

BALLYKEEL BUGLE - NOVEMBER 2017

CHILD PROTECTION - Designated Teacher: *Mr J Fisher*, Deputy Designated Teacher: *Mrs J Thompson*

WEBSITE:- www.ballykeelps.org.uk

Important Dates For Your Attention

Wed 8th Nov – Flu vaccine for whole school.

Thurs 9th Nov - P3LK to St Brigid's.

Tues 14th Nov – P2JT to St Brigid's.

Wed 15th Nov – Fire Brigade in to speak to P5s.

Thurs 16th Nov – 9.00am -P4 Parents Accelerated Reader Info Session – See below for details.

Fri 17th Nov – 1.30-3.00pm - Nursery Open Afternoon- See below for details.

Fri 17th Nov – P3s to Portglenone Forest Trip with St Brigid's.

Tues 21st Nov – Autumn Celebration - P3CM to St Brigid's.

Tues 21st Nov – St Brigids to visit P1KH. P1KM to visit St Brigid's.

Wed 22nd Nov - Autumn Celebration - P3LK to St Brigid's.

Fri 24th Nov –Non Uniform Day 'Jingle all the Way' for the Children's Hospice. Children are to come to school in their *Christmas jumpers*. Donation £1.

Fri 24th Nov - Nursery Christmas Fair. 6.30 - 8.30pm. **School CLOSSES at 2.00pm for all pupils.**

Tues 28th Nov – Parents Coffee Morning

Thurs 30th Nov – P7s to Dunclug to see 'Joseph'.

Thurs 7th Dec – 9.30am Nursery Nativity (admission by ticket only) followed by P1 Open Morning. **PS School starts at 11.30am. Canteen Christmas Dinner then school finishes at 2.00pm for all pupils.**

Mon 11th Dec – 10.00am – Choir at Radio Cracker.

Tues 12th & Wed 13th Dec – 9.30am P1/P2 Nativity (admission by ticket only).

Wed 13th Dec – P7s to Sound of Music at Slemish College.

Thurs 14th Dec – 9.30am P3 Nativity (admission by ticket only).

Fri 15th Dec – P1-P3 to St Brigid's for Nativity.

Fri 15th Dec – 9.30am – Ballykeel Pres Church - Carol Service lead by P4 & P5 children.

Mon 18th Dec - P1-P3 Christmas Party from 1.30 - 3.00pm.

Also P4-P7 Disco from 7.00-9.00pm.

Wed 20th Dec – **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12noon**



POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be on sale in the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Minimum donation 50p.



NURSERY FAIR

Please note that the Nursery Fair will be a week earlier this year. It will be held on

FRIDAY 24th NOV 6.30 - 8.30pm. If

you know any stallholders who would like a space at the fair, please get them to contact the school office - 028 25653902 for further information.

If you would like to donate a prize for the nursery raffle, please leave it in at the Nursery Unit or contact Mrs Müller.



We Are Going to the Opera House!

We are intending to take the children to the Opera House again in Belfast to see **PETER PAN on Wednesday 3rd January 2018**, leaving at 12:00pm and returning at approximately 5:00pm (to be confirmed). The pantomime, with May McFettridge and Claire King, will be absolutely fantastic and the children will really love the whole experience. Remember, teachers collect payments on Thursday each week.



NURSERY OPEN DAY



If you have a child whose date of birth is from 02/07/14 to 01/07/15 they will be eligible to start Nursery education in September 2018. We would like to invite you to attend our Nursery Open Day on Friday 17th November from 1.30 - 3.00pm. If you have not already given the school your child's details, please contact the school office and an invitation will be sent out to you.

If your child is still too young for next year you can contact the office to put their names down on our register for future information.



BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Board of Governors for 2016/17 is now available. If you would like a copy please send a note into the class teacher or call into the office.

A SMARTIE SUCCESS!



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who donated money towards our school fund-raising. An amazing amount of **£2306.13** was raised in total. This money will go towards purchasing two new interactive whiteboards.

On the last day of half-term, we had a Pirate themed day to celebrate everyone's hard work. The day consisted of dressing up as pirates and completing lots of fun activities, including a treasure hunt to win lots of tasty treasure treats! P1-P3 classes had to find jigsaw pieces outside, using clues, and had to put the pieces together correctly to win the treasure. While P4-P7 had to solve riddles to work out where the symbols would be outside. Once all of the symbols were found, they had to crack the pirate code to see what the word was in order to win their treats!

Thank you again to everyone for your kind generosity. Thank you again to the shops who donated the Smartie tubes. They were the Candy Corner at Harryville, Spar at the Rosses, Wyse Byse and Spar at the Fry's Road.

CAR PARK ARRANGEMENTS

Can I please encourage all parents yet again to use the car park properly, park properly in spaces, do not park behind others, do not block the entrance and do not let your children run across the car park. Some suggestions to help reduce congestion:

- If you live in the Ballykeel area, *please walk and do not bring your car*
- Park a short distance from the school and walk over
- Rev McNeely is more than happy for parents to use the car park at the church – this is just across the road from the school.



