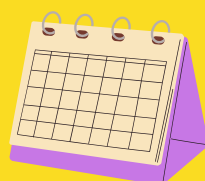




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Dates For The Diary



- **Thurs 28th April** - 10 Year Daily Mile Celebration Event. All children are to come in their sports clothes and bring £1 cash for school funds (Not ParentPay)
- **Mon 2nd May** – School closed for the bank holiday
- **Thurs 5th May** -School closed for the election
- **Mon 23rd May** – Coaching for Christ Celebration Fun Day
- **Mon 23rd May** – 9:15am New P.1 Parents' Meeting (current P.1 children are not to be in until 11:00 that day)
- **Tues 24th May** – 2:15pm New Nursery Parents' Meeting
- **Wed 25th May** – Sponsored Walk with St Brigid's (more details to follow)
- **Fri 27th May** – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day for the children (more details will follow)
- **Mon 30th & Tues 31st May** – School closed for staff training
- **Wed 1st June to Fri 3rd June** – School closed for holidays and the bank holidays
- **Wed 8th June to Fri 10th June** – Sports Days

Classes of the Month for March



- **Attendance Award** - P2JT
- **Uniform Award** - P1KC
- **Positive Playground Behaviour Award** - P2AM and P5LM

Pupils of the Month for March



P1CM - Rickson
 P1KC - Jax
 P2JT - Kade
 P2AM - Benjamin
 P3CM - Ellie
 P3KH - Alice
 P4SM - Sophia
 P4LK - Callum

P5A/M - Poppy
 P5LM - Devon
 P6JT - Perri
 P7JH - Rylie
 P7SG - Keegan

well done!

Safeguarding Update

Please note the following changes to staff on our school's Safeguarding Team:

- Mrs J Thompson (P6) - Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Mrs J Thompson (P2), Mrs K Cumberland & Mrs B Esler -Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection

'Punctual & Prepared'



Today the school council launched its drive to support the staff in encouraging all children to be in school on time.

This Friday, the class who is consistently punctual will get 'On Time Down Time'. After this we will pick the best class every month. Remember:

- The outside doors and side gates now close at 9:00.
- All late children must be brought to the office by an adult.
- It's not great to be late!



**BE IN BEFORE 9:00
 EVERYDAY** 😊

Sponsored Walk with St. Brigid's PS

As part of our long standing Shared Education partnership with St Brigid's PS we have carried out many programmes together over the past 9 years. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the pupils from both schools have been unable to meet together face to face, however they have been able to communicate online. We are hoping to join together for a Sponsored Walk at the Ecos Centre on **Wednesday 25th May 2022 (or alternative date of 26th May if the weather doesn't permit on 25th May)**.

Ballykeel will be raising money for Angel Wishes – a charity that supports Jake in P2AM. You can see photos and updates about Jake on their Facebook page.



Parent Coffee Morning



Thank you to those who came along to support the parent coffee morning in April. Please note that the next one will be on the **Monday 23rd of May**.



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P7 Trip to Woodhall

The P7 children went on their annual trip to Woodhall Residential Centre in Kilrea the week beginning 28th March. They participated in lots of fun activities such as:

- an orienteering course
- archery
- giant Jenga
- team building games & activities
- canoeing down the River Bann
- a high ropes course.

Many of these challenges were not for the faint hearted! We're so proud of our pupils as they all worked hard to overcome fears, face challenges and work together as a group. Woodhall is a fabulous experience and we were delighted to be able to return for another brilliant residential trip.



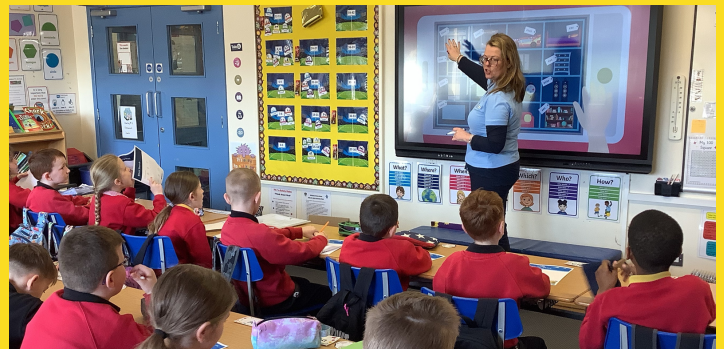
P7SG



P7JH



Financial Capability



During the month of March, Jayne from Danske Bank came into school to teach the children about the importance of budgeting and saving.

Breakfast Club Competition Winners



Well done to our Easter colouring competition winners in Breakfast Club!

Reading Partners



Each year a selection of P3 children take part in the Reading Partners programme. They spend time reading with Mrs. McBurney and are tested by her at the end of the term. Reading Partners is designed to develop fluency, confidence in reading. This year the children who took part made a significant increase in their reading ages and abilities. Well done to Robbie, Hannah and Keira.

Pyramid Club



Mavis, our new family worker held a 10 week Pyramid Club for the children in P4/5 and P6/7 during term 2. The aim of the club is to boost children's confidence and self-esteem through doing lots of fun games and activities in a small group setting. In the photograph above the children were enjoying some outdoor activities including planting seeds.