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## Dates For The Diary

**Thursday 22nd June** - P.4 to P.7 school disco. P.4 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm and P.5 - P.7, 7:15pm to 8:45pm.

**Thursday 22nd June** - P.7 leavers barbeque

**Friday 23rd June** - 9:15am P.7 leavers assembly and last day.

**Friday 30th June** - School closes for the summer break. P.4 to P.6 finish at 12:00pm and Nursery to P.3 at 12:15pm

**Tuesday 29th August** - New school year begins.



**We wish everyone a happy  
and safe summer,  
from all of the staff in  
Ballykeel.**



## As we finish this year...



We are almost at the end of another busy year. The children have worked very hard and we are proud of them all.

We, as a staff, would like to thank all of the parents/carers who have supported us throughout the year.

We really appreciate all the positive and kind messages you have sent to us, and to Mrs Sheeran, particularly in this last term.





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### Hockey Team

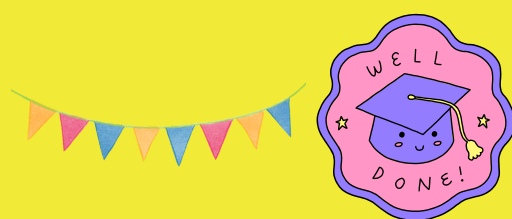


The girls hockey team took part in a tournament at Ballymena Academy on Thursday 8th June. The girls played very well and did the school proud!!

Team: Emeli (GK), Evie, Devon, Maisie, Macy, Katie and Layla.

Results were:

Ballykeel 0 Clough 1  
Ballykeel 1 Moorfields 2  
Ballykeel 2 Randalstown 1  
Ballykeel 2 Fourtowns 0



Congratulations to Miss Topping who was nominated by Alice for the Ballymena BID (Business Improvement District) 'Treat Your Teacher Competition.' The judges were so impressed by Alice's letter about how wonderful Miss Topping is. Miss Topping was delighted to win the award, and was presented with flowers and a £100 voucher to spend in the town. Well done Alice and Miss Topping!

### Cycling Proficiency



As a school, we are delighted to be running the cycling proficiency scheme again this year. The group of children taking part are dedicated, hard working and committed to becoming more skilled and safety conscious cyclists when they are out and about in the community.

So far, they have been developing their balance/co-ordination, learning how to overtake correctly, carry out an emergency stop, signal and much more!

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians for ensuring that your child is able to bring their bike to school when required and for supporting them with their theory revision at home. We wish them all good luck in their examination at the end!







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### 'Take 5 Outdoors' week 5th – 9th June



What a great week we all had together! The weather was fantastic which meant that every class, from Nursery to P.7, was able to make full use of our beautiful school grounds. From our sponsored walk on Monday to our special picnic lunch at the end of the week, it was all just so enjoyable and a great way to combine the Take 5 steps to wellbeing and our outdoor learning. Particular highlights included the shared reading between classes for CONNECT, playing new games for KEEP LEARNING and the picnic lunch on Friday. It was especially good to get so much time in the fresh air and remind ourselves of ways to look after our wellbeing.



Some  
photos  
from  
our  
Take 5  
week



### Competition winners

**WINNER**

In a recent competition run by Mid and East Antrim council to design an activity cube, winners Stewie Maber and Lucy Ewart attended a presentation alongside the Mayor. Stewie from P2T was the overall winner out of 267 entries and he received a Smyth's voucher and had his winning design, featuring dinosaurs, made into an exercise cube. Lucy Ewart from P6E got Highly Commended for her food themed entry and the judges commented on the very high standard of drawing. Two very talented artists!