

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit

March 2018 Newsletter



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Easter Break

It is hard to believe that Easter is upon us already and here's hoping we don't get the weather which is forecast - who knows hopefully it is wrong and we get a good well deserved break full of dry days and perhaps a few days of sunshine.

The staff and I would like to wish our pupils and their families a very enjoyable and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 11th April 2018 when school will re-open at 9:00am sharp for all pupils.



Extended Schools Programme

Once again our Extended Schools Programme has been running successfully since the beginning of the new school year. However, as was the case last year, we have regrettably once again been informed that as the end of March sees the end of the financial year, funding for Extended Schools has again come to an end, meaning many of the after-schools sessions have now finished. On a brighter note, I am pleased to say that due to being able to secure additional funding the following clubs will continue next term:

Tuesday	Sports (P1 to P3)	2:00pm to 3:00pm Until 15th May
Tuesday	Zumba (P4 to P7)	3:00pm to 4:00pm 17th & 24th April 1st & 8th May
Thursday	Football (P4 to P7)	3:00pm to 4:00pm

Woodhall School Trip

As the date for our residential school trip to the Woodhall Centre in Kilrea is fast approaching, could all final payments please be made by Wednesday 11th April 2018. Also the Medical forms which were issued this week should be returned to school no later than Friday 13th April 2018. Your co-operation with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that bedroom allocation will be organised with pupils once we return to school following the Easter break and a short trip meeting will be held on Monday 16th April at 6:15pm in Miss Logan's classroom. Full attendance at this meeting would be greatly appreciated.



Football Tournament



The final round of the Coleraine and District Small Schools Football Tournament was held here at Bushmills Primary School on Thursday 8th March. Our team has thoroughly enjoyed taking part and arrangements are now underway for our own tournament which will be held after the Easter break.

Grand National

On Thursday 8th March, Primary 5 to Primary 7 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a trophy workshop which was organised by Randox Health Solutions (the Grand National sponsors). Pupils also had the opportunity to get a sneaky peek at this year's Grand National trophy before its official revealing in April.



Pupils were also able to hear about the Grand National and how the trophy was made before being given the opportunity to design their own trophy.

Festival Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to all our pupils who took part in this year's Music Festival in Portstewart (Speech and Drama Section). All performed well and did our school proud with some pupils even being placed in their class.

Also, congratulations to Lucy McKay (P5) and Alison Nutt (P4) who competed in the Piano solo section of the festival! Once again both pupils performed well and obtained high scores!



A huge 'Thank you' to Miss Fulton and Mrs McAllister who helped to prepare the pupils for their performances.

Visit to Waterstones



On Wednesday 14th March pupils in Nursery and Primary 1 enjoyed a trip to Waterstones Book Shop in Coleraine as part of the Extended Schools Shared Reading Programme. Pupils enjoyed a tour of the shop as well as being read some stories by staff before choosing their own books prior to their departure.

Eco-Schools

This month we organised 'Active Week' to fit in with our topic Transport. As a committee we want to try to reduce the number of cars outside of school when we arrive and leave to make it safer for us and help the environment. Thank you to everyone who walked or cycled to school that week; even though the weather was not nice.

We hope to have another Active week next term. Maybe you can arrange to walk to school with a friend!

Thanks
The Eco Committee



Breakfast Club

Please be reminded that 'Breakfast Club' continues on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 8:20am and 8:50am. Please note the cost remains at £1.00 and the club will recommence again as usual on Wednesday 11th April (the first day back following the Easter Break).



Bonjour Amigos



Spanish lessons for Nursery to Primary 5 pupils continue on Friday mornings with 'Bonjour Amigos' language tutor, Christina McGarvey. Primary 6 and 7 pupils are also now enjoying French lessons on Friday mornings.

Swimming Lessons

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils have been attending swimming lessons on Friday mornings at Coleraine Leisure Centre.

These will continue after the Easter break starting on Friday 13th April 2018.



Library Van Visit!

Please be reminded that the mobile library van visits our school every two weeks on a Monday morning. The next visit is scheduled for Monday 23rd April.



