

BALLYKEEL BUGLE - MARCH & APRIL 2018

CHILD PROTECTION - Designated Teacher: *Mr J Fisher*, Deputy Designated Teacher: *Mrs J Thompson*

WEBSITE:- www.ballykeelps.org.uk

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ATTENTION



MARCH

Fri 2nd Mar – St Brigid’s to P7s for Sh.Ed.
visit History – Life during the Irish Famine
Mon 5th Mar – Art Focus Week (Details below)

Tues 6th Mar - P1KH to St Brigid’s, St Brigid’s to P1KM

Tues 6th Mar: P5’s to St. Brigid’s

Thurs 8th Mar – St Brigid’s to P7SG for SU (It’s Your Move)

Fri 9th Mar – P7BE to St Brigid’s for SU

Fri 9th Mar - NON UNIFORM

‘RED DAY’ (Details below)

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Mar – P.7s

Residential Trip to Woodhall

Tues 13th Mar - P5CC to Slemish,

B’Shane with St. Brigid’s

Tues 13th Mar - P2JT trip to St Brigid’s and St Brigid’s to P2AS for St Patrick’s talk

Wed 14th Mar – ‘Young Enterprise’ filming day with P4RM

Thurs 15th Mar - P5CC & St Brigid’s visiting St. Patrick’s COI Church, B’shane.

Thurs 15th Mar - Hockey tournament at Ballymena Academy.

Fri 16th Mar – Netball Tournament

at Seven Towers Leisure Centre

Mon 19th Mar – P7s to

Cullybackey College - INOV-8

Tues 20th Mar – Generation Celebration Spring Tea Party (Details below)

Wed 21st Mar – 9:15am Easter assembly taken by P6 children. Parents and friends of these children are welcome to attend.

Wed 21st Mar – Jigsaw’s ‘**FESTIVAL OF LEARNING**’ (Details below)

Thurs 22nd Mar – P7 & St Brigid’s to

Folk Park in Omagh

Fri 23rd Mar – Football

Tournament – Antrim Forum



School closes at 12:00 sharp on Fri 23rd March for the Easter break, and re-opens on Monday 9th April.

NB: 2018-2019 - SCHOOL WILL RE-COMMENCE ON TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2018

Changes for Next Year’s Pantomime

We will not be attending the pantomime next year (2019) as we have decided to go every other year.

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS!

You are most welcome to attend our: ‘GENERATION CELEBRATION SPRING TEA PARTY’ on Tuesday 20th March 2018 from 10:00 –11:30 am (approx.)

Following the success of our ‘Generation Celebration’ evening last year we intend to host another event that encourages the local community to celebrate together and also helps to bring generations together. Therefore, we are inviting senior citizens from the local area to a special **tea party on Tuesday 20th March 2018 from 10.00 to 11.30 am.**

Please come along to join us for tea, coffee, scones, cake and buns. Our fabulous school choir will be performing and we will have a few other fun activities organised to entertain you.

School staff, pupils and members of the board of governors will be there to help make the tea party intergenerational, entertaining and good fun!

The event is free of charge. If you would like to come along please telephone the school, on 028 25653902, to register your attendance.



MILK MONEY Primary School Pupils

Milk money to cover from

Monday 9th April to

Friday 1st June is £7.56. Please

note - Due to Easter Holidays THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on **Wednesday 14th March** as late orders cannot be made.



MR M ELLIOTT

In February we said a sad farewell to Mr Elliott as he takes up a new teaching position in Scotland where his fiancée lives. We will really miss him and wish him all the very best in the future.



JIGSAW – ‘FESTIVAL OF LEARNING’

Come along to Ballykeel’s Festival of Learning on Wednesday 21st March from 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Assembly Hall. Take part in fun activities with your children, pick up information for you and your families health and wellbeing. Stall holders to include: PSNI, Ballykeel Pharmacy, Everybody Active, Young Enterprise and many more. Looking forward to seeing you there. *Rachelle Adams (FW)*

RED DAY

Friday 9 March will be **RED DAY** in school.

We will be raising money for the British

Heart Foundation, a charity who works closely with one of our pupils, Mark in P4. It will be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY**, with the focus being the colour red. Children will pay £1, which will go towards the charity.

Mrs S Gregg



ART FOCUS WEEK:

Monday 5 – Friday 9 March

After an enjoyable training session for the teachers, we have decided to have an Art Focus Week in school. Using skills gained from the training, we will be concentrating on line drawing and mark making to encourage children to create individual pieces of art. This week will promote creativity and uniqueness among the children as they respond individually to the stimuli provided; daffodil bulbs, leaves, potatoes, or even biscuits!

