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# **Ballykeel Bulletin - 12th September**

## Dates For The Diary European Day

Mon 19th Sept - School closed for the Bank Holiday

**Tues 20th Sept** - P4-P7 after school clubs begin

Mon 26th Sept - European

Day of Languages

**Thur 29th Sept** – Book fair and Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning (see below for details). **Mon 3rd & Mon 17th Oct** – P.1 pyjama

parties (More details to follow)

Fri 7th Oct – School Council elections

Mon 17th & Tues 18th Oct – School photographer

**Tues 18th Oct** - Parent Coffee Morning -Family Support Hub

Mon 24th Oct – Whole school flu vaccine Mon 24th Oct - Nursery to P.7 parent/teacher interviews.

**Wed 26th Oct** – 9:15am Harvest Assembly taken by the P5 children. P5 parents are welcome to attend.

Wed 26th Oct - School Disco evening -

- P.4 from 5:45 to 6:45
- P.5 P.7 from 7:00 to 9:00.

**Fri 28th Oct** – Breakfast Club open morning (more details will follow)

**Mon 31st Oct to Fri 4th Nov** – School closed for staff training and the mid-term break.



On Monday 26th September we will celebrate European Languages Day. All classes will take part in a variety of fun activities, such as learning a few words from a different language, food tasting, singing songs, dancing, playing games and taking part in quizzes about the different countries of Europe. As a school, we are keen to celebrate diversity and promote the importance of speaking different languages and are looking forward to this fun day.

## Making "History"

Congratulations to ex pupil Joshua McNeely, who has gained a place in Trinity College Dublin, to study History. We think he is the first pupil from Ballykeel to go to this university. Well done Joshua!





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## MacMillan Coffee Morning & Book Fair

On **Thursday 29th September**, we welcome the return of our ever popular Book Fair. You are invited to come along with your child/children and browse the bookshelves, make a purchase and enjoy a cuppa while you are there.

As you know in previous years we had tea/coffee/treat as part of the fundraising for Macmillan Coffee Morning. We would be so grateful if you could join with us this year again in gathering funds for this very worthy cause by donating a small amount into the collection boxes on that day.

Details will follow nearer the time so you know when to pick up your child to attend the event. Please save the date. Mrs. Montgomery



#### **Parent Coffee Morning**

The first coffee morning of the year will be held this **Thursday 15th September at 9:15am**. Please feel free to come along for a coffee and a catch up with Mavis.

## **Morning Drop**



To help staff and ensure the smooth operation of the school in the mornings, please remember to do the following:

- Ensure that your child arrives to school between **8:45 8:55am**.
- Ensure your child has everything with him/her for the day ahead e.g. school bag, healthy break, packed lunch.

If your child is late (after 8:55am) please walk them down the path and there will be a sign to indicate if the classroom doors are open. If the doors are not open the child must be brought to reception.



It is great to see such a good number of children attending our Breakfast Club. Please ensure your child arrives between 8:00-8:30am each morning. The cost of breakfast is 70p per day/£3.50 per week.