

# **BALLYKEEL BUGLE - MARCH & APRIL 2018**

CHILD PROTECTION - Designated Teacher: *Mr J Fisher*, Deputy Designated Teacher: *Mrs J Thompson*

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## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ATTENTION**



### **MARCH**

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – St Brigid's to P7s for Sh.Ed.  
visit History – Life during the Irish Famine  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Art Focus Week (Details below)

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Mar - P1KH to St Brigid's, St Brigid's to P1KM

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: P5's to St. Brigid's

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – St Brigid's to P7SG for SU (It's Your Move)

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Mar – P7BE to St Brigid's for SU

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Mar - NON UNIFORM

**'RED DAY'** (Details below)

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – P.7s

Residential Trip to Woodhall

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Mar - P5CC to Slemish,

B'Shane with St. Brigid's

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Mar - P2JT trip to St Brigid's and St Brigid's to P2AS for St Patrick's talk

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – 'Young Enterprise' filming day with P4RM

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - P5CC & St Brigid's visiting St. Patrick's COI Church, B'shane.

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Hockey tournament at Ballymena Academy.

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Netball Tournament

at Seven Towers Leisure Centre

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – P7s to

Cullybackey College - INOV-8

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Generation Celebration Spring Tea Party (Details below)

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – 9:15am Easter assembly taken by P6 children. Parents and friends of these children are welcome to attend.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Jigsaw's **'FESTIVAL OF LEARNING'** (Details below)

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – P7 & St Brigid's to

Folk Park in Omagh

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Football

Tournament – Antrim Forum



***School closes at 12:00 sharp on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March for the Easter break, and re-opens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.***

**NB: 2018-2019 - SCHOOL WILL RE-COMMENCE ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**

### **Changes for Next Year's Pantomime**

We will not be attending the pantomime next year (2019) as we have decided to go every other year.

## **ATTENTION ALL LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS!**

**You are most welcome to attend our: 'GENERATION CELEBRATION SPRING TEA PARTY' on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 10:00 – 11:30 am (approx.)**

Following the success of our 'Generation Celebration' evening last year we intend to host another event that encourages the local community to celebrate together and also helps to bring generations together. Therefore, we are inviting senior citizens from the local area to a special

**tea party on**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**March 2018**

**from 10.00**

**to 11.30 am.**

Please come

along to join us for tea, coffee, scones, cake and buns. Our fabulous school choir will be performing and we will have a few other fun activities organised to entertain you.

School staff, pupils and members of the board of governors will be there to help make the tea party

intergenerational, entertaining and good fun!

***The event is free of charge. If you would like to come***

***along please telephone the school, on 028 25653902, to register your attendance.***



### **MILK MONEY**

**Primary School Pupils**

Milk money to cover from

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April to**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June is £7.56. Please**

***note*** - Due to Easter Holidays THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** as late orders cannot be made.



### **MR M ELLIOTT**

In February we said a sad farewell to Mr Elliott as he takes up a new teaching position in Scotland where his fiancée lives. We will really miss him and wish him all the very best in the future.



## **JIGSAW – 'FESTIVAL OF LEARNING'**

Come along to Ballykeel's Festival of Learning on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Assembly Hall. Take part in fun activities with your children, pick up information for you and your families health and wellbeing. Stall holders to include: PSNI, Ballykeel Pharmacy, Everybody Active, Young Enterprise and many more. Looking forward to seeing you there. *Rachelle Adams (FW)*

### **RED DAY**

Friday 9 March will be **RED DAY** in school.

We will be raising money for the British

Heart Foundation, a charity who works closely with one of our pupils, Mark in P4. It will be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY**, with the focus being the colour red. Children will pay £1, which will go towards the charity.

*Mrs S Gregg*



### **ART FOCUS WEEK:**

**Monday 5 – Friday 9 March**

After an enjoyable training session for the teachers, we have decided to have an Art Focus Week in school. Using skills gained from the training, we will be concentrating on line drawing and mark making to encourage children to create individual pieces of art. This week will promote creativity and uniqueness among the children as they respond individually to the stimuli provided; daffodil bulbs, leaves, potatoes, or even biscuits!

To further support and encourage children's creativity, we feel that it is important to showcase their work; and so, we will be holding a **Gallery Exhibition on Friday 9 March from 1.15pm – 3.00pm.**

All children's artwork will be on display for parents and friends to come along and visit. Tea and Coffee will also be available. As it is Red Day, there will be an opportunity for parents to make a donation to the British Heart Foundation.

