BALLYKEEL BUGLE - NOVEMBER 2018 WEBSITE: www.ballykeelps.org.uk

CHILD PROTECTION - Designated Teacher: Mr J Fisher Deputy Designated Teachers: Mrs J Thompson and Mrs S Müller

Important Dates For Your Attention

NOVEMBER

Tues 6th NOV – P3 trip to Portglenone Forest with St Brigid's

Wed 7th NOV – P4 to receive their own Bible from Mr P McMullan at KS2 Assembly

Thurs 8th NOV – P5 to Ballymena North Centre – Ulster Orchestra Concert.

W/B 12th NOV - Anti Bullying Week (more details to follow)

Tues 13th NOV - P2 Shared Ed - Play Based Learning.

Tues 13th NOV - P3LK to St Brigid's, St Brigid's to P3CM

Wed 14th NOV - P6 trip to Titanic Thurs 15th NOV – P4 Parents (or new parents from P5-P7) Accelerated Reader information session 9.00am. Separate letter to follow.

Tues 20th NOV -P1KM to St Brigid's, St Brigid's to P1KH

W/B Mon 26th NOV – Last week of clubs (except 2-3 & Mad 4 Maths & Choir) Tues 27th NOV - Flu vaccine - whole school.

Thurs 29th NOV - Parental Consultation Group meeting – 9.00am – see below for more details

Thurs 29th NOV - Nursery Open Afternoon – see below for details.

DECEMBER

Thurs 6th DEC – Nursery Nativity & new P1 Open Morning (am) SCHOOL STARTS at 11.30am and FINISHES at

2.00pm. More details will follow. Thurs 6th DEC - CHRISTMAS

DINNER for Nursery P1-P7

Fri 7th DEC – Nursery Christmas Fair. 6.30 - 8.30pm. See below for details.

Mon 10th DEC – Choir to Radio Cracker Mon 10th DEC – St Brigid's to visit to see P1/2 Nativity

Tues 11th & Wed 12th DEC - P1/P2 Nativity(am)

Wed 12th DEC – St Brigid's to visit to see P3 Nativity

Thurs 13th DEC – P3 Nativity (am)

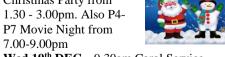
Fri 14th DEC - Nativity and Coffee

Morning for Senior Citizens

Mon 17th DEC - P1-P3 to visit St Brigid's

Mon 17th DEC - P1-P3

Christmas Party from 1.30 - 3.00pm. Also P4-P7 Movie Night from



Wed 19th DEC - 9.30am Carol Service lead by P4 & P5 children Thurs 20th DEC - SCHOOL CLOSES

AT 12noon

JANUARY 2019

Wed 2nd JAN – SCHOOL CLOSED for **Staff Training**

Thurs 3^{rd} JAN – whole school trip to cinema (letter will follow later)

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be on sale in the school on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th Nov. Minimum donation 50p.

NURSERY FAIR

Nursery Fair will be held on FRIDAY 7th DEC **6.30 - 8.30pm.** If you know any stallholders who would like a space



at the fair, please get them to contact the school office - 028 25653902 for further information.

If you would like to donate a prize for the nursery raffle, please leave it in at the Nursery Unit or contact Mrs Müller.

NURSERY OPEN DAY



If you have a child whose date of birth is from 02/07/15 to 01/07/16 they will be eligible to start Nursery education in September 2019. We would like to invite you to attend our Nursery Open Day on Thursday 29th November from 1.30 -3.00pm. If you have not already given the school your child's details, please contact the school office and an invitation will be sent out to you.

If your child is still too young for next year you can contact the office to put their names down on our register to receive future information.

The way in which parents apply for Pre-School places is changing. Online applications are being introduced for admission to Pre-School in the 2019/2020 school vear.

You should check the following website www.eani.org.uk/admissions-

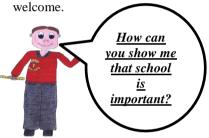
guides/pre-school-admissions-guide from the end of November 2018 for updates on how to apply for a place, key dates in the admissions procedure and pre-school providers' admissions criteria for September 2019 admissions.

MILK MONEY

Primary School Pupils Only Milk money to cover from Friday 4th January - Friday 15th February is £6.51. THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on / before Wednesday12th December as late orders cannot be made.

PARENTAL CONSULTATION GROUP

A group of parents met with Mrs Sheeran and Mrs Thompson on Thursday 25th October for a chat and a cup of coffee. We talked about the ways in which we communicate with you and some suggestions were given as to how we could make this better. We also looked at the new school report format. Other things were discussed such as clubs, school council, the car park and additional supports for children. Some great ideas and suggestions were made. The next meeting is on Thursday 29th November at 9:00am where we aim to talk about fundraising, school finance and children's mental health. If you would like to come along please do so, any parent/guardian is



- Send me to school everyday
- Make sure I am on time each day
- Take an interest in what I am doing in school
- Attend the 'Meet the Teacher' at the beginning to each year so you can see my classroom and meet my new teacher
- Attend the Parent/Teacher interviews in October and February so you can hear how well I am doing, how hard I am trying and what I love doing in school
- *Help me with my homework* - make sure I know my spellings and tables. Hear me read and ask me questions about my reading book, and if I am stuck help me with the written homework
- Do not take me out of school for holidays.

