

# Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



June 2017

As we now come to the end of yet another school year, I look back with great pride as I think about the many achievements and successes we as a whole school have enjoyed over the past 10 months.

Once again it has been a very busy year which included successes at Portstewart and Coleraine Music Festivals, catching a look at the famous 'Grand National Trophy', organising another hugely successful 'Spring Fair' and not forgetting our whole school fantastic fundraising efforts for the NSPCC!

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to once again thank you, the parents, for all the continued support you have given myself and all the staff over the past academic year and also to all the staff who work tirelessly to ensure your children are supported and encouraged to achieve and be the best that they can be.

Finally can I wish everyone a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break and trust that some good weather will be thrown in too!

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## Scripture Union Workshop

On Tuesday 20th June Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a Scripture Union Workshop taken by S.U. representative, Mr Adam McCready. The aim of the workshop was to help prepare our pupils for the transition process they would be facing as they move on from Primary School into Year 8.



## Nursery Induction

On Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June parents of children starting Nursery in September attended an information afternoon where Mrs Garrett gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining all about our Nursery Unit; (the activities that go on, daily routines etc.). Parents were then encouraged to take a walk around the Nursery and see for themselves the excellent work that goes on. New pupils also came along and spent time in the nursery meeting staff.



## Primary 1 Induction

Parents of pupils due to start Primary One in September attended an information morning with Mrs McAllister on Monday 25th June. Mrs McAllister gave an informative talk explaining all about life in Primary One, the activities that are on offer, daily routines, uniform to be worn etc. The following day (Tuesday 26th June) it was the turn of the pupils themselves to spend the morning with Mrs McAllister and Miss Glass in Primary One. The morning went well and so far so good!



## Charity Football Tournament

On Wednesday 7th June Bushmills Primary once again played host to a 'Fun Football Tournament' when we welcomed along a number of teams from different schools in the local area. A great day was had by all and this was a chance to not only show that football can be fun for everyone but gave the pupils the opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends with teams from neighbouring schools. Once again the event was a great success and this year helped to raise money for the NSPCC.



## Bushmills Has Got Talent!

A very successful Talent Show took place in school on Wednesday 28th June when entries were received from all classes. Singing, dancing, magic tricks, you name it the judges were faced with difficult decisions. A big thank you to our resident 'Ant & Dec' aka Johnathan Horner and Taylor Maxwell who ensured the programme of events ran smoothly. Also a huge 'Thanks' to our Primary 6 pupils along with Mrs McAllister and Miss Fulton who organised the entire competition. Finally 'Well Done' to all who took part!



## School Trips

On Tuesday 13th June Primaries 1-3 travelled to The Jungle outside Magherafelt, and in the same week, Friday 16th June, pupils from our Nursery Unit paid a visit to Rosepark Farm in Ballymoney. Finally on Monday 19th June Primary 4-7 pupils spent the day at Carrowmena Activity Centre in Limavady. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trips and a huge thanks to all staff for organising the visits and travelling with pupils to the various destinations.



## Prize Day

Our annual Prize Day took place on Friday 23rd June when past pupil and Principal of Knockloughrim Primary School, Mr Keith Wysner, came along as our special guest for the day. Once again this event was well supported by both parents and friends. Miss Logan opened proceedings by welcoming everyone before giving a brief report highlighting some of the major events of the school year. The school's successful choir performed two pieces (The Bare Necessities and Tomorrow) before the distribution of prizes got underway. Our special guest, Mr Wysner took a brief time to reminisce on his own school days at Busmills Primary school then congratulated all pupils on their achievements and encouraged them to continue to work hard at school and enjoy any new challenges they may be faced with. This was followed by the Chairman of the Board of Governors thanking the Principal and Staff for all their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Finally Prize day concluded with Primary 7 pupils performing the 'Leavers Farewell Poem'!



## R.B.L

Representatives from the local branch of the Royal British Legion visited school on Thursday 8th June to talk to Primary 7 pupils about the junior section of the British Legion and what it involves.



## Treasure Trove Day

Treasure Trove Day took place on Friday 9th June when all pupils received their awards for diligent work throughout the year in Numeracy and Literacy. The entire day was planned around a 'Pirate theme' and included pirate games, tasks, treats etc. Throughout the day pupils took part in activities and also had the opportunity to use the gold coins and jewels (which they have received from their efforts in Literacy and Numeracy) to claim exciting prizes at the treasure chest. Prizes were also given out for the 'best dressed' boy and girl in each class.



In the afternoon pupils in Primaries 3 to 7 had the opportunity to enjoy a range of 'wet' games before visiting the sweet shop prior to going home. A great day was had by all and a huge 'Thank you' must go to Miss McBride and Mrs McAllister for organising the entire event.

## Streetwise

On Thursday 15th June pupils in Primary 6 and 7 attended the 'Moyle Streetwise' event which was held at Ballycastle Presbyterian Church Hall. This was a safety event jointly organised by the local Home Accident Prevention group, Northern Health Trust and District Councils. It provided a practical based learning experience aimed at raising personal safety awareness in preparation for the transition to secondary school. Scenarios were delivered by a number of different organisations including N.I.F.R.S., P.S.N.I. and Northern Ireland Electricity. An enjoyable morning was had by all!!



## RNLI

Our Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils enjoyed a safety talk given by Mrs Valerie Thompson (Education Presenter for the RNLI) on Monday 19th June.

This talk gave our pupils the opportunity to participate in an informative and interactive beach safety presentation which covered key safety messages to include safety when using inflatables, the role of the RNLI, safety flags and signs etc.



## P.T.A.

Our school P.T.A Held their A.G.M. on Monday 5th June here in the school assembly Hall. Following light refreshments (on arrival), proceedings got underway with the chairperson and Treasurer giving briefs reports outlining the year's events. Miss Logan then thanked the outgoing P.T.A. committee members before voting took place to elect the new committee. Results were as follows:

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| ⇒ Chairperson         | Diane Wilmont   |
| ⇒ Vice Chairperson    | Sharon Nutt   |
| ⇒ Treasurer           | Stephanie McCook  |
| ⇒ Assistant Treasurer | Ellie Wilmont   |
| ⇒ Secretary           | Lorraine Purcell  |
| ⇒ Assistant Secretary | Cathy Sharkey   |
| ⇒ Members             | Tracey Myers<br>Emma Wilmont<br>Gillian Montgomery<br>Melissa Bolt<br>Charlene McAuley<br>Alan McAfee<br>Miss Logan<br>Miss McBride |



## Attendance

The Attendance Cup for the month of June will be presented at our first whole school assembly in September 2017. Attendance has remained steady this month with the average class attendance for June being 94.3%.

Results are as follows: -

1st:	Mrs McAllister	(P1)	97.1%
2nd:	Miss Logan	(P4/5)	95.3%
3rd:	Miss Fulton	(P2/3)	95.1%
4th:	Mrs Garrett	(Nursery)	93.4%
5th:	Mrs Sheridan	(P6/7)	90.9%



Well Done to Mrs McAllister's P1 class!

## School dinners



Please be reminded that the cost of a school dinner will increase from 31 August 2017 to £2.50 per day for Nursery pupils and £2.60 per day for primary school pupils.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SNACK PROVIDED BY THE KITCHEN TOMORROW (FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2017)**

## Diary Dates

Thursday 31st August 2017  
New Term begins at 9:00am

Please note that Extended School Activities (including Breakfast Club) will commence the week beginning Monday 4th September 2017.