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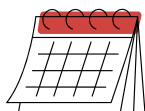
CHILD PROTECTION -

Designated Teacher: Mrs J Thompson (P6)

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Mrs McGuckin

Ballykeel Bulletin - 8th Jan 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Dates For The Diary

- **Thursday 4th Jan** - P1-P4 - Trip to IMC Cinema
- **Friday 5th January** - P5-P7 - Trip to Grand Opera House Pantomime - P5-P7 children come to school 11.45am, return to school 5pm approx.
- **Thurs 25th January** at 9am - Parent Coffee Morning and keep fit session (more details to follow).
- **Fri 26th January** - Online Safety Event for P6/7 by Wayne Denner.
- **Monday 5th to Thursday 8th February** - Parent/Teacher Interviews. **School closes early all week:**
NURSERY - P3: 1pm P.4- P7: 1.15pm.
- **W/B 5th February** - Internet Safety Week.
- **Friday 9th and Monday 12th February** school closed for staff training.
- **Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th February** school closed for the mid-term break.

Online Safety Top Tip



The internet is a powerful vehicle for advertising. Many websites that your child will visit will feature advertising which is very persuasive, or the advertising may be inappropriate. Your child may be exposed to marketing schemes or hidden costs/frauds and therefore must remember not to order or download a product or app without parental permission.



Pupils of the Month

P1KC - Rosie	P4AT - Jonah
P1KH - Reggie	P5MA - Brooklyn
P2JT - Eli	P5LM - Elijah
P2AM - Mya	P6JDT - Alexis
P3CM - Billy	P6BE - Amelia
P3CMC - Harrison	P7SG - Ruben
P4LK - Sophia	P7JH - Calum

Attendance: P2AM Uniform: P3CMC
Playground Awards: P1-P4 - P4LK
P5 -P7 - P7SG
Accelerated Reader: P4/5 - P4AT
P6/7 - P6JDT

Breakfast Club Christmas Competition



It has been an exciting and busy time in Breakfast Club on the run up to Christmas. The children took part in our annual Christmas colouring in competition. Congratulations to the winners and the children in the Nursery who all received a prize for their great work!



Reading Partners Success

Congratulations to the Primary 3 boys who took part in the Reading Partners programme this term. The 3 children spent time reading with Mrs. McBurney to improve their fluency through sounding out tricky words and exploring new word attack strategies. Well done boys!



Christmas At Ballykeel



Generation Celebration

The children from P3 entertained the seniors from the Ballykeel community with their Nativity 'A Bundle of Joy'. Afterwards, the choir performed some carols and we enjoyed a Christmas sing-a-long. As has become the custom, a quiz was completed (a highly competitive aspect of the programme!) and prizes distributed to the winning team. I am assured there was no cheating involved but I have my doubts! To end the Christmas experience, everyone enjoyed the most delicious Afternoon Tea provided by Mrs Bradley and the Senior Leadership Team.



Choir

The School Choir enjoyed performing in the community over the Christmas season. Our 39 choir members entertained at the Pentecostal Church Pensioners' Lunch, on Radio Cracker, at Kintullagh Nursing Home, at Deerfin Fold and in Ballymena Library. They also sang at our School Open Morning, Carol Service and Generation Celebration Afternoon Tea. We received lots of lovely compliments about our singing and it was great to see so many parents and family members supporting us at these events also.

Football

The senior football team have qualified for the BPSFA 7-a-side finals in some style, topping a very tough group with 15 points and playing a flowing style of football throughout. The qualifying tournament took place over two dates in November. Well done to all who took part in this qualifying competition, particularly those who made their debut for the team.



Team: Reuben (GK) Johnathan, Maxwell (Captain), Izak, Callum, Calum, Zach, Zack, Bertie, Calvin

Nursery Nativity

This year the Nursery children put on a magical Nativity called 'The Twinkly Nativity'. Everyone was so excited to dress up and perform all of the beautiful songs and actions for their parents! The delightful play was the very beginning of all the Christmas celebrations here in school and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved.



P1/P2 Nativity

In our P1/P2 Nativity performances of 'A Miracle In Town' the children worked extremely hard to learn their lines, songs and amazing actions. We had over 100 children on the stage, each with their own important part to play and they were all super stars! We hope you enjoyed the show and it spread a little Christmas magic in the run up to Christmas.



P6/P7 Carol Service

Our Carol Service in Ballykeel Presbyterian Church was led by P6/P7 children who performed a delightful take on the traditional nativity called 'A Child is Born'. Led by the Story Guide, and helped by the Glasses of Revelation, Jack and Sarah were reminded about the true meaning of Christmas as they learned more about Jesus's Birth. We were all reminded how Jesus's Birth was God's Rescue Plan from the very beginning. The children really stepped up to the mark with fantastic acting, joyous singing and wonderful instrumental performances.

