

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



December 2016

Another success for Bushmills Primary!

“Congratulations” and “Thank You” to all who worked so hard to make “The Amazing Adventures of Superstan!” the great success that it was. Our dress rehearsal was held on Tuesday 13th December when the audience for the morning was pupils from our Nursery Unit along with Year 8 pupils from Dunluce School! Feedback (after all performances) was very positive and already a few ideas are being tossed about regarding what next year’s production could be.

Once again the hard work paid off, whether it was remembering the words of the songs or scripts, organising the costumes, painting scenery, making props, I am delighted to report that everyone at Bushmills Primary rose to the challenge, so Well Done!



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Christmas Past and Present



On Thursday 1st December pupils in Primary 4 to Primary 7 were invited to Dunluce School for their production of "Christmas Past and Present". Everyone had an enjoyable time and it was nice to see a few familiar faces amongst the cast!.

Bonjour Amigos

Spanish Lessons for pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 7 continue on Friday mornings with "Bonjour Amigos" language tutor, Christina McGarvey. All pupils have been working hard and our younger pupils (Primary 1 to Primary 3) were able to sing in Spanish at our Carol Service held earlier today. Well done boys and girls!



P.T.A. Thanks

A massive thanks to our P.T.A Committee members who have worked extremely hard throughout the first term. Whether it was helping to organise the Hamper Raffle, taking care of the tuck shop at "The Amazing Adventures of Superstan!" performances, serving tea/coffee at our Carol Service, organising the Halloween Disco, helping with the make-up for our production, to name but a few, it really has been greatly appreciated! Please be assured your hard work and dedication never goes unnoticed. In addition, due to this hard work our hall is now complete with new curtains—kindly purchased by our P.T.A. Once again—Thanks!



CEF Fun Day

On Thursday 1st December, Stephen Chamber and Lynda McAuley from CEF spent the whole day in school as part of their Christmas Outreach Sessions. The morning began with a whole school assembly followed by sessions in individual classrooms where pupils took part in quizzes and crafts. All pupils in Nursery, Primary 1 to Primary 3 were involved!



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Choir Performances



On Friday 9th December our choir members (along with Miss Logan and Miss McBride) performed at one of the Christmas Lunch Events which was held at Bushmills Presbyterian Church. Staff and pupils were delighted to be invited to stay for lunch before they returned to school. Also on Wednesday 14th December the choir members entertained customers at the local Spar for a short time as part of their PR Event.

“Whoops-A-Daisy Angel”

On Tuesday 20th December pupils from our Nursery Unit performed their version of “Whops-A-Daisy Angel”. A packed hall enjoyed the performance which even included a surprise visit from Santa! Many thanks to Miss Neely, Mrs Robb and



all our nursery pupils who have worked so hard over the past days and weeks to help make this event the huge success that it was.

Admission to Nursery & Primary School

Application forms are now available from the school office for any child that is due to start pre-school or primary education in September 2017.

Pre-school places are available for children who are in the target age group, i.e. who were born on or between 2nd July 2013 and 1st July 2014.



All children born on or between 2nd July 2012 and 1st July 2013 must begin their primary education from September 2017 because by that date they will have reached **COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE**.

All application forms must be returned to the school by **12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2017**.

APPLY NOW

Please feel free to contact Miss Logan or the school office for more information.

Attendance and Punctuality

The Attendance Cup and Punctuality prizes for the month of December will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 11th January. Attendance remains steady with the average class attendance for December being 92.3%

Results are as follows: -

1st:	Miss Logan	(P4/5)	97.1%
2nd:	Mrs Sheridan	(P6/7)	94.0%
3rd:	Mrs McAllister	(P1)	93.1%
4th:	Miss Fulton	(P2/3)	90.4%
5th:	Mrs Garrett	(Nursery)	88.2%



Well Done Miss Logan's P4/5 class!

Extended Schools Reminders

- ⇒ Please be reminded that Extended Schools activities will recommence on Thursday 5th January 2017 with Sports (P1 to P3) from 2:00pm to 3:00pm and Football (P4 to P7) from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- ⇒ Shared reading programme for our Primary 1 to Primary 3 children will commence on Tuesday 10th January 2017)2:00pm to 3:00pm and will run for 6 weeks.



Swimming Lessons

The final swimming lessons (for Primary 4 and 5 pupils) will recommence on Friday 6th January 2017.



Breakfast Club



Breakfast club will commence again on the first day of term, Wednesday 7th January 2017.

School dinners

Please be reminded that the cost of a school dinner will increase from 1st January 2017 to £2.45 per day for Nursery pupils and £2.55 per day for primary school pupils.



Diary Dates

Christmas Vacation	22-Dec-16 to 03-Jan-17	Inclusive
Start of Term	04-Jan-17	9:00am sharp
Visit to Grand Opera House in Belfast	04-Jan-17	Leaving school at 11:30am returning at 5:30pm (approximately)
Shared Reading Afternoons	10-Jan-17, 17-Jan-17, 24-Jan-17, 31-Jan-17, 7-Feb-17 & 14-Feb-17	2:00pm -3:00pm
Library Van Visit	16-Jan-17	P1 to P7
Scholastic Book Fair	7-Feb-17 to 14-Feb-17	Inclusive
Half Term Break	16-Feb-17 to 21st-Feb-17	Inclusive (School Closed for All Pupils)
Peace Proms	26-Feb-17	Further details to follow

Dates for
the Diary:

Congratulations!

Congratulation to Miss McBride and her fiancé David who recently got engaged. We are all delights with the new and wish them every happiness for the future.



Cinderella

As you have already been made aware on Wednesday 4th January 2017, all pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 7 will be travelling to the Grand Opera House in Belfast to see their production of Cinderella. Following our own successful production we are looking forward to this visit.

Please note that all reply slips and payments have now been confirmed.

The arrangements for Wednesday 4th January 2017 are as follows:

- ⇒ Full school uniform **must** be worn
- ⇒ All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks yoghurts or milk please) and they will be given the opportunity to eat these once we arrive in Belfast
- ⇒ Please note that all pupils will received a **free snack** which will be provided by our own kitchen staff and given out at our usual break time
- ⇒ We plan to leave school at **11:30am** to travel to Belfast for the performance which begins at **1:30pm**
- ⇒ We will return at approximately **5:15pm** when all pupils should be picked up again at the school

Please note if your child is not travelling to the Opera House school will finish for them early that day at **11:15am sharp**.

Wednesday 4th January 2017 will be a normal day for pupils in our Nursery Unit (9:00am to 1:30pm).

Your help and co-operation with all these arrangements would be greatly appreciated.