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## Ballykeel Bulletin - Apr 26



### Dates for the Diary

- **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April** - School closes for the Easter holidays - (non-uniform day)
  - P4 to P7 finish at 12:00pm
  - Nursery to P3 finish at 12.15pm
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April** - School closed for the Easter break
- **School Nurse P1s** - 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> April
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Netball Tournament
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - Hockey Tournament
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - P.3s Carrick Castle trip
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Coaching 4 Christ Girls' Cup
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - School closed for the Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - School Closed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Transform Ed Staff Development Day
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - Girls Football Tournament in Cullybackey
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Coaching 4 Christ Boys' Cup
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Coaching for Christ Festival day
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Holiday
- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Staff Training Day
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Staff Training Day
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** - School Fair
- **\*W/B Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Sports Week P.1 to P.3
- **\*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery Sports
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Girls Football Cup at Ballymena Showgrounds
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - P.7s to Stormont
- **\*W/B Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Week P.4 to P.7
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - P.1 Farm Trip
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - P.6s to Academy Taster Day
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - P.7s to their new schools
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Focus week on Take 5
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Shared Ed Eco Centre Walk with St Brigid's
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - P.4 to P.7 End of term disco
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Activ 8 Cullybackey for P.6
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - P.7 Barbecue
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Prize Day and P.7 last day



\*Please note that sports days may be earlier in May if there is a spell of good weather. We will give you advance notice if the dates above change.

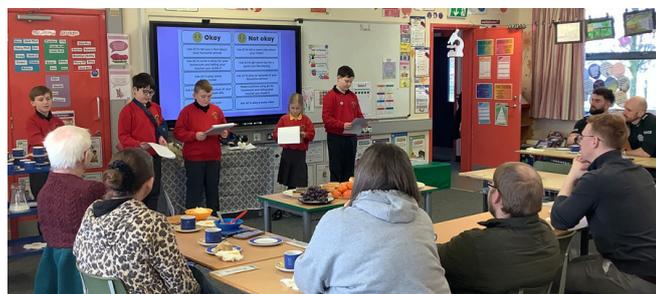
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## Parent Morning

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, we held an Online Safety coffee morning for Parents and Carers. This was led by 8 of our Digital Leaders and 3 members of the PSNI. The Digital Leaders spoke about their role and the responsibilities they have in school. They also shared the learning that had taken place during Safer Internet Week in school. The officers from the PSNI reinforced the dangers of misusing the internet/social media, especially among children in the post-primary setting. Thank you to everyone who attended, I hope you enjoyed it and that we will see you at our next coffee morning!



## Pupils of the Month

<b>P1KH</b> - Sophia	<b>P4AC</b> - Lena
<b>P1MM</b> - Hunter	<b>P5MA</b> - Harry
<b>P2JT</b> - Kodie	<b>P5RM</b> - Brianna
<b>P2AM</b> - Connie-Leigh	<b>P6BE</b> - Kade
<b>P3HJ</b> - Harper	<b>P6BM</b> - Kylee
<b>P3CMc</b> - Karah	<b>P7LK</b> - Cohen
<b>P4LJ</b> - Zakaria	<b>P7JH</b> - Jayden

## Class of the Month

On Time Down Time - P5MA

Attendance: P1KH

Uniform: P3HJ

Playground Awards:

P1-P4 - P2AM

P5 -P7 - P6BE



# World Book Day

We had great fun celebrating World Book Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March, sharing books and reading together. The children had book parties and participated in drama, art and ICT activities linked to books.

Dressing up as a book character was so exciting, and promoted lots of discussion around our favourite books. The Masked Reader was tricky this year, thank you to everyone for taking part in guessing who was behind the mask. We are already looking forward to next year!



We all enjoyed having parents into school to read with their children in the breakfast club and in foundation stage classrooms before home time. It was amazing to see all of the potatoes decorated as book characters – the teachers were amazed by the humour, effort and creativity!



# Madagascar

Our school production of Madagascar, by a team of Primary 5-7 pupils, showcased the breadth of acting and musical talent in our pupils. The cast and choir have worked tirelessly after school since Christmas to rehearse for their performances. Many other pupils helped willingly in painting props, working as stage hands or as part of our front of house team.

The final production was enjoyed by many from our school community including St. Brigid's Primary 7 pupils, residents from Moatview Court and not least by fellow pupils, friends and family of the cast.

The staff are immensely proud of what our pupils achieved, they have been a pleasure to work with. The pride they took in their roles and in doing their best in each performance is a credit to them! A big thank you also goes to all our parents and carers who have helped with learning lines, song words and providing costumes.

# Football Tournament

The finals of the BPSFA 7-a-side competition took place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March on the new 3G pitches at Ballymena Showgrounds. With one win and one defeat, Ballykeel progressed to the semi-finals, where Gracehill awaited. In what was a highly entertaining and hard-fought tie, Gracehill progressed to the final. Ballykeel were not yet done however and had the opportunity to play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against St Colmcille's. In a very open game, Ballykeel came away as 4-1 winners to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Well done to all who took part!

**Team: Alfie (GK), Bobby, Jaiden, Jack, Klay, Jett, Promise, Tom (Captain) and William.**



# Hockey Tournament

Both hockey teams competed in the Ulster Hockey Pearson and McCloy qualifiers at Parkhall College. The girls were the first to play their matches. They played brilliantly and did the school proud. The team consisted of: Annie (captain), Beth, Faith McM, Faith McK, Tilli, Franki and Abigail.

The next day, it was the turn of the boys. It was a very cold and wet day but this didn't stop them! They showed great skill and determination throughout the day. The team consisted of Tommy-Ray, Isaac, Charlie (captain), Lewis, Amari and Kaleb. Goal scorer- Isaac.



# P7 Project - Moatview Fold

For the past couple of weeks, six children from P7LK have been meeting with the tenants of Moatview Fold to do some lovely art and craft activities together. The children and tenants have really enjoyed spending time chatting and getting to know each other while painting Easter eggs and designing Easter goodie bags. This has been a wonderful experience for both the children and the tenants of the fold and we are delighted that the project will continue to June. We are so grateful to Bernie Martin (Project Co-ordinator) for all the tasty treats that have been provided for the children during each session.