To further support and encourage children’s creativity, we feel that it is important to showcase their work; and so, we will be holding a **Gallery Exhibition on Friday 9 March from 1.15pm – 3.00pm.**

All children’s artwork will be on display for parents and friends to come along and visit. Tea and Coffee will also be available. As it is Red Day, there will be an opportunity for parents to make a donation to the British Heart Foundation.

So, set aside some time to come along and visit our exhibition, and to encourage your children’s creativity. *Mrs S Gregg*

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MAMBO AND JAZZ VISIT P2

On 16th January, P2 enjoyed a visit from Action Cancer, who performed a puppet show. Mambo and Jazz taught us lots of things about having a healthy lifestyle. We did fun activities to remind us to eat healthy foods, never smoke and be safe in the sun. We also did lots of fun exercises and games to keep fit. We think we are a very healthy bunch.



Mrs J Thompson

SHARED COUNCIL TRIP TO STORMONT



The Shared School Council visited Stormont on 26th January. We had a brilliant time at Stormont with our friends from

St Brigid's PS. We met Trevor Long who works for the Alliance Party and Robbie Butler who works for the UUP. We sat in the chambers and James our guide explained how the election process in Northern Ireland works. We then ate our lunch in Stormont Park before leaving. A great and interesting day had by all!

Miss K McGlaughlin

YOUNG ATHLETES DAY

Monday 19th February was an exciting day in school with a visit from Christine McMahon a local 400m hurdles athlete. We all joined with her in completing a circuits activity in the morning which was lots of fun. After break Christine told us lots about her journey to becoming the athlete she is today. She encouraged us to find something we really enjoy in life and to work hard at



it. Some of us even got a go on the agility ladder and we got to see Christine on the hurdles. It was very impressive! We all came away inspired to work hard in PE and sports classes both inside and outside school to be the best we can be.

Mrs. McKelvey

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

On Wednesday 21 February, Primary 7 had a workshop taken by the Young Enterprise team. We were learning about importing and exporting goods to and from other countries. After looking at some different types of food, we had to guess which country they were made in. We built jigsaws of different countries and had a look at what products they imported and exported. Finally, we had to make our own company to design a product which we could sell to different countries.

It was fun learning about different countries and their imports and exports. I liked working with my friends to design a snow globe.

Caleb Stirrup P7G

FOOTBALL NEWS – Mr J Hughes

On 22nd February, Ballykeel's senior team travelled to the Ballymena Showgrounds for the qualifying round of the Senior Cup.

MATCH 1 – BALLYMENA PS – 1-1

MATCH 2 – CAMPHILL PS – 1-1

MATCH 3 – PORTGLENONE PS – 2-0

(Goal scorers were Zack Fleming, Stephanie Mark and Calvin Termonia)

Ballykeel finished top of the qualifying group and will meet the winners of the other groups in the finals, which will be played in the coming weeks. Well done to each player who took part!



NETBALL UPDATE

League Match Results:

Ballykeel v Moorfields PS (0-15)

Ballykeel v Carnaghts (7-1)

Ballykeel v Kells & Connor (6-2)

Ballykeel v Fourtowns (1-12)



The Tournament:

The netball tournament will take place in Ballymena Leisure Centre on Friday 16th March. The team are in Section B and will play matches against Broughshane, Camphill, St. Mary's (Portglenone) and Kells and Connor. A note with further details will be sent home with the team closer to the time.

Miss L Kane

Winning CLASSES for FEBRUARY

CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-

FOR ATTENDANCE:- P4RM

FOR UNIFORM:- P1KH

GOLDEN CLASSES:- P4JDT

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1KH – EMELI TURNER

P1KM – REUBEN REA

P2JT – LOGAN McKENDRY

P2AS – GRACE IRWIN

P3LK – LUCY-KATE McMULLAN

P3CM – ALEXANDRA DONALDSON

P4JDT – GRACE GLENN

P4RM – ALFIE LANCASTER

P5CC – KARLA BYHAM

P5AR – KYLA STEWART

P6SM – AVA COOPER

P6JH – ZAHARA GODFREY

P7SG – ALESHA McAULEY

P7BE – COLBY DAVIDSON

SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS



Over the past number of weeks, our School Choir has been working very hard to

learn six pieces to sing at Ballymena Music Festival which took place earlier this week. We are very pleased with their performances and were delighted to be awarded a 3rd place and to receive two Commended marks. The adjudicator loved how clear our words were, and said how well we communicated the story behind our songs by bringing the characters to life. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by Choir, and **we will be enjoying a special treat at our next choir practice on 7th March.**

The Choir will be singing once more this term as we entertain the guests at our Generation Celebration Tea Party. *Mrs B Esler*

WHEN IT SNOWS

In the event of snow please be assured that we will text you to let you know if school is closed. In the absence of a text, school is therefore open. Please do not use facebook as a means of finding out what is happening in school. 35 children, all within close walking distance of the school, did not come in on 17.01.18.

