

BALLYKEEL BUGLE - JUNE 2019

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JUNE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 3rd - P7SG - Bible Exhibition in Ahoghill Gospel Hall

Mon 3rd - P2s to Greenmount

Tues 4th - St Brigid's to visit P4s

Wed 5th - P6JF & P6SM - Bible Exhibition in Ahoghill Gospel Hall

Fri 7th - P7JH - Bible Exhibition in Ahoghill Gospel Hall

Fri 7th - **SUMMER FAIR School**

CLOSES for everyone at 2pm

Mon 10th - P1-P3 SPORTS DAY.

Mon 10th - P6s & P7s to St Brigid's

Tues 11th - P4-P7 SPORTS DAY

Wed 12th & Wed 19th - Nursery pupils finish at 12:00

Wed 12th - Uniform Sale - 1.30 3.30pm

Thurs 13th - Uniform Sales - 6.30 - 8.00pm See below for more dates.

Thurs 13th - P6s sitting the transfer test to Ballymena Academy taster day

Fri 14th - All P7s to their new schools

Fri 14th - P1s to visit to Ahoghill Farm

Mon 17th - Mummy and daughter afternoon (more details to follow)

Thurs 20th - P7s to Ballykeel Pentecostal Church

Thurs 20th & Fri 21st - P1 pupils finish at 12:00.

Fri 21st - P6s to visit Cullybackey College for their Activ8 day

Mon 24th - 9:15 PRIZE MORNING - P7 parents only are invited to this. P7 last day and they go home following the refreshments (approx. 11:00am) - **NOTE (P3-P6) no Break in canteen today.**

Mon 24th 7-9pm P4 to P7 end of year disco

Fri 28th - **SCHOOL CLOSES at 12:00**

AUGUST 21st & 22nd -

1.00-3.00pm Uniform Sales.

Important Information About Wed 28th, Thurs 29th and Fri 30th August 19

Due to circumstances beyond our control, and despite the canteen being willing to work, we have been instructed by the Education Authority that school canteens are no longer allowed to provide dinners in August. Please note that school will therefore close at 12:30 on these 3 days for P2 to P7 children. (New P1s will finish at 12:00).



SEPTEMBER 2019

MILK MONEY

Primary School Only -

Milk money to cover from

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER to FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER 2019 will be £7.14* THIS MUST BE PAID ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019.

*Please note that if the price should change we will let you know in August.



Friday 7th June - School CLOSES

at 2pm for everyone. Followed by FAIR at 6.30-8.30pm

Don't forget to join us for "all the fun of the fair" at our annual Summer Fair on Friday 7th June. It promises to a great evening with fun for all the family, including assault course, toddler play area, BBQ, fun inflatables, fabulous raffle prizes, games, face painting and other stalls.

Please help us raise lots of money for school funds by coming along and supporting this great event, and by sending in your items for the bottle stall and the cake stall.

See you there!



SCHOOL FUND

School fund for the year is £5.00 per child, £8.00 for 2 children and £10 for a family of 3 or more. We ask that this is paid on **Monday 2nd September 2019**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

'GOING ON HOLIDAY?'

The list of holidays for 2019/20 is now on the school's website. Please book your holidays at these times as too many children are being taken out of school during teaching days.

Please note that if you want the school to fill in a passport application, a donation of £10 for school funds is required for each form.



PARENTAL CONSULTATION

GROUP UPDATE

The group met on Fri 3rd May. ICT co-ordinators Mrs

Esler and Mrs

Thompson spoke about how the school promotes e safety and in particular keeping safe online. We also came up with a new Home School Agreement on which is detailed what parents/carers expect from the school and what the school expects from parents/carers. You can view this in the parents' section of the school's website.



FIRMUS ENERGY- SAFETY PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 1st May 'Firmus Energy' led a Safety Presentation for our P4-P7 pupils. They talked about the dangers of being around building sites and particularly warned the pupils about being near open trenches when their gas pipes are being laid in the ground. They also discussed the safety gear that they wear when on site and showed examples of the size of the pipes they use in their work. With a lot of new building happening in and around Ballykeel at the moment, this was a very worthwhile and timely event.