March Assemblies

Once again each week we have welcomed visitors to school to take part in our whole school assemblies held on Wednesday mornings. Assemblies during March were taken by:



Wednesday 7th March

Rev. Cubitt

(Bushmills Presbyterian)

Wednesday 14th March

Stephen Chambers

(C.E.F)

Wednesday 21st March

Robert Plant

(Christian Evangelist)

Attendance

The Attendance Cup for March will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 18th April 2018. Sadly, our overall percentage has dropped significantly and is well below our target of 94% at 89.7%. I would like to see better attendance in the coming months with the aim of meeting this target by the end of this school year. Results are as follows:



1st:	Miss Logan (P4/5)	94.6%
2nd:	Miss Fulton (P2/3)	93.0%
3rd:	Mrs McAllister (P1/2)	88.2%
4th:	Miss Cochrane (Nursery)	87.6%
5th:	Mrs Nicholl (P6/7)	86.0%

Well Done Miss Logan's P4/5 class!

Punctuality

Sadly, a small number of our pupils are still continuing to arrive in school late and long after the starting time of 9:00am. I would urge you as parents to ensure that this is not the case.



Star of the Week

Each week one pupil from each class will be rewarded for their achievements. A special assembly is held each Friday afternoon to celebrate these awards. During the month of March, the following pupils were awarded 'Star of the Week'.



OF THE WEEK

P1 Rosie Clarke
Madison McKeeman
Jayden Mulholland
Olivia McFaul

P2 Sam Thompson
Ava Eddolls
Liam Nutt
Hayden Parke

P3 Lauren Kane
Zac Millar
Charlie McMullan
Sam Hogg

P4 Jay Parke
Ella Dixon
Kaidan Eddolls
Georgia Gault

P5 Alex Hogg
Charlie Millar
Teya Cummins
Ella McKay

P6 Aimee Kane
Rudy Neill
Aaron Adair
Maddy O'Halloran

P7 Rebecca Cerutti
Ryan Wilmont

Johnathan Horner
Hunter McCrellis

It's a girl!



Congratulations to Miss Glass and her fiancée, Robert, on the recent birth of their daughter! Lacy Robyn Connor was born on the 26th March and I am delighted to report both mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them both soon!

Best Wishes!

Best wishes to Miss McBride and her fiancée, David, on their forthcoming marriage on Easter Tuesday. Miss McBride was presented with gifts in assembly on Wednesday from all staff and pupils!

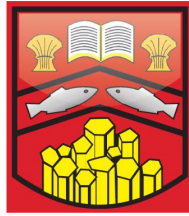


Diary Dates

Easter Vacation	30-Mar-18 to 10-Apr-18	Inclusive
Start of Term	11-Apr-18	9:00am sharp
Woodhall Residential Trip (P6/7)	16-Apr-18	Meeting for parents at 6:15pm
Coleraine Music, Speech & Drama Festival	11-Apr-18 to 20-Apr-18	Inclusive Further details to follow
60th Anniversary Event	18-Apr-18	'Walk Down Memory Lane'
Woodhall Residential Trip (P6/7)	23-Apr-18 to 26-Apr-18	Inclusive.
May Day Holiday	02-May-18 to 07-May-18	Inclusive
Revision Week (P1-P4)	08-May-18 to 11-May-18	Inclusive
Assessment Week (P1-P4)	14-May-18 to 18-May-18	Inclusive
Revision Week (P5-P7)	14-May-18 to 18-May-18	Inclusive
PI Health Appraisal	18-May-18	Further details to follow
Assessment Week (P1-P4)	21-May-18 to 25-May	Inclusive
School Closure	28-May-18 to 29-May-18	Inclusive
PI Health Appraisal	30-May-18	Further details to follow
Sports Day	01-Jun-18	Weather Permitting
Treasure Trove Day	08-Jun-18	
Prize Day	22-Jun-18	
Nursery Graduation		To be confirmed
End of Term	29-Jun-18	12:00noon for all pupils

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Walk Down Memory Lane

Wednesday 18th April 2018

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Come along and enjoy some light refreshments whilst reminiscing about days gone by at Bushmills Primary School.

We will have photographs, reports, registers, books, etc. laid out for all to view.