

# BALLYKEEL BUGLE - JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2018

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

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ATTENTION



Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Netball away to Moorfields PS.  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – P7s ‘Taster Day’ at Dunclug College.  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – P7BE to St Brigid’s  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – P2 & P4 Health Action Puppet Show.  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – P1KM to St Brigid’s.  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Netball away to Fourtowns PS.  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – P5AR to St Brigid’s.  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – P.7s - Cullybackey College for INNOV8 day.  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Netball home to Kells & Connor PS.  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – School Council trip to Stormont with St Brigid’s Council.  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – P7SG to St Brigid’s.  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – P2 - Chinese New Year with St Brigid’s.

## FEBRUARY

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Netball home to Carnaghts PS.  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – P7BE to St Brigid’s

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Nursery to P.7 Parent/Teacher interview week.  
**School closes at 1:30 each day.**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – P7BE to St Brigid’s  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – P5CC to St Brigid’s  
**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb –  
SCHOOL CLOSED for mid-term  
break**  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – P7BE  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – P7 Young Enterprise Day.  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – P7SG to St Brigid’s  
W/B 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Choir to B’mena Music Festival (dates & times to be confirmed)

**26<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL incl  
EASTER HOLIDAYS**



We wish to thank the children of Ballykeel Primary for raising **£410.00** for the Children’s Hospice on their Christmas Jumper Day. A cheque for **£450** was presented to representatives from the Children’s Hospice just before the Christmas break.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION Regarding the Pantomime

The children had a fantastic afternoon at the pantomime in Belfast. However, due to human error, the snack packs were not ordered and the mistake was only discovered at the interval. The only thing the opera house could provide, at a minutes’ notice, was a small box of Pringles at £1.50 per tube. Rather than the children having nothing to eat, we took these. We sincerely apologise for this error and for any children who were feeling thirsty by the time they made it home. The school had already subsidised the total trip by £379.50 (just over £1 per child), however should you wish the return of the £1 difference between the snack pack and the tube of pringles please call in to the office.

## Changes for Next Year’s Pantomime

Each year we have to pay the deposit for the tickets in May and the outstanding balance in September. To minimise financial loss for the school, and to give you the maximum amount of notice, the following will be put in place:

- At the beginning of May 2018 a non-refundable deposit of £10 will be required for each child attending the pantomime on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019
- The remaining balance will be collected in September

Thank you for your co-operation.

*Mrs S Sheeran (Principal)*

## CHRISTMAS BALLOT

Once again a big ‘thank you’ to all who bought and sold tickets for our annual Christmas Ballot. **A total of £1552.00 was raised!!** The winning class was P5CC who sold an amazing **£283** and went to the cinema to see ‘Paddington’ as a special treat.



## MILK MONEY Primary School Pupils

Milk money to cover from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is £5.25.**

**IMPORTANT** - Due to mid-term break THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** as late orders cannot be made.

## ARE YOU GETTING OUR TEXT MESSAGES?

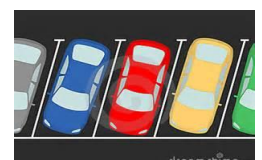
If not, this is because we may not have your up-to-date mobile number. Please continue to keep the school office up-to-date with any change in mobile numbers.



The office also needs to be kept informed if you change your address. Thank you.

## CAR PARK

We would remind you that in the interest of safety, Parents/ Carers/Visitors only park within the designated parking spaces. Please do not park on the kerbs, or in the yellow boxed areas or at the entrances to the left or right of the car park. This will ensure a faster flow of traffic entering and leaving the car park. As a matter of courtesy to other car park users, do not block cars in that are already parked in the designated areas. Please remember you can make use of the church carpark.



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By *Lily and Ellyn*

P7BM



**CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-**

**FOR ATTENDANCE:- P3CM**

**FOR UNIFORM:- P4RM**

**GOLDEN CLASSES:- P4RM & P5CC**

## **PUPILS OF THE MONTH**

P1KH – LUCY EWART

P1KM – ABBIE BRENNAN

P2JT – JACK TURNER

P2AS – TOM ALLEN

P3LK – LEAH CAHOON

P3CM – JAYDN WYLIE

P4JDT – FREDDIE GLASS

P4RM – KATHRYN SMYTH

P5CC – LEXI McKENDRY

P5AR – KAYLEIGH MOONEY

P6SM – MADDIE CAMERON

P6JH – GARY KENNY

P7SG – DARREN CUMMINGS

P7BM – ELLIE-JANE McNOUGHER

## **P4 - P7 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

*Please note that clubs begin again week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January (except Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan when there will be no clubs on). Please make sure you know what day/s your child is in late as this will help to cut down the number of telephone calls and messages to be passed on to children and teachers.*

## **P7BM IPAD WORKSHOP**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Barry and Donna from Nerve Creative Learning Centre, Belfast, came in to visit P7BM. They came to teach us how to use Popplet and iMovie on the iPads, and how to make movies using Green Screen with different camera angles. The class really enjoyed learning how to use the different apps and camera angles. Now we can use this in school and outside of school. Special thanks to Cinemagic who organised the workshop.



## **P1 Shared Education**

P1 pupils from Ballykeel have met twice in the 1st term for joint activities with St. Brigid's P.S. and have been starting to make new friends. We have done some Circle Time activities, and explored each other's schools during Play Based Learning. We enjoyed having snack and playing together in the playground.



## **P2 & ST BRIGID'S NEWS**

P2 met up with the boys and girls from St. Brigid's on 14<sup>th</sup> November to play together. We enjoyed seeing our friends again and sharing our toys. We also did Circle Time together and talked about being a good friend. Everyone got a 'fuzzy' to keep in their pocket and remind them of a happy time.



We really enjoyed seeing each other's Christmas plays in December.



## **P3 Autumn/Harvest activities with St Brigid's**

During 1<sup>st</sup> term P3 children have met with St. Brigid's to take part in some Autumn / Harvest activities. The children met to do a joint art lesson using fruit and vegetables to make portraits in the style of Archimboldo. We shared a PDMU lesson on healthy eating which led to a visit to Creative Gardens in Ballymena where we received a guided tour of the fruit bearing trees and herbs they grow and sell. The children finally met for an Autumn walk through Portglenone Forest where we explored the habitat of various woodland animals and went on a Gruffalo Trail! We saw each other's Nativity performances in December!

By *Miss L Kane*



## **WEB SITE DETAILS -**

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Remember, you can keep up to date with school news and events on our website.

## **'REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE'**

After the busy Christmas holidays, this may be a good time to remind you of the recycling facilities which are available for everyone's use



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