

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 28th May – 'NI Does the Daily Mile' – see details below

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June - **School closed** for holidays and staff training

Tuesday 29th June – **School closes at 12:00** for the summer break.



NORTHERN IRELAND DOES THE DAILY MILE

On Friday 28th May we are going to be taking part in an event called 'Northern Ireland Does The Daily Mile.'

This event aims to encourage many primary schools in Northern Ireland to get moving on the same day, to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health. This will be a non-uniform day and all children may come to school in trainers and sports gear to enable us to get into an athletic spirit! All classes will have walked or ran a mile by the end of the day and we hope that the children will enjoy taking part in this event.



THE 'THRIVE HIVE' NURTURE ROOM

Our school has been given the fantastic opportunity to open a new Nurture Unit. After a full refurbishment, the new 'Thrive Hive' officially opened on Monday 10th May. The Nurture Unit is being run by Mrs McGuckin and assisted by Mrs Nevin. It is designed to be a bridge between home and school. The room is a place where children will come to relax, share breakfast together and further develop their emotional well-being, as well developing their skills in all other areas of the curriculum. The new unit is a wonderful asset to our school and over time it will offer many children a chance to re-visit their early learning skills and maximise their potential as they continue on their educational journey.



BY LAND, BY SEA, BY AIR - P3CM

We are learning about our local seashore. We did some researching about rock pools. They are habitats for lots of different creatures. We learned about some of these creatures. We looked at shells and discovered that some of these shells were called limpets. Inside the shell lives a little soft bodied animal. The limpet will cling to the rock when it feels it is in danger. We learned the names of other shells like periwinkle, razor shells and mussels and clams. We have some of these in our classroom. We also learned about starfish, shrimps, jellyfish and crabs.

As part of our lesson we did a watercolour painting of a rock pool.

Rock pools are found when the tide is out and a great place for these are Portballintrae. Why not pay a visit there this summer?



MORE GOLFING SUCCESS FOR PARKER



Parker, in P5AR, made an appearance in this week's Ballymena Guardian! Last weekend he competed in the North of Ireland Tour US Kids Golf tournament at Clondeboy Golf Club. He finished third in the competition and we are so proud of him. Well done Parker. By - Mrs Ritchie.



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