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# Ballykeel Bulletin – 28th February

## Dates For The Diary

Please take note of the following school holidays:

- **Thursday 17th March** - school closed for staff training
- **Friday 8th April** school closes at the following times:
  - 12:00 P.4 to P.7
  - 12:10 P.2 and P.3
  - 12:20 Nurs and P.1

Early school closures can result in the car park being more congested than normal. Please ensure to take care when parking your car and be aware of children in the car park.

- **Monday 11th to Friday 22nd April** school will be closed for the Easter break.
- **Monday 25th April** - Term starts
- **Monday 2nd May**- school closed for the bank holiday
- **Thursday 5th May** - school closed for the election

**School Holidays for 2022-23 can be found on the school's website.**

## P1 Vet Visit

The new P1 topic is 'Old Macdonald had a farm' so we were very lucky to have Robert, a vet and a farmer, come in to visit us. Robert told us about what animals he looks after and what he does to help them. He also showed us what he has to wear when he is looking after animals and some of the children got to try on his uniform. The P1's asked Robert some great questions about what he does on the farm and as a vet.



## Amazing Jesus Programme with P5

The Primary 5 classes have had lots of fun with Eve Lowry over the last few weeks. The children have been learning all about the Miracles of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. Eve is our new Scripture Union schools' worker and she is delighted to be out visiting schools again to do fun activities and assemblies with the children.



## P7 Trip To The Academy

On Friday 11th February, four P7 pupils - Grace, Alex, Lewis and Eloise - made the trip over to Ballymena Academy to take part in an inter-schools maths competition. Alongside teams from six other local primary schools, our pupils worked together as a team to solve a range of very tricky mathematical puzzles. This was a great experience and the Ballykeel team did very well, finishing in third place on the day. Well done to everyone involved!



## Safer Internet Day in P6JF

Just before half term our classes participated in activities linked to Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was All Fun and Games: Exploring Respect and Relationships Online. Our younger children enjoyed listening to a special online story with 'DigiDuck' whilst talking about being safe online. Our older pupils took part in virtual assemblies, participated in circle times and explored a variety of 'what would you do if ...' type scenarios. Online Safety is such an important topic for our children to learn about in the modern world. If you would like any more information about keeping safe online, you can find some ideas and links to various websites/organisations on our school website.

