOU!**

### Sponsored Walk



As part of the shared education programme, our school went on a sponsored walk with St Brigid's Primary School. The walk took place at the Ecos centre in Ballymena on Monday 5th June. The weather was beautiful and the atmosphere was even better! The children from both schools mixed together to complete their walk and then enjoyed some tasty refreshments afterwards. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to make friendships and have some fun too. Finally, each class started the walk back to school!

We would like to say a special thank you to each and every family for their kind contribution to The Mark Lynn CHD Foundation. We would also like to thank those parents who accompanied us on this very special day. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we all did!