

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



December 2014

Amazing Aladdin!

Well done and Thank You to everyone who worked extremely hard and made Aladdin the huge success that it was. Feedback continues to be very positive with many asking what next year's production will be. It is very encouraging when positive comments include: "It was great to see all children being involved at different stages throughout the performance" or "Miss Logan it is true what you said, we could see how everyone worked together as a team." Once again everyone at Bushmills Primary rose to the challenge so Well Done!



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High School Musical

On Tuesday 2nd December pupils in P5-P7 were invited to Dunluce School for their production of "High School Musical." Everyone had an enjoyable time and it was great to see a few familiar faces from the past.

Potato Pick-Up

Primary 5 and Primary 6 pupils travelled to the Causeway Centre on Monday 1st December as part of a follow-up "Potato Workshop". At the end of last term, just before the summer break, the pupils had gone to the Causeway to plant their own potatoes and therefore returned on the 1st December to find out how well the potatoes had grown. Pupils did return with bags containing potatoes and each pupil managed to take some home. How did they taste? Hopefully some of you may be able to answer this question!



Your Place and Mine

On Tuesday 2nd December Anne Marie McAleese from BBC Radio Ulster visited the school to talk to pupils in Primary 3 and Primary 4. Conversations took place around the theme of Christmas and apparently "The Crack was Great!". The programme called your 'Your Place and Mine' was then aired on Saturday 13th December . If you were unable to hear the programme or would like to listen to it again, you can catch up on Radio Ulster iplayer (10 mins in).

The Bushmills Switch On

The annual Bushmills Switch on took place on Wednesday 3rd December with Little Miss Bushmills (our own Lucy McKay P2) helping out with the very important job of 'pushing the button'. The school choir also performed later on in the hostel while people enjoyed the entertainment along with refreshments.

Families and Schools Working Together

As part of our involvement in the Families & Schools Working Together project, pupils in Primary 6 and Primary 7 took part in the initial consultation process which was headed up by staff from Corrymeela. The aim of the project is to look at what families need from their local schools; what young people need from their families, schools and local community, and how local schools can better listen and work with local parents and other carers.

Admission to Primary & Nursery School

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

Pre-School places are available for children who are in the target age group i.e. who were born on or between 2nd July 2011 and 1st July 2012.

All children born on or between 2nd July 2010 and 1st July 2011 must begin their primary education from September 2015 because by that date they will have reached **COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE**.

All completed application forms must be returned to the school by **12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2015**.

Please feel free to contact the school office for any more information.

Attendance and Punctuality



Once again Attendance remains steady with the average class attendance for December being 94%. (Competition is rising!)

Results were as follows:	1st Miss Logan	96.7%
	2nd Mrs Garrett	95.0%
	Miss Fulton	95.0%
	Miss Calvin	95.0%
	3rd Miss McBride	91.2%
	4th Mrs McAllister	90.8%

Well Done to Miss Logan's P5 class this month. Punctuality prizes and the Attendance Cup for December will be awarded to pupils at Our first assembly of the New Year which will be held on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
From all Staff and Pupils at
Bushmills Primary School
& Nursery Unit



Diary Dates

Friday 19th December

Whole School Carol Service @ 10:00am
(please note change of time from last month's
newsletter). School will finish for all pupils
@ 12 noon

Monday 22nd December

PTA Tesco Bag Packing 10am - 6pm.

Mon 22nd Dec - Fri 2nd Jan
(inclusive)

Christmas Vacation

Mon 5th Jan 2015

School re-opens 9:00am

Thur 8th Jan 2015

P1-P7 trip to Grand Opera House in Belfast
to see Aladdin (further details to follow).

Wed 14th Jan 2015

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returned by 12 noon.