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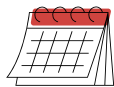
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CHILD PROTECTION -

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Mrs McGuckin

Ballykeel Bulletin - 4th Mar 2024



Dates For The Diary

- Tues 5th Mar - 9.30am - Netball Tournament in the 7 Towers Leisure Centre.
- Thurs 7th Mar - World Book Day.
- Fri 8th Mar - Children come to school dressed up for World Book Day and the Masked Readers will be revealed!
- Fri 15th Mar - Visit from Author Tim Bailie for P1-P7 classes - children may purchase a copy of his book.
- Mon 18th Mar - School closed for St. Patrick's Day.
- Week beginning 25th Mar - End of after school clubs with exception of 2-3 club.
- Tues 26th Mar - Whole school Easter Assembly with Deborah from 'Christ For All Nations'.
- Wed 27th Mar at 9.15am - Easter Assembly in the school assembly hall - all P4 Parents and Carers are welcome.
- Thurs 28th Mar End of term - Finishing times are as follows:



- **Nursery to P3 - 12.15pm**
- **P4 to P7 - 12.00pm**

Pupils of the Month

P1KC - Safiya	P4AT - Charlie
P1KH - Oskar	P5MA - Ellie-May
P2JT - Isla-Rose	P5LM - Tilly
P2AM - Jaylin	P6JDT - Harry
P3CM - Alex	P6BE - Adam
P3CMC - Brianna	P7SG - Emeli
P4LK - Layla	P7JH - Lukas

Attendance: P3CMC Uniform: P6JDT

Playground Awards: P1-P4 - P1KH
P5 - P7 - P5MA

Accelerated Reader: P4/5 - P5LM

Most tests over 85% P6/7 - P6JDT

Night off homework!

Online Safety



Visit from Wayne Denner



P6 and P7 pupils from Camphill and St Brigid's Primary joined our P6/P7s to learn about online safety with Wayne Denner who travels across the UK to teach pupils about online safety.

He shared lots of tips with us about how to be smart online. These will help us when we use social media, are gaming, streaming content or talking to online friends. He talked to us about how the content we post when we're young can impact our lives when we're older. Wayne helped us to be mindful about what we post online and how to keep it appropriate and create a positive online reputation. Awareness and common sense is key.

Wayne's Top Tips

- **Stop and think before you click, share, upload, buy and connect.**
- **Remember the virtual world is part of the real world.**
- **Take care creating usernames- avoid your name or date of birth.**
- **Use a Password manager app, like Bitwarden, to help keep passwords safe.**
- **Report anything which makes you feel uncomfortable to a trusted adult.**

Safer Internet Day:



Safer Internet Day took place on 6th Feb. In lessons we thought about how we can use the internet in positive ways e.g. doing online homework and research, playing age appropriate games or videos, and talking to our friends. We also thought about the changes we want to see online and the things that influence how we think, feel and act when using the internet.

Online Safety Week - 19th - 23rd Feb



Staff were able to delve deeper and extend the children's knowledge and awareness of internet safety. Some topics covered were Cyberbullying, Influencers, Passwords, Secure Websites, Safe Online Communication, Age Restrictions, Social Media and Gaming. Our P6/P7 Digital Leaders created and delivered PowerPoint presentations to all classes on the SMART rules.

We also had some special visitors who came to speak to the children about Online Safety. The Police spoke to P3-P5 classes.

To conclude we held a Parent/Carer Information session which was led by our Digital Leaders. They spoke to parents and carers about their role in school, the Online Safety events held this year, age restrictions, PEGI ratings and they even took parents through one of their SMART rules presentations.

P1 Police Visit



As part of our "Helping Hands" topic in P1 we have been learning about the Police Service and how they help us. We were delighted to have a visit from the Community Police Officers, Davey, George and Emma. They answered all the questions the P1 children had, and they talked to us about their role and how they keep people in the community safe. They even let us see inside their police car!

Netball



The netball girls travelled to Buick Memorial PS to compete in a friendly netball match. 14 girls had an opportunity to play. The girls demonstrated excellent netball skills and showed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. We were delighted to take the lead and win 8-6 against a very strong Buick team.

Choir News

This term the choir have been busy practising for Ballymena Music Festival. We competed in two classes against choirs from six schools. We are delighted to report that the choir won the Primary Choirs Open category and were awarded The Ballymena Telegraph Cup. The adjudicator summed up our performance by saying 'Very fine singing here - such a very talented group of singers with so much focus and enthusiasm' and we couldn't agree more!



Getting Ready to Learn

As part of the Getting Ready to Learn Initiative, the Nursery have launched 'Ages and Stages'. We were delighted to welcome our parents and carers into the setting for a special play and stay session in February. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience, having the opportunity to play, showcase their creations and make special memories in the Nursery.

Valentine's Day



On Thursday 8th Feb, before the half term holidays, the Take 5 Pupil Champions organised a Valentine postbox service in school. We were delighted to raise £80 for The Mark Lynn Foundation, and also touch on lots of the Take 5 steps to wellbeing. Thank you to everyone who donated and participated.