

Bushmills Primary School
&
Nursery Unit



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Newsletter

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Head Lice

Again, can I remind all parents/guardians that it is your responsibility to regularly check your child's hair. Treatment can be obtained for free from your local chemist. We would request that any pupils with long hair please tie their hair up.

Contact Details

If you have changed your address, mobile number or any other contact information please inform the school as soon as possible, to keep records up to date. This is important for all pupils, Nursery to Primary 7.

Final Term

Now that Easter is over, the final term of this academic year will pass very quickly. It was great seeing all pupils and staff back and well rested following the well-deserved break.

We do have a busy term ahead, however, please keep an eye on Facebook, the school app and any letters which will keep you up to date on what is happening during the coming weeks.

For now, can I remind you of a few very important dates, i.e. Revision weeks and Assessment weeks, which can once again be seen in the 'Diary Dates' section at the back of this newsletter. Other events such as Sports Day and class trips will be taking place throughout this term and again updates and details will be sent out in due course.

P7 Cycling Proficiency

I am pleased to report that the P7 Cycling Proficiency Training Scheme has now commenced. The aim of this scheme is to teach children how to ride their bicycles safely and has a combination of theoretical and practical aspects. These sessions will continue to take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 3rd May

Wednesday 10th May

Wednesday 17th May

Wednesday 24th May

Wednesday 31st May - FINAL ASSESSMENT

Thursday 11th May

Thursday 18th May

Thursday 25th May



Please note pupils must attend **all** sessions to be fully prepared for both the theory and practical assessment at the end.

PI Health Reviews

PI Health Reviews took place here in school on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th April.



Beach Schools

I am delighted to report that all classes P1 to P7 have enjoyed taking part in the Beach Schools Programme which took place at Portballintrae Beach and was taken by Maggie from Beach Schools NI.

All classes had an enjoyable time and took part in a wide range of activities. Check out our Facebook page for all the photos!



Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club continues every morning, Monday to Friday from 8:15am for all pupils, Nursery to Primary 7.



Library Van Service



Our next visit by the Library Van is due to take place on Monday 15th May, please ensure all library books are returned in preparation for this visit.

Extended Schools

As you have previously been informed our Extended Schools Programme has now come to an end.

However, some clubs are still running during the third term.

Cookery Club	Ulster Scots Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday afternoons• 3:00pm to 4:00pm• P4 to P7 (allocated pupils)• This club has been running since we returned from the Easter Break and there are another 4 sessions. The dates are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 2nd May• Tuesday 9th May• Tuesday 16th May• Tuesday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday afternoons• 3:00pm to 4:00pm• P4 to P7 only• This club has already commenced although will continue throughout the remainder of May on the following dates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 3rd May• Wednesday 10th May• Wednesday 17th May• Wednesday 24th May• Wednesday 31st May

Swimming



Lessons for our P6/7 pupils, Miss Swanson's class, continue every Friday morning at Coleraine Leisure Centre.

Music Lessons

Woodwind lessons continue every Tuesday. Piano and guitar lessons continue every Thursday and Violin lessons continue every Friday.



Attendance

Attendance at the end of the month of April has shown a dip from March. We hope to see this improve throughout the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

The attendance cup for April will be presented to the winning class next week. The overall attendance for April was 89.2%.

Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Fulton	P1/2	93.7%
2nd:	Miss Logan		
	& Miss Brown	P5/6	91.8%
3rd:	Miss Rowe	P3/4	89.1%
4th:	Miss Cochrane	Nur	88.3%
5th:	Miss Swanson	P6/7	83.5%



Well done to Miss Fulton's class!

As you are aware unfortunately, in these uncertain times we have been seeing a lot of absences from school. If your child is ill, please telephone the school office to advise us of your child's absence and of the cause.

Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half of a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!

Star of the Week

This year we are continuing to reward one pupil from each year every week for their achievements. These certificates are being issued in each class on a Friday.



During the month of April, the following pupils were awarded 'Star of the Week':

	21/04	28/04
Yr 1	Orin Canavan	Amber Dornan
Yr 2	Emily Dornan	Grace McElhinney
Yr 3	Reuben McIntyre	Freddie Speers
Yr 4	Charlie Keys	Oscar Wilmont
Yr 5	Leo McKendry	Grace Mogeys
Yr 6	Alex McLaughlin	Cameryn Greer
Yr 7	Liam Nutt	Evan Cauley

Diary Dates

Term 3		
Bank Holiday	01-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
Bank Holiday	08-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
Foundation & KSI Revision Week	09-May-23 to 12-May-23	
Foundation & KSI Assessment Week	15-May-23 to 19-May-23	
KS2 Revision Week	15-May-23 to 19-May-23	
KS2 Assessment Week	22-May-23 to 26-May-23	
Sports Day	26-May-23	Further details to follow
Bank Holiday	29-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
Staff Development Day	30-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
P7 Leavers Trip to Emerald Park	21-Jun-23	
P7 Leavers Assembly	23-Jun-23	Further details to follow
End of Term	30-Jun-23	School finishes at 12:00noon for ALL pupils

On Thursday 4th May we will be
holding a

CORONATION BALL

To celebrate the coronation of
King Charles III
with great food and lots of fun!!

Wear your best outfit for this occasion!!



DATE: Thursday 4th May

CORONATION PARTY MENU

MAIN COURSE

Selection of Sandwiches
Cocktail sausages
Chicken Nuggets
Sausage Rolls
Carrot & Cucumber Sticks
Orange Squash

DESSERT

Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Tub
Coronation Shortbread

