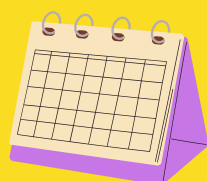




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# Ballykeel Bulletin – 9th May

## Dates For The Diary



- **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
- **Tues 24th May** - 9am-10am P7 Parent Coffee Morning with Mavis
- **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 to follow)

**Finishing times are as follows:**

- **Nursery and P4-P7 at 1:30pm**
- **P2 and P3 at 1:40pm**
- **P1 at 1:50pm**

- **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
- **Fri 24th June** - This is the last day of school for P7 pupils and will include Prize giving and refreshments.
- **Mon 27th June** - Ballykeel Family Fest P1- P6 (More details to follow)

## Classes of the Month for April



- **Uniform Award** - P4LK
- **Positive Playground Behaviour Award** - P2JT and P7JH

## 'On Time Down Time'



Congratulations to P.5LM who had no one arriving in late after 9:00 w/b 25th April. P.5AM, P.7JH and P.6JDT came close with just one late recorded all week. We are doing the award weekly, instead of monthly, until the end of June. 3rd May to 6th May: The winning classes were P1CM, P5LM & P6JT, who had no lates this week. Well Done!

## Sponsored Walk with St. Brigid's PS

We are hoping to join together for a Sponsored Walk at the Ecos Centre on **Wed 25th May 2022**. Ballykeel will be raising money for Angel Wishes – a charity that supports Jake in P2AM.

## Daily Mile Celebration Day

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this. We collected a fantastic £342! Thank you!

## Coaching For Christ Fun Day



Throughout this year the 'Coaching For Christ' team has been working with all year groups in our school to deliver a series of football lessons. The coaches are all UEFA qualified and very skilled in coaching young children. The organisation's ethos is 'making better players on the pitch and better people off the pitch'. The Charity delivers all their lessons completely free of charge, but to help ensure the programme's future, schools involved can support them through running a Festival Day. We plan to do this on **Monday 23rd May**. We hope you will join with us to support the work of this wonderful organisation.

## Writing Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Mid & East Antrim Democracy Essay Writing competition. Pupils in P6 & P7 wrote their essay on the topic, 'If I was on the council...'. Sarah in P7H was overall winner, and Aime and Lewis from P7G were runners-up. All 3 got the chance, along with their parents, to visit the Mayor of Mid & East Antrim, William McGaughey, in his parlour for a special reception. Well done to everyone who took part, we were all impressed with your essays and your hard work!



## Inappropriate Language and Smoking at the School Gates and in the School Grounds

Please remember that we are a no smoking school. This also includes when you are dropping off or collecting children outside the gates. Please also be mindful of how children are spoken to as there have been cases reported of children being spoken to inappropriately at drop off and pick up times. We also respectfully request that parents/guardians refrain from using bad language at drop off and pick up.