# BALLYKEEL BUGLE - OCTOBER 2019

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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **OCTOBER**

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – P3CM to St Brigids.

– All About Me

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – School Council

Elections. See below

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Photographer (Cool for Schools) – see letter sent home

Tues 8th Oct – P3LK to St Brigids

- Archimboldo Art. P1 to St Brigids – to be confirmed.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Whole school flu vaccination

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – P6 bag packing Tesco – Mark Lynn Foundation

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct –P1 Pyjama Party (more details to follow)

Tues 15th Oct – P3 St Brigids all to P3 Ballykeel PS - Activity Based Learning. P2 to St Brigids – to be confirmed.

W/B Mon 21st Oct – Nursery to P.7 Parent/Teacher interviews.

#### SCHOOL CLOSES at 1.00pm for NURSERY and P1-P7 at 1.30pm for this week.

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – P3CM to St Brigids - Healthy Homes

Wed  $23^{rd}$  Oct – 9.15am Harvest Service taken by P5 pupils and their parents/friends will be welcome to attend this Assembly

Wed 23rd Oct - DISCO. P4 from 5.45pm to 6.45pm. **P5-P7** from 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Family Portrait Photo Sessions – see letter sent home

Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov – Mid Term Break

#### **DATES YOU MIGHT** LIKE TO KNOW!

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – P3s to Portglenone Forest with P3s St Brigids

Sat 9th NOV + Sat 23rd NOV and Sat 30th NOV-AQE TESTS

W/B 11th NOV - Anti Bullying Week

Tues 12th NOV - P1 & P2 to St Brigids to be confirmed.

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> NOV – Nursery Open Afternoon. P6 trip to Titanic

Sat 16th NOV - GL TESTS

Tues 19th Nov - P3LK to St Brigids -Differences Help Us Learn

**DECEMBER** 

Thurs 5th DEC -Nursery Nativity & P1 Open Morning & Christmas Dinner



Fri 6<sup>th</sup> DEC – Nursery Christmas Fair. Tues 10th & Wed 11th DEC – P1/P2 Nativity(am)

Thurs 12th DEC – P3 Nativity (am) Fri 13<sup>th</sup> DEC – Coffee Morning, Nativity and Choir for Senior Citizens

Wed 18th DEC - P1-P3 Christmas Party from 1.15 - 3.00pm.

Thurs 19th DEC – 9.30am Carol Service lead by P6 & P7 children. Also P4-P7 Movie Night from 7.00-9.00pm

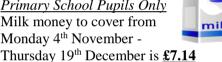
Fri 20th DEC - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 12noon

Mon 6th JANUARY 2020

School re-opens with a trip to the cinema.

#### **MILK MONEY**

Primary School Pupils Only Milk money to cover from Monday 4th November -



THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on MONDAY 21st October as late orders cannot be made.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS



school council The elections are due to take place on Friday  $4^{th}$ October children in the P4-P7

classes. The boys and girls have been busy preparing speeches and canvassing ahead of the big vote, and results will be announced on Friday afternoon. All the best to those who are taking part!

#### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

**Cool For Schools** photographer will be in school on MONDAY

7th October to take the pupils' photographs. Family Portrait session will be by appointment on SATURDAY 26th October

from 9.30am. See letter sent home with your child for booking details.

#### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** -A BIG 'THANK YOU'

We really appreciate all the parents and friends who came to our Macmillan Coffee morning last Thursday. The final total collected was

£423.00! So a thank special your you for generous giving.

#### CAR PARK ARRANGEMENTS

Can I please encourage all parents yet again to use the car park properly, park properly in spaces, do not park behind others, do not block the entrance and do not let your children run across the car park.

Some suggestions to help reduce congestion:

- If you live in the Ballykeel area, please walk and do not bring your car
- Park a short distance from the school and walk over
- Rev McNeely is more than happy for parents to use the car park at the church – this is just across the road from the school.
- Remember consideration and courtesy to local residents if you are parking in their residential areas, do so safely.

Also:- If you are collecting children at 3pm, please stay at the gates and keep any younger siblings with you - do not let them come into the school grounds and down the path.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds at any time.



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Free online books are available through

By Mrs C Montgomery

# **SMARTIES FUNDRAISING**

This year our fundraising will go towards supporting our own school funds, particularly with the vision of being able to renew our sports pitch



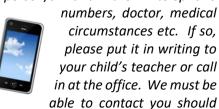
at the back of school in the next couple

of years. Each family has already received a Smarties tube and the aim is to fill it up with 20ps. To celebrate the pupils' hard work we will host a whole school Smarties Party on Friday 18th October where pupils can attend COLOURFUL NON UNIFORM. classes will play party games and do some colourful art activities and lessons. We are very grateful to the Candy Corner in Ballykeel and Today's Extra who kindly donated some Smartie tubes to us. Enjoy your smarties and thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising!

By Mrs A. McWhirter

#### <u>CHANGE OF</u> CIRCUMSTANCES

Have any details in relation to your child changed over the summer? For example landline number, mobile phone number, address, contact person/s and their telephone



the need arise and we need to update your new number on our texting service.

# OUR FRIENDS IN ST. BRIGID'S PS.

Over the past seven years Ballykeel PS have been working very closely with the staff and pupils from St. PS. Brigid's We have participated in a range of different programmes with St. Brigid's and this year is no different! In fact, we even have a new sporting initiative starting this year that some children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to get involved with. Most of the shared work we do with St. Brigid's relies upon us receiving funding and we are delighted that we have funding for secured incoming year to do such work. The funding will enable us to pay for transport. Every class from P1-P7 will meet classes from St. Brigid's PS at different stages throughout the year. We will also have a shared school council who will help to make decisions and suggestions about our shared work together. Last year the shared school council made suggestions about the 'Spring Concert' and the 'Sponsored Walk'.

This year we will be involving parents in a few different ways and we will let you know about these events in due course. In the meantime, please keep an eye out for more information in due course and on the class pages on the website and on the Bugle. By Miss K. McGlaughlin





#### **CLASSES OF THE MONTH FOR**

- ATTENDANCE:- P3CM
- UNIFORM:- P6SM/P4JDT
- GOLDEN CLASS :- P5BE

# PUPILS OF THE MONTH for SEPTEMBER

PIKC LACY RUSSELL
PIKM ABIGAIL McCORMICK
P2JT EMILY GILLESPIE
P2AM DYLAN TURTLE
P3LK RILEY PICKEN
P3CM ISAAC JOHNSTON
P4JDT MICHAEL TURTLE
P4CC OLIVIE KOVACOVA
P5BE TAYLOR HAMILTON
P5MA LILY-ROSE WRIGHT
P6SM NICOLE TODD
P6JF TIANA WALSH
P7SG KATIE HAMILTON
P7JH AIMEE FULLERTON

# LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY GUIDANCE

In order to be able to keep accurate records, a child leaving school early needs to have a valid reason and an appointment letter/card from the medical practitioner, brought in before the appointment, along with a letter from the parent/guardian explaining why the child is leaving school. *Please note* 

that permission will only be given to requests which are put in writing and signed by a parent or guardian. In

the absence of above, children leaving school early will be recorded as absent and % attendance will therefore be affected.