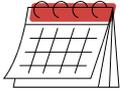




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# Ballykeel Bulletin - 2nd Oct 2023



## Dates For The Diary

**Thur 5th Oct** - 9.15am - Parent Coffee Morning. (see below)

**Fri 13th Oct** - School Council Elections.

**Mon 16th Oct** - School Photographer.

**Mon 23rd Oct** - Whole school flu vaccine.

**Wed 25th Oct** - Harvest Assembly P5 - 9.15am. Parents/Carers of P5 children welcome.

**Wed 25th Oct** - School Disco. P4 6.00 - 7.00pm to P5-P7 - 7.15-8.45pm.

**Fri 27th Oct** - Breakfast Club Open Morning between 8-8.30am.

**Mon 30th Oct - Thur 2nd Nov** - Mid-term break.

**Fri 3rd Nov** - School Closed for staff training.



## Parent Coffee Morning:

Our first Parent Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 5th October at 9.15am in the staffroom. All parents are warmly invited to join us for coffee, tea, scones and a chat. We would also like to take the opportunity to discuss how together, we can keep our children safe online. All who attend will be entered into a prize draw to win a family pass to the cinema. We hope to see you there! Mrs Esler & Miss Kane.



## Pupils of the Month



P1KC - Mila

P1KH - Ella

P2JT - Jack

P2AM - Harley

P3CM - Faith

P3CMC - Logan

P4LK - Xander

P4AT - Ella

P5MA - Eloise

P5LM - Abigail

P6JDT - Jacob

P6BE - Michelle

P7SG - Calvin

P7JH - Megan

Attendance: P3CM

Uniform: P4LK

Playground Awards:

P1-P4 - P2AM

P5 -P7 - P7JH

Accelerated Reader:

(Classes with most 85% and above scores in AR tests get a night off homework.)

P4/5 category - P5LM

P6/7 category - P6JDT



## Internet Safety

Top tips for keeping your child safe online -

- Keep the computer/tablet in a communal area of the home.
- Be aware that children have access to the Internet via gaming stations as well as portable devices such as smart phones.
- Monitor on-line time and be aware of too many hours spent on the Internet.
- Take an interest in what your children are doing and discuss what they are seeing/using on the Internet.

Remember - your children might be internet savvy, but we want them to be internet SAFE.

## Digital Leaders:



Meet the P6/7 Ballykeel Digital Leaders who will have many jobs throughout the school, such as organising the Computer Suite, updating iPads and supporting younger pupils with logging on and locating different apps or programs. Digital Leaders also help to promote the safe and responsible use of the Internet. They are able to advise other pupils and design posters to create awareness of our ESafety rules.



## P7JH visit to Jungle NI

P7JH enjoyed a trip to Jungle NI on Monday 18th September to take part in a celebration event funded by Radius Housing. This was to mark participation in a Ballymena Schools project which the class completed in Primary 6.

The children had a great day out, with zorbing, archery and llama walking just a few of the activities on offer. Following a tasty lunch, Lisa Mooney from Radius Housing led a short prize ceremony, where each school received a piece of glassware for participation in the project.

## AR Information Morning



There was such a fantastic turn out for the AR information session for parents. The parents/carers of children from P4-P7 were given a brief over-view of AR and how it helps children to become more successful in their independent reading. They learned of ways teachers in school promote and encourage children to read and were given pointers on how to reinforce this at home too.

## S.U. - Fist Pump 5

Every week Eve and Craig from Scripture Union come to our class to deliver the Fist Pump Five program. This is always a great opportunity to talk about how we manage our feelings and improve our understanding of others. This week we focused on how we connect with family and friends. We discussed who we can reach out to and who can help us. We also thought about how we can help the people around us and be a good friend to them.



## Travelling Book Fair & Macmillan Coffee morning

The Book Fair and Macmillan Coffee Morning returned to school last week. It was such a fantastic day which saw many parents attending with their children, buying books and enjoying a chat over a cuppa. The sales made on books went well above any expectations, with purchases totalling £3190.00! This means that our school will receive around £1800 rewards in books. A huge thanks to each one of you who made the effort to come along. You were also very generous in your donations to Macmillan charity and as a school community we raised £580.00. Thank you once again for all your support.