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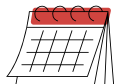
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CHILD PROTECTION -

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Mrs McGuckin

Ballykeel Bulletin - 28th Mar 2024



Dates For The Diary

Thurs 11th April - Return to school after Easter hols.

Tues 16th April - P.3 trip to Carrickfergus Castle.

Thurs 25th April - Lads & Dads Event 2-4pm (more details to follow).

Mon 6th May - School closed for the Bank holiday.

Thurs 23rd May - Coaching for Christ Fun Day (more details to follow)

Fri 24th May - School fair (more details to follow).

Mon 27th May - School closed for the Bank holiday.

28th-29th May - School closed for staff training.



Pupils of the Month

P1KC - Theo

P1KH - Elijah

P2JT - Daisy

P2AM - Logan

P3CM - Ollie

P3CMC - Kiara

P4LK - Ollie

P4AT - Olivia

P5MA - Amelia

P5LM - Ella

P6JDT - Charis

P6BE - Tommy

P7SG - Hayden

P7JH - Cora

Attendance: P6JDT Uniform: P5MA

Playground Awards: P1-P4 - P4AT

P5 - P7 - P5LM

Accelerated Reader: P4/5 - P4AT

Most tests over 85% P6/7 - P7JH

Night off homework!

Online Safety

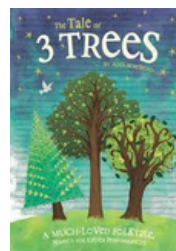


Most platforms have age ratings to stop users viewing age-inappropriate content. As a parent/carer it is important to note that the following apps have a minimum age restriction of 13: WhatsApp, Messenger, Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok, Facebook and YouTube. Primary school aged children therefore should not be on or using these apps.

St. Patrick's Day



In the run up to St Patrick's Day both P5 classes took time to look at the life of St Patrick. We learnt about his early life and how faith in God helped him deal with hard times. We studied a timeline of his life and worked in groups to put the key events in the correct order. P5 enjoyed listening to traditional Irish music and designing their own three leaf clovers.



A Tale of Three Trees

P4's Easter assembly was 'A Tale of Three Trees' This twist on the traditional Easter story saw the children narrate, act, dance, and sing their way from the manger in 'Luke', to the fishing boat in 'Matthew', ending with the story of Easter where Jesus was crucified on the cross.



World Book Day

This year we decided to mark World Book Day with various events all week. Class teachers gave extra time for reading throughout the school day.

Nursery to P3 enjoyed storytelling from teachers in our Book Nook area. P4-P7 were given strategies on how best to choose a book, learning about book genres and visited our very own Ballykeel Book Bistro to put their skills into action. Along with MEA council the children participated in Vote your Favourite author poll. Homework was cancelled and children were instead asked to design a book cover. The highlight of the week was 'The Masked Reader'. We watched the teachers in disguise giving clues and tried to guess who each character was. We hope you had lots of fun watching these at home too. Above all it has been our aim to develop a love of reading that will be a lifelong passion for our children.



To conclude World Book Week celebrations, we had a special visit from the children's author Tim Bailie. Tim read his new book to us, entitled 'The Proud Parakeet'. His book is bright and colourful and contains a beautiful message about how we are all special and unique. Many children purchased a signed copy of Tim's new book and were delighted to meet the author himself.

Netball

Many schools from across the Ballymena area were represented at the netball

tournament. Our girls played with energy and enthusiasm, demonstrating a level of teamwork that we were very proud of. They won 3 matches and lost 2.



Thrive Hive - Plant & Stay

The children along with their parents, had great fun sowing lots of seeds. The polytunnel was a hub of busy activity with many different seeds sown including Petunia, Lobelia, and Morning Glory.



Hockey

The boys and girls hockey teams competed in the Pearson/McCloy Cup qualifier. The



boys played well and drew against Kells and Connor losing 1 nil in their other 3 matches. The girls also had a great day winning their matches against The Diamond and Carniny PS. Katie scored the winners in both of these matches. The girls drew against Antrim PS and lost 1 nil to Broughshane. Well done to all the players!

Football

Ballykeel took part in the annual BPSFA 5-a-side tournament featuring 18 schools. The team pushed right through to the final where they were narrowly beaten by Groggan in Extra Time. We returned to school



with a hard-earned runners-up shield. A huge well done to everyone who took part. Team: Tommy (GK), Johnathan, Maxwell (Captain), Izak, Callum, Bertie, Charlie