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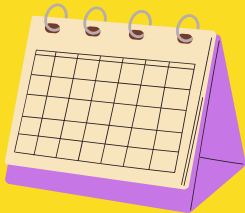
Ballykeel Bulletin – 28th March

Dates For The Diary

Please take note of the following school holidays:

- **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.

Milk – Term 3



Milk for the period 25/04/2022 – 29/06/2022 (inclusive) for P1 – P7 children is available to order on ParentPay now. It is £8.95 for this session and the deadline for payment is Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 9.00am. No milk orders can be accepted after this time and date.

Take 5 Pledge

Ballykeel Primary School continues to promote the 'Take 5 Steps to Well-being' both in class and in our after school clubs. The children on our school council, also known as our Take 5 Champions, came up with the wonderful idea to make a pledge poster. Eva Oliver in P7 designed the poster to illustrate the 5 important steps to well-being: to take notice, keep learning, connect, give and be active.



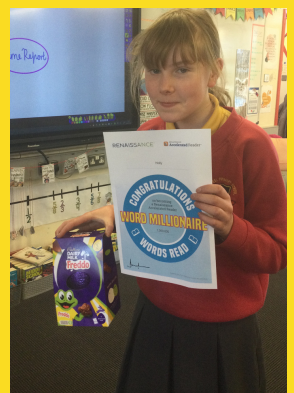
Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a great way of encouraging your child to read more. As teachers, we are amazed at the way it really engages children - even the most reluctant of readers! The children read books at their level in class and then take quizzes to test how accurately they have been reading. The children must achieve 85% in their quiz in order to pass.

In school we convert these scores into points which children can collect and exchange for prizes (wear your slippers in class, extra i-Pad time). Each month we have a night off homework for the class that has the highest number of readers gaining 85% and over.

Please support us in this by:

- encouraging your child to read accurately
- asking your child how many points they have accumulated
- reminding them to take a quiz in school.



Children respond so well to the rewards systems and we have many children meeting their targets. Recently we celebrated one girl reading a million words and she has joined the Millionaire Club. Well done to Holly for this marvellous achievement!

World Down Syndrome Day

Monday 21st March was 'World Down Syndrome Day.' It was so fitting that the advertising for this day also incorporated the colours of Ukraine. In order to support both charities, we held a non-uniform day. Both staff and children came to school wearing blue jeans, a yellow teeshirt and a pair of odd socks. We collected donations through ParentPay and split the total between the Down Syndrome Association and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. 248 out of 433 children contributed, and together raised an amazing £763.00!

