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Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 21st March - 'Lots of Socks Day' to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.

Wednesday 29th March - 9.30am - Easter Assembly in Ballykeel Presbyterian Church. Parents/Carers of P4 children are invited to attend.

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th April (evenings) - School production of Aladdin.

Thursday 6th April - School closes for Easter Holidays. Please note the following pick-up times: **P4-P7 -**

12.00pm, Nursery - P3 - 12.15pm.

Friday 7th April - Wednesday 19th April - School closed for Easter Holidays

Thursday 20th April - School re-opens

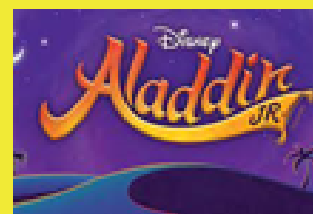
Monday 1st May - School Closed for Bank Holiday.

Friday 5th May - **Celebration Day for King Charles III Coronation** for the children, followed in the afternoon by our 'School Fair' to celebrate the coronation together with parents and carers.

Monday 8th May - School Closed for additional Bank Holiday to mark the King's Coronation

Thursday 18th May - School closed for local elections

Friday 26th May - Wednesday 31st May - School closed for Bank Holiday and Staff Training



We are really looking forward to our production of 'Aladdin' which will be held on TUESDAY 4TH AND WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023 at 7.00pm. Tickets have been sold through the classes and the show is now a sell-out.

Morrelli's ice cream will be available during the interval (£2.00), and we will also be selling ballot tickets (£1 each) for a lovely hamper put together by the staff.



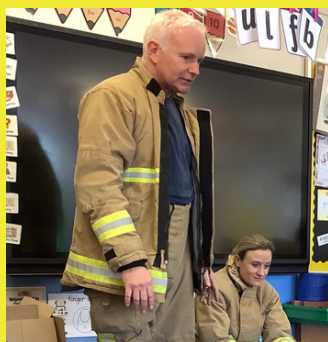
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P1 Helping Hands



In Primary 1, as part of our 'Helping Hands' topic we had a visit from Ballymena Fire Brigade. The fire fighters talked to us about what they do, and the equipment they wear and use. The children asked the fire fighters some great questions! The children were so excited as they got to see inside the fire engine and hear the siren. The visit really helped bring our topic to life, and reminded us of the importance of fire safety in our homes – make sure you put your “thumbs up” every week, to check if your smoke alarm is working properly.



P5 Fire Safety



On Monday 13th of March, we had the pleasure of welcoming members of Ballymena Fire Brigade to Ballykeel Primary School. The firefighters delivered a fire safety talk to the two P5 classes. They discussed the importance of having a fire safety plan and a working smoke alarm which they showed us how to test. The firefighters gave us tips on what to do in the event of a fire, such as crouching low to avoid smoke before opening a door. The children had the opportunity to try on some of the fire safety equipment. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and useful session. If you don't have a fire alarm, please contact the Ballymena Fire Brigade and they will install one for you for free!



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Football Team



The Ballykeel footballers have won the BPSFA 5-a-side tournament, which was held at Antrim Forum on March 9th.

The final was against Group 2 winners Buick, and the final score was Ballykeel 4-0 Buick (Adam 2, Mason 2)

A huge well done to the team, who played a high-energy passing and pressing game throughout the competition. A thoroughly deserved victory!

Hockey Team



Last Thursday, the hockey team competed in the NI Pearson/ McCloy Cup Ballymena Regional Tournament. The girls played brilliantly and did the school proud. They won their match against Carniny PS with Layla scoring the winning goal. They drew against Buick PS and lost to Antrim PS boys' team.

With the great results, the girls got through to the semi-finals where they faced Antrim PS girls' team. This was a close match, however unfortunately Antrim won 1-0. The girls had a brilliant day and were so pleased to get through to the semi-finals. The team consisted of Emeli, Sophia, Keiva, Maisie, Macy, Katie and Layla.

St Patrick's Day



Eve Lowry has been doing some fun St. Patrick's Day lessons with our P1-P4 classes. She taught the children about St. Patrick's life and how he came as a missionary to Ireland to tell the people about God. The children were given some fun interactive activities and challenges to do which they really enjoyed.