BALLYKEEL PS ELECTION

Following a week of electioneering by pupils seeking to secure votes for the school council election, the big vote took place on Wednesday 11th October and ten new councillors were voted in. In two classes, two candidates could not

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be separated after the count and both were appointed to office.

The new council members are:

P4RM - Lacey

P4JT - Daisy

P5CC - Lexi

P5AR - Brodee

P6JH - Charley

P6SM - Kyle s & Ava

P7SG - Adam & Scott

P7BM - Katie

Well done to all who put their names forward!

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader is a great way of



encouraging your child to read more. Each child begins this programme by taking a computer based quiz which gives them a level. They choose books within this level from the class library. All P4-P7 classes participate in this and children are given time to read books in school and we encourage them to read at home. After finishing their book, each child takes a computer based quiz which tests how accurately they have been reading. In school we convert these scores into points which children can collect and exchange for prizes (wear your slippers in class, voucher for a canteen break etc.). Please support us in this by:

- encouraging your child to read accurately,
- ask them how many points they have accumulated
- remind them to take a quiz in school.



Quiz times are: Wednesday, Thursday at 8.30am. P4 pupils will begin AR very soon and to celebrate this they are having some book themed activities in the library on Thursday 16th November.

PARENTS' INFORMATION SESSION

*An information session is planned so that parents can learn more about AR. This is aimed at P4 parents but anyone can come and if you want to attend the time is as follows:
Thursday 16th November 9.00am.
By Mrs Montgomery*

MILK MONEY



Primary School Pupils Only

Milk money to cover from Thursday 5th January - Friday 9th February is **£5.67. THIS MUST BE**

PAID to the class teacher on / before Friday 15th December as late orders cannot be made.

A Word from

Leanne Calderwood

I would like to invite you to the Parents' Coffee morning on Tuesday 28th November in the Staff Room at 9.00am. I look forward seeing you there.



Winning CLASSES

CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-
FOR ATTENDANCE:- P4JDT
FOR UNIFORM:- P6SM
GOLDEN BALL CLASSES:-
P5AR & P7SG

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1KH - HAYDEN MULHOLLAND
P1KM - CALLUM TWEED
P2JT - TAMMIE-LEE RAINEY
P2AS - CARTER DEWAR
P3LK - DAVID GILLESPIE
P3CM - MIYA CRAWFORD
P4JDT - MILLIE CARLISLE
P4RM - ALFIE IRWIN
P5CC - AMY HOLMES
P5AR - REECE McKANE
P6SM - JULIE THOMPSON
P6JH - CAVAN CULLY
P7SG - CALEB STIRRUP
P7BM - KYRONE TWEED

SHARED BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING:

On Monday 23rd October there was a meeting held in Ballykeel PS with members of the Board of Governors from Ballykeel and St Brigid's PS. This meeting was to inform the Governors from both schools about the collaborative work that has been taking place between our schools for the past five years. There were six pupils present at the meeting; three from Ballykeel PS (Hannah Ritchie, Luke Woulahan and Sam Simpson) and three from St Brigid's PS. The pupils shared about their experiences of Shared

Education and about the trips, activities and classes they have been involved in. The Governors were very impressed by the pupils, their responses and all the collaborative work that is taking place between our two schools.

By K. McLaughlin

P5 CRED Trip To Bushmills

On Wednesday 4th October P5AR went to Bushmills residential centre with our P5 friends from St Brigid's. It was a very windy and rainy day- in fact, it never stopped raining the whole day! However, this did not stop us from having fun, as the instructors gave us waterproof clothing to wear, and we started the day with rock climbing activities. This was followed by some orienteering and lots of team building games: we crossed a river infested with crocodiles and sharks using planks, moved a mountain of tyres and found our way through a giant grid. We also learnt survival skills, such as how to make fire and toast marshmallows! Please take a look at the school website to see photos if you like. We enjoyed making new friends, had fun and enjoyed a beautiful lunch too. We cannot wait to go on another CRED trip!

FOOTBALL NEWS

On Friday 6th October the school football team took part in the Owen Daley Tournament at the Ballymena Showgrounds. Ballykeel, in their new kits sponsored by W. Allen Meats, were one of fifteen teams participating. The teams were split into two mini leagues, with the winner of each meeting in the final. Ballykeel's first match finished in a 2-0 win over Carnaughts. A 2-0 defeat against St Colmcille's followed, though this did not dampen the team's spirits and they bounced back with a 3-1 win over Camphill. Two 1-0 victories on the trot followed against Portglenone and St Brigid's, and a 2-1 victory against a Moorfields concluded the league matches.

Despite accruing 15 points from a possible 18, it was St Colmcille's, on 16 points, who would have the honour of progressing to the final. Congratulations are due to each player for the commitment and determination shown, and we look forward to the next tournament.

