BALLYKEEL BUGLE - NOVEMBER 2019 WEBSITE: www.ballykeelps.org.uk

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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER



Tues 5th Nov – P3s to Portglenone Forest with P3s St Brigids Wed 6th Nov – Parent Consultation meeting at 9.15am. See website. Sat 9th NOV + Sat 23rd NOV and Sat 30th NOV- AOE TESTS W/B 11th NOV – Anti Bullying Week Mon 11th NOV- Zane's coffee morning Tues 12th NOV - P1KM & P2JT to St Brigids. St Brigids to P1KC & P2AM Fri 15th NOV – Nursery Open Afternoon. See details below. Fri 15th NOV – P6 trip to Titanic Sat 16th NOV - GL TESTS Tues 19th Nov - P3LK to St Brigids and St Brigids P3CM Wed 20th Nov - Football Club visit Windsor Park Stadium, Belfast Fri 29th Nov – Choir to Ballyclug Parish Church (am)

DECEMBER Thurs 5th DEC -



Nursery Nativity & P1 Open Morning & Canteen Christmas Dinner

School starts at 11.30am and finishes for all pupils at 2.00pm Fri 6th DEC – Nursery Christmas Fair. 6.30pm -8.30pm Tues 10th & Wed 11th DEC – 9.30am - P1/P2 Nativity Thurs 12th DEC – SCHOOL **CLOSED FOR ELECTION** Fri 13th DEC – 9.30am P3 Nativity. 1.15pm P3 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. Everyone is very welcome. 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. More details to follow. Tues 28th Jan – 9.15am Parent Consultation Meeting.

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



If you have a child whose date of birth is from 02/07/16 to 01/07/17 they will be eligible to start Nursery education in September 2020. We would like to invite you to attend our Nursery Open Day on FRIDAY 15th 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.

PRIMARY ONE 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 Primary education in September 2020. We would like to invite you to attend our P1 Open Morning on THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER from 10.00 -11.15 am.

MILK MONEY

Primary School Pupils Only Milk money to cover from Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February is £6.30 THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on MONDAY 9th December as late orders cannot be made.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We have been working alongside Women's Aid on Monday afternoons to put together an assembly that will promote the message of anti-bullying. We have come up with lots of ideas and suggestions which we are looking

forward to bringing to you at а special assembly after the halfterm holidays.



BY: Abbie, Lexi, Eloise, Benjamin, Freddie, Cassie, Corey and Jay

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL PENSIONERS! DATE FOR THE DIARY!

Senior citizens are most welcome to attend our P3 Nativity Play: 'A Midwife Crisis' on Friday 13th December 2019 from 1:15 –3:00 am (approx.) Followed by Afternoon Tea

Following the success of previous 'Generation Celebration' events we intend to host another special occasion that encourages the local community to celebrate together and also helps to bring generations together. We would therefore like to invite you to a nativity play that Primary Three classes will perform, and afternoon tea, on Friday 13th December 2019 from 1:15 -3:00pm am (approx.) Please come along to join us for a bit of Christmas spirit and craic. Our fabulous school choir will also be performing and will encourage vou to sing along to some Christmas favourites.

School staff, pupils and members of the board of governors will be there to help make the event entertaining, intergenerational, and good fun!

The event is free of charge. If you would like to come along please the telephone school, on 02825653902, to register your attendance.

Mrs C Montgomery

SHOE BOX APPEAL



This year we are going to create shoe box gifts again to support the Samaritan's

Purse Children's

Appeal. Your child will be learning about this in school and then we hope that each child will contribute one small item to their class' shoe box. As always we really appreciate your generosity in supporting charity work in school. This is an extremely worthwhile cause and hopefully our shoe box gifts will make Christmas special for children across Europe this year.

A McWhirter and C McConnell



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"Can You Hear the Eco?"

This year, our school is trying to renew its Eco Flag environmental status. In order for us to achieve this, we need EVERYONE to join us in trying to meet our environmentally friendly targets. Please keep an eye out for our posters around the school and at the school gates, and watch out for Eco flag updates on the website or in the Bugle.

To keep you informed, we have created a new page on our school website. Just go to "School Life" and click on "Eco news" to see all the exciting work being carried out!

So far we have formed an Eco committee, made of 16 children from P4 to P7 classes, as well as parents, teachers and members of the wider community. We meet every Wednesday from 2.30 pm to 4pm. We are now on step 2 of this process. As soon as we finish our review, we will decide what we need to do and create an action plan.

The Eco Committee believes that we should "Be the change you wish to see in the world".

The Eco Flag process has 7 steps:

Forming an Eco committee
Carrying out an

- environmental review
- 3) Creating an Action Plan

4) Monitoring and evaluating evidence

5) Linking our work to the curriculum

6) Informing and evolving

7) Updating our school Eco code





CLASSES OF THE MONTH FOR

- ATTENDANCE:- P5MA
- UNIFORM:- P5MA
- <u>GOLDEN CLASS</u> :- *P7JH*

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

PIKCZOE McFETRIDGEPIKMCHRIS STEWARTP2JTJAIDEN CAIRNSP2AMCOLE MAWHINNEYP3LKGABRIELLA JANKEVICAP3CMLOGAN BLAINP4JDTTRISTAN MILLARP4CCMAISY DAWSONP5BERYLIE MARKP5MACLARK BALMERP6SMBEN HAMILTONP6JFSAMARA DAVDISONP7SGJANE CHURCHP7JHJENNA DOWDS

SHARED SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019-2020

The shared school council met for the first time on Tuesday 15^{th} October 2019. We discussed the planned activities for the year ahead and made suggestions for improving upon our activities in 2018-2019.

We are looking forward to working together over the next year and making decisions that will impact upon our shared partnership.

Keep an eye on the website, the Bugle and the noticeboard for more information. Thank you,

Corey, Cassie, Eloise and Lexi.



ST BRIGID'S VISITED P1KM



St Brigid's visited P1KM on 8th October. We enjoyed introducing ourselves to each other by playing a name game and then we had our snack together.

Then we talked about the differences and the similarities between our two schools and our school uniforms. We watched the story 'Tom Helps Out'.

We played a game called 'Bear Hugs' and Aleah and Jessica were very good friends together. They can't wait to see each other again!

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

P4CM recently had Emma in from Young Enterprise to teach us about local businesses in the community. In groups we had to think about what business would be important to have in a community and we had to pitch our ideas to the class. We also had James in who owns a local business in Harryville. He gave us an insight into what it is like to be owner and answered an questions that the class had. We thoroughly enjoyed having Emma and James in.

<u>A SMARTIE SUCCESS!</u>

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated money



towards our school fundraising. An amazing amount of £2118.39 was raised in total. This money will go towards supporting our own school funds. As a way of thanking the children for raising such a great amount of money we had a 'Smarties Party' day which consisted of dressing up in colourful clothing and completing lots of colourful activities and games. Mrs Bradley and her team provided a lovely colourful lunch in the canteen too! Thank you again to everyone for your kind generosity and to the shops who donated Smartie tubes.

A McWhirter and C McConnell