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CHILD PROTECTION -

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Ballykeel Bulletin - June 26



Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday 4th June** - Girls Football Cup at Ballymena Showgrounds
- **Friday 5th June** - P.7s to Stormont
- **Monday 8th June** - P.1 Farm Trip 
- **Wednesday 10th June** - P.7s to Cambridge House Taster Day
- **Thursday 11th June** - P.6s to Academy Taster Day
- **Friday 12th June** - P.7s to their new schools
- **Monday 15th June** - Focus week on Take 5
- **Tuesday 16th June** - Shared Ed Eco Centre Walk with St Brigid's
- **Wednesday 17th June** - P.4 to P.7 End of term disco
- **Wednesday 17th June** - Pre-Teen Brain Workshop from 7:30 - 8:45pm 
- **Friday 19th June** - Active 8 Cullybackey for P.6
- **Friday 19th June** - P.7 Barbecue
- **Tuesday 23rd June** - P7 Prize Day and last day at 9:15am
- **Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June** - Non uniform days
- **Monday 29th June** - Pre-loved Uniform Sale
- **Tuesday 30th June** - School closes for the summer
 - Nursery to P3 - 12:15
 - P4 to P7 - 12:00

*Please note we will give you advance notice when the P1 - P3 sports day and nursery sports will be.

Break the Rules Day for Cancer Research UK

The children had such fun and found creative ways to break the school rules! Thankfully all of the staff survived the day! A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to Cancer Research UK on the day. We raised an amazing £850!

A big thank you to the staff team who completed the 10k at Stormont, they have raised £2140 so far from friends and family donations.



Take5
steps to wellbeing



Take5
Making Life Better Together
Health and Social Care

Paula's Pre-Teen Brain Workshop

On Friday 15 May, Paula ran a workshop for parents and carers on 'What to Expect When You're Expecting a Teen'. She guided us through the differences between the 'boy brain' and the 'girl brain', explaining the effect that hormones play and how this affects your child's behaviour. As always, Paula delivers these big topics in a fun, engaging and completely relatable way! Due to the positive feedback from parents and carers, Paula is running the workshop again on Wednesday 17th June from 7.30 - 8.45pm. Further details to follow!



Pupils of the Month

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| P1KH - Jorja | P4AC - Imogen |
| P1MM - Dahlia | P5MA - Drake |
| P2JT - Reagyn | P5RM - Theo |
| P2AM - Scarlett | P6BE - Charlie |
| P3HJ - Mila | P6BM - Ryan |
| P3CC - Jensen | P7LK - Jett |
| P4LJ - Mya | P7JH - Tom |

Class of the Month

OnTimeDown Time: P2JT

Attendance: P4LJ

Uniform: P4AC

Playground Awards: 

P1-P4 - P3HJ & P4LJ

P5 - P7 - P7LK





Dairy Council



On Friday 22nd May, P6BM and P6BE welcomed visitors from the Dairy Council Northern Ireland, who delivered an engaging session on the importance of maintaining a healthy, balanced diet. Pupils learned about the main food groups and the types of foods included within each group, as well as the benefits of regular physical activity and the recommendation to remain active for at least 60 minutes each day. The session was brought

to life through the use of colourful props, interactive educational games, a lively activity session, and an entertaining Food and Fitness rap.



Primary 2 Trip to Portglenone Forest

On Thursday 28th May, P2 went on a trip to Portglenone Forest. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed a walk through the forest, building dens and having a yummy picnic! Our topic is 'Growing is great' and we looked at the different signs of growth we could see in the forest. A great day had by all!



Girls' Football Competition



The girls' football team took part in their first competition of the year – the Coaching for Christ Cup – on Friday 1st May at a very warm and sunny Ballymena Showgrounds. This was a newly-formed team that had not played together before, though they very quickly gelled as a group and worked tirelessly for one another, recording a few excellent results along the way. A huge well done to the girls, who reached the quarter-final stage before exiting the competition in a very tight penalty shoot-out.

Team:

Emily (GK), Faith McK, Ellie-May, Franki, Lacy, Annie (captain), Faith McM, Alyssa, Abigail, Stacey, Amelia, Sophia .

Quarter Final
Ballykeel 0-0 Dunclug
Dunclug won 3-2 on penalties
(scorers Faith McK and Lacy)



P4 - P7 Sports' Day Fun

Taking advantage of the beautiful weather at the end of May, our P4-P7 classes got active outdoors with their Sports' Day. The children took part in a number of heats and finals, showing off their speed in the sprint race, co-ordination and balance in the obstacle and egg and spoon races, and their teamwork skills in the relay race. Even some of our family and friends joined in with parents' races! We are so proud of how well the children performed, and even more proud of how they supported each other in all the events. Thank you to Mrs McKelvey for all her organisational skills, and to our family and friends for coming out to watch.



Boys' Football Competition

The final tournament for the boys' football team took place on Friday 15th May at Ballymena Showgrounds: the Coaching for Christ Cup. Many thanks to the brilliant coaches for hosting yet another excellent tournament.



Qualifying for the knock-out stage as group winners, the boys narrowly edged out a resilient Harryville team before meeting Gracehill in the final. Nothing separated the sides during the course of the match with chances at a premium, and it was in extra time, with the clock ticking towards penalties, that Gracehill found space in the box to score the decisive goal.

A huge well done to the team, who contested well on all fronts this year, securing the Senior Cup and finishing as runners-up in two further competitions.

Team

Alfie (GK), Bobby, Jaiden, Chris, William, Klay, Jett, Ryan, Tom (Captain), Robbie



Pre-loved Uniform Sale

We plan to have a pre-loved uniform sale on Monday 29th June in the school assembly hall!

If you have uniform items that no longer fit but are in good condition, please send them in with your child by Fri 26th June.

Please ensure that all items are freshly washed before sending them in.

Thank You!