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MAY WINNING CLASSES

CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY
ATTENDANCE

CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY
UNIFORM

GOLDEN CLASS/ES MAY

See website for the above winners

PUPILS OF THE MONTH for MAY

P1KH TOBIAS McKENDRY
P1KM CHARLIE STEELE
P2JT LEAH BAMBER
P2AM LAYLA ROCK-WATSON
P3LK KEIVA RAFFERTY
P3CM ABBIE McCORRY
P4JDT JESSE McNEILLY
P4CC HAYDEN ROCK-WATSON
P5BE LILY-BROOKE WALLACE
P5MA NICOLE LYNN
P6SM JAKE McNOUGHER
P6JH BOBBY McILWAINE
P7SG MALIKA-ESSENCE McKEOWN
P7JH JULIE THOMPSON

UNIFORM SALES

DATES & TIMES

Wed 12th JUNE from 1.30 – 3.30am

Thurs 13th JUNE from 6.30 - 8.00pm

ALSO

Wed 21st AUGUST -1.00 – 3.00pm

Thurs 22nd AUGUST – 1.00 – 3.00pm

SWEAT SHIRTS

SIZES 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 = £11.95;

SIZES 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 = £13.95;

SIZES 13+ = £15.95

POLO SHIRTS

Nursery - 22" – 26" = £5.00

PS - 22" – 26" = £5.75;

28" – 32" = £7.75; 34" + = £9.75

REMEMBER – black shoes. P4-P7
boys can wear plain black trainers
(no colours)



CINEMAGIC



On Thursday 9th May, we welcomed Laura and Alan from Cinemagic to P7H. We were given the opportunity to explore topics and issues surrounding the word 'citizenship' and, as well as having great discussions and completing practical activities, we got to watch Paddington! Studying the film, we discovered that as well as being a funny movie, there are many topical themes and issues to explore.

LET'S SET SAIL

P4 children have had several exciting days with St Brigid's Primary school. Our World Around Us theme is 'Let's Set Sail', so we decided to do a joint project. We worked in small groups to plan, design and create a boat that would float. Every child was involved and had an important role. Once our boats were completed, we tested them out to see if they would float or sink. We were also fortunate to have a visit from Translink Safety Bus, teaching us all about how to behave and stay safe when travelling on buses and trains. Keith and Garth from Translink provided us with a goodie bag containing a week's travel pass for one adult and other prizes for our 'Safe Travel' poster competition.



LEONARDO DA VINCI VISIT

We were delighted to be able to take a group of P6 & P7 children to visit the Leonardo Da Vinci visit at the Ulster Museum.

Colleen Watters, Head of Learning at the Museum, gave us a guided tour of the exhibition. We were amazed by how small the drawings were, yet they were so beautifully detailed. Some of our favourites were the drawings of the arm muscles and St Anne's face.



The visit also included a workshop with artist Anushiya Sundaralingam. Anu showed us how to really look at what we were drawing. She then gave us a limited amount of colours to paint with. To make it extra challenging, we had no paintbrushes! We used sponges and bits of fir trees to explore mark making. We really enjoyed the workshop and most of us loved painting without brushes!



Bronze Award Winner 2019

Action Cancer Health Awards

We are delighted that our school has been selected as a BRONZE AWARD WINNER in the 2019 Action Cancer Health Awards. We have been chosen for our commitment to promoting healthy activities for pupils and our determination to improve pupils' lifestyles. Thank you for your continued support in sending healthy breaks and promoting an active lifestyle.

Action
cancer
Saving Lives Supporting People

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❖ FOOTBALL

On Friday 17th May, Ballykeel boys' and girls' football teams took part in the annual *Coaching4Christ* football tournament at Ballymena Academy, where both teams came away once again with the silverware. In addition, Calvin Termonia deservedly claimed the Player of the Tournament award for his tireless contributions to his team's efforts.

Having qualified as group winners, the boys met Buick in the semi-final; with the match finishing scoreless, the tie was settled through penalties by Bobby Crawford, Calvin Termonia and Gary Kenny. The final was a similar story, Ballykeel coming out on top against Clough through spot kicks from Bobby Crawford and Calvin Termonia.



The girls' semi-final against Buick was decided by a penalty from Alesha Tweed, and a 1-0 victory against Moorfields in the final was secured through a goal by Freya Bonnes.



ICT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This year we have been fortunate to have been shortlisted for the special ICT Excellence Awards 2019. A team of judges visited the school in May and spoke to parents, pupils and staff. Keep an eye on the website for updates!