So, set aside some time to come along and visit our exhibition, and to encourage your children's creativity. *Mrs S Gregg*

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## **MAMBO AND JAZZ VISIT P2**

On 16<sup>th</sup> January, P2 enjoyed a visit from Action Cancer, who performed a puppet show. Mambo and Jazz taught us lots of things about having a healthy lifestyle. We did fun activities to remind us to eat healthy foods, never smoke and be safe in the sun. We also did lots of fun exercises and games to keep fit. We think we are a very healthy bunch.

*Mrs J Thompson*



## **SHARED COUNCIL TRIP TO STORMONT**



The Shared School Council visited Stormont on 26<sup>th</sup> January. We had a brilliant time at Stormont with our friends from St Brigid's PS. We met Trevor Long who works for the Alliance Party and Robbie Butler who works for the UUP. We sat in the chambers and James our guide explained how the election process in Northern Ireland works. We then ate our lunch in Stormont Park before leaving. A great and interesting day had by all!

*Miss K McGlaughlin*

## **YOUNG ATHLETES DAY**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February was an exciting day in school with a visit from Christine McMahon a local 400m hurdles athlete. We all joined with her in completing a circuits activity in the morning which was lots of fun. After break Christine told us lots about her journey to becoming the athlete she is today. She encouraged us to find something we really enjoy in life and to work hard at it. Some of us even got a go on the agility ladder and we got to see Christine on the hurdles. It was very impressive! We all came away inspired to work hard in PE and sports classes both inside and outside school to be the best we can be.

*Mrs. McKelvey*



## **YOUNG ENTERPRISE**

On Wednesday 21 February, Primary 7 had a workshop taken by the Young Enterprise team. We were learning about importing and exporting goods to and from other countries. After looking at some different types of food, we had to guess which country they were made in. We built jigsaws of different countries and had a look at what products they imported and exported. Finally, we had to make our own company to design a product which we could sell to different countries.

It was fun learning about different countries and their imports and exports. I liked working with my friends to design a snow globe.

*Caleb Stirrup P7G*

## **FOOTBALL NEWS – Mr J Hughes**

On 22nd February, Ballykeel's senior team travelled to the Ballymena Showgrounds for the qualifying round of the Senior Cup.

**MATCH 1 – BALLYMENA PS – 1-1**

**MATCH 2 – CAMPHILL PS – 1-1**

**MATCH 3 – PORTGLENONE PS – 2-0**

**(Goal scorers were Zack Fleming, Stephanie Mark and Calvin Termonia)**

Ballykeel finished top of the qualifying group and will meet the winners of the other groups in the finals, which will be played in the coming weeks. Well done to each player who took part!



## **NETBALL UPDATE**

### **League Match Results:**

Ballykeel v Moorfields PS (0-15)

Ballykeel v Carnaghts (7-1)

Ballykeel v Kells & Connor (6-2)

Ballykeel v Fourtowns (1-12)



### **The Tournament:**

The netball tournament will take place in Ballymena Leisure Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The team are in Section B and will play matches against Broughshane, Camphill, St. Mary's (Portglenone) and Kells and Connor. A note with further details will be sent home with the team closer to the time.

*Miss L Kane*

## **Winning CLASSES for FEBRUARY**

### **CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-**

**FOR ATTENDANCE:- P4RM**

**FOR UNIFORM:- P1KH**

**GOLDEN CLASSES:- P4JDT**

## **PUPILS OF THE MONTH**

**P1KH – EMELI TURNER**

**P1KM – REUBEN REA**

**P2JT – LOGAN McKENDRY**

**P2AS – GRACE IRWIN**

**P3LK – LUCY-KATE McMULLAN**

**P3CM – ALEXANDRA DONALDSON**

**P4JDT – GRACE GLENN**

**P4RM – ALFIE LANCASTER**

**P5CC – KARLA BYHAM**

**P5AR – KYLA STEWART**

**P6SM – AVA COOPER**

**P6JH – ZAHARA GODFREY**

**P7SG – ALESHA McAULEY**

**P7BE – COLBY DAVIDSON**

## **SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS**



Over the past number of weeks, our School Choir has been working very hard to

learn six pieces to sing at Ballymena Music Festival which took place earlier this week. We are very pleased with their performances and were delighted to be awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> place and to receive two Commended marks. The adjudicator loved how clear our words were, and said how well we communicated the story behind our songs by bringing the characters to life. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by Choir, and **we will be enjoying a special treat at our next choir practice on 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

The Choir will be singing once more this term as we entertain the guests at our Generation Celebration Tea Party. *Mrs B Esler*

## **WHEN IT SNOWS**

In the event of snow please be assured that we will text you to let you know if school is closed. In the absence of a text, school is therefore open. Please do not use facebook as a means of finding out what is happening in school. 35 children, all within close walking distance of the school, did not come in on 17.01.18.