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A SMARTIE SUCCESS!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated money

towards our school fund-raising. An amazing amount of



£2235.45 was raised in total. This money will go towards supporting our own school funds

On the last day of half-term, we had a 'Smarties Party' day to celebrate everyone's hard work. The day consisted of dressing up in colourful clothing as a non-uniform day and completing lots of colourful activities, including a whole school 'Smarties pants' art challenge! P1-P3 classes enjoyed having a 'Smarties Party' in their classrooms, taking part in a variety of different games including a colourful pass the parcel, guess the colour game and musical statues. P4-P7 children also participated in some traditional party games with a colourful twist, as well as some exciting science experiments. Mrs Bradley and her team provided a lovely colourful lunch in the canteen too!

Thank you again to everyone for your kind generosity. Thank you also to the shops who donated the Smartie tubes. They were the Candy Corner at Ballykeel, Spar at the Rosses, Today's Extra in Harryville, Wyse Byse and The Phoenix Garage.

By Mrs R McKelvey

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We are making a change
to how we add News to
the School website. From
now on you will find
general School news and
reminders on the
Homepage. To view
photos and videos of your
child click on Classes,
then select the
appropriate year group.

BALLYKEEL PS School Council

Election - The School Council Election buzz was in full force in the week running up to this year's big vote. Following the tireless canvassing for votes, the following children were appointed to office to serve for the year:

P4CC - Lily-Rose Wright P4JT - Alex Mawhinney P5MA - Alfie Abraham

P5BE - Codie Brown

P6JF - Jamie Quigley

P6SM - Bethany Herbison

P7JH - Kyle Harkness

P7SG – Eli Redmond

Well done to all who ran in this year's election!



ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader is a great way of encouraging your child to read more. Each child begins this programme by taking a computer based guiz which gives them a level. They choose books within this level from the class library. All P4-P7 classes participate in this and children are given time to read books in school and we encourage them to read



home. After at finishing their book, each child takes a computer based quiz which tests how accurately they have

been reading. In school we convert these scores into points which children can collect and exchange for prizes (wear your slippers in class, voucher for a canteen break etc.). Please support us in this by:

- encouraging your child to accurately,
- ask them how many points they have accumulated
- remind them to take a guiz in school.
- Check their Homework Diary for how many quizzes they have taken and passed

Quiz times are: Wednesday Thursday at 8.30am.

By Mrs Montgomery

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Last week, Emma came in from Young Enterprise to teach the Primary 4's about the community. We looked at the importance of businesses to a community and in groups we got to create our own business. We were also very lucky to have a visit from James who owns his own business in Harryville.

By Miss C. McConnell

THE MUSIC ROOMS

October we were delighted to



welcome musicians from The Music Rooms into school. They told the children a little

bit about each of their instruments and then played songs which highlighted each one. The children really enjoyed clapping and singing along, and some of the teachers did too ... watch the video on our website to see and hear more! If your child is interested in music lessons, perhaps give The Music Rooms a shout on 0845 680 3405 or visit them online at

www.music-rooms.com By Mrs. B Esler

SHOE BOX APPEAL

This year we are creating shoe box gifts again to support the Samaritan's Purse Children's Appeal. Your

child will be learning about this in school and then will hopefully contribute one small item to their class' shoe box. As always we really appreciate your generosity supporting charity work in school. Hopefully these shoe box gifts will make Christmas special for children across Europe this year.

By Mrs. McKelvey

CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-OCTOBER 2018 FOR ATTENDANCE:- P6SM FOR UNIFORM:- P1KH **GOLDEN BALL CLASSES:-**P4CC & P5MA

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1KH – TEEJAY TODD

P1KM -DANIEL COLE

P2JT -RUBEN WRIGHT

P2AM-MAXWELL McDOWELL

P3LK – ARIA MAGILL

P3CM – ALEX OUIGLEY

P4JDT -NATASHA AGNEW

P4CC -JOSH WOULAHAN

P5MA -MILEY SEMPEY

P5BE-LACEY MULHOLLAND

P6SM-COREY BLACK

P6JF -KATIE-LEIGH SWANN

P7SG -**BROOKE REID**

SOPHIA BURNSIDE P7JH-

FOOTBALL NEWS

Friday 5th October saw the annual Owen Daley 7-a-side Tournament taking place at the Ballymena Showgrounds.

Team:

Marc Agnew (GK), Eli Redmond, Jamie Acheson, James Dickson, Gary Kenny (C), Bobby Crawford, Calvin Termonia, Calum Matchett, Cavan Cully

Having won the group stage with 14 points, Ballykeel progressed to the semi-final where tough opposition was met in the shape of a well organised Broughshane side. After normal time, extra time and a period of golden goal play, the scoreline remained locked at 0 - 0. Penalties were required to separate the teams, and it was Broughshane who advanced to the final with a 2-1 shootout win.

A big well done to each player who took part, especially to those who stepped up to make their senior team debut. By Mr J Hughes