❖ FESTIVAL DAY

Throughout the year, Coaching for Christ have done a lot for the school. They have been coming in to take most classes for football sessions and they have also provided coaching for the P6/P7 hockey club and football club. The Charity delivers all of their lessons completely free of charge so to help ensure the programme's future, they held a festival day. This day was a lot of fun with each class having a 30/40 minute session of football games with the coaches. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the non-uniform day. The coaches really appreciate your support.



❖ HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

We were invited to the Coaching for Christ hockey tournament as we were lucky to have Erin in to coach us for 6 weeks. The tournament was held at Ballymena Academy and we had a busy day of matches as we had to play 7 matches. The results are as follows: we won against Carnaghts 1. We drew with Buick, Carnaghts 2 and Fourtowns and unfortunately we lost against Clough and Diamond. In the play offs, we beat Fourtowns 2-0 which was a good ending to a busy day.



SPORT FOR CHAMPIONS



It was lovely to have **Team GB triple jump athlete Laura Samuel** in school with P3-P7. In the morning, Laura talked to the children about her life and how she got into sport. She also showed us the distance she can jump and everyone was in amazement at how far it was! The children also got to ask her questions and found out more about what foods she eats and how often she has to train to become one of the top athletes in her sport. After talking to us, Laura held sessions with each class to complete circuits and showed the children how to exercise properly. The day was very enjoyable and a lot of children came out very inspired by her. We raised an incredible £525, with some of it going towards Laura and her team mates and the rest going towards paying for PE equipment in school. Thank you very much for your contribution.



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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

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BALLYKEEL'S TOP TEN AS VOTED FOR BY P7SG

1. Topic – WW2, Volcanoes, Forest, Irish Famine, Rainforest, Space, Titanic, Light, Egyptians, Time Goes By, By Land-By Sea-By Air
2. Trips – Woodhall, Slemish, Springhill, Giant's Causeway, INOV-8, Titanic Centre, W5,
3. Chill out Days – popcorn, movies, no work!
4. Events – Teddy Bears Picnic, Sport's Day, Discos, Coaching 4 Christ, Red Day, Blue Day, Neon Day, Green Day, Pyjama Party,
5. Friends – cool, loyal, special, kind, caring, funny, respectful, loving
6. Canteen – food, Mad Hatter's Tea Party, desserts, Canteen Ladies, party buffet, Roald Dahl Day, Summer Picnic,
7. Clubs – hockey, football, netball, art, film, knitting, SU, Superheroes, Choir, Dyeing to Weave, Cookery
8. Resources – Sports equipment, Laptops, iPads, Clix, Lego, ICT Room,
9. Teachers – nice, calm, caring, encouraging, kind, funny, patient, helpful, loving,
10. Rewards – Pupil of the Month, Pupil of the Week, Swimming Awards, AR, Sports Awards, Certificates, 4 in a Row,

BALLYKEEL'S TOP TEN AS VOTED FOR BY P7JH

1. Trips: Woodhall, Titanic Centre, Portrush, Slemish, Giant's Causeway, Opera House, W5
2. Visitors: Ritchie Remo, Wes Magee, Paul Bell, Coaching4Christ, Eamon Loughran, Fitness Freddie, Cinemagic, Newsdesk
3. Days: Red, Green, Blue and Pink Days, World Book Day, Prize Day, Sports Day, Bling Your Bike
4. Dinners: pizza, roast dinner, burgers, party buffet, baked potato, hotdogs, chips
5. Events: Fairs, Lads 'n' Dads, discos, movie night, 50th anniversary, Lion King, spring concert
6. Subjects: Art, PE, Maths, ICT, English, World Around Us, RE, PDMU, Music
7. Topics: WW2, Volcanoes, Titanic, Egyptians, Famine, Rainforests, Land, Sea & Air, Light, Space
8. Sports: hockey, swimming, football, netball, basketball, tag rugby
9. Teachers: funny, kind, thoughtful, fabulous, smart, good for a chat, caring
10. Friends: trustworthy, funny, caring, cool, awesome, loyal, encouraging, weird & wonderful!

P7 LAST DATES!

FRI 14TH JUNE - Visit to Post Primary Schools

THURS 20TH JUNE – Visit to Ballykeel Pentecostal for Transition Celebration event (more details to follow)

**MON 24th JUNE - 9.15am - PRIZE DAY &
THEN 7-9pm -SUMMER DISCO**

MON 24TH JUNE - LAST DAY FOR P7s –
finishing at 11.00am after Prize Day.

