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Dates For The Diary

W/B 14th Nov - Anti Bullying Week
Mon 14th Nov - 'Odd Socks Day'
Tues 15th Nov - Tim Bailie author
Thurs 17th Nov - School closes at **1:00pm** for Nursery to **P.3** and **1:15** for **P.4 to P.7** for a staff event.
Fri 18th Nov - Nursery Open Afternoon; 1.15pm to 2.45pm.
Mon 21st Nov (P6BE) & Wed 23 Nov (P6JDT) - Young Enterprise Workshops.



Fri 2nd Dec - Tinsel & Treat Day. Classes will be decorated and children can bring one 'unhealthy treat' that day. **Non Uniform Christmas Jumper Day - £1 per child** to support Radio Cracker.
Wed 7th Dec - Nursery Nativity & Open morning & School Christmas Dinner.
Christmas Jumper Day! Children do not start school until 11.00am this morning.
Thu 8th Dec - Choir to Radio Cracker.
Fri 9th Dec - Mrs Sheeran's Christmas Quiz for P4-P7 classes.
Mon 12th & Tue 13th Dec - P1/2 Nativity.
Thu 15th Dec - P3 Nativity

Fri 16th Dec - Generation Celebration Afternoon Tea for Senior Citizens. P3 will perform their nativity and the choir will be singing at this event.

Mon 19th Dec - 1.15-3.00pm - P1-P3 Christmas Party

Tue 20th Dec - Carol Service - P6 & P7. P4-P7 Fun Night - 7.00 - 8.30pm.

Wed 21st Dec - School closes **12.00pm** for P4-P7 and **12.15pm** for Nursery - P3.

Thu 5th Jan - School Re-opens



Pupils of the Month



P1CM - Isla
P1KH - Ellie-Mae
P2JT - Jay
P2AMA - Harvey
P3CM - Noah
P3AT - Michael
P4SM - CJ

P4LK - Avi-Louie
P5MA - Maddyn
P5LM - Summer
P6JDT - Cora
P6BE - Calvin
P7SG - Aimee-Rose
P7JH - Sam

Class of the Month

Positive Playground Behaviour - P2 JT & P7 SG
Attendance - P3CM
Uniform - P4SM



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Breakfast Club Open Morning

On Friday 28th October we held our annual Breakfast Club Open Morning. Nursery and P1 parents were invited to come in and have breakfast and with their children. The event is always well supported and this year a total of 20 parents were able to attend. Thank you to those of you who were able to make it, it was great to see you there! The non-uniform 'Slip into Slippers' day also contributed to the fun and lively atmosphere. Finally, in the run up to our half-term break the children in Breakfast Club participated in a colouring competition and during the open morning, winners were announced, and prizes were given out. Below is a picture of the winners from Nursery to P7.



Harvest Collection for Foodbank



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this. The donations were gratefully received by High Kirk Church Foodbank.



Drop off and collection at the Shetland Gardens side of the school

In order to try and reduce congestion, if you are able to drop your child off at the top of the road where they can walk down the path themselves, or with you, that would be greatly appreciated.



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Football Tournament

On what was a very blustery and autumnal afternoon, the Ballykeel team set out for Carniny PS for a friendly tournament. This tournament was a precursor to a follow-up competition (also to be held at Carniny) which will serve as a regional qualifier for a big 'finals' day against other schools from the Ballymena area.

This was a highly-competitive round of matches, with very little between the teams. Well done to all who took part today.

Team

Carter (GK)	Maxwell
Izak	Sam
Mason (captain)	Parker
Calum	Adam

Results

Ballykeel 1-1 St Colmcille's (Goal Adam)
Ballykeel 1-1 Camphill (Goal Parker)
Ballykeel 1-0 Carniny (Goal Adam pen.)
Ballykeel 0-0 Ballymena



Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-bullying week will be held in school from 14th - 18th November. As usual we will start the week off with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 14th to celebrate how we are all different by wearing odd socks with our uniforms. On Tuesday 15th local author, Tim Bailie, is coming into school to read his latest book and talk to classes about his anti-bullying message. Throughout the week classes will be completing art, circle time sessions and activities to support the nationwide message of 'Reach Out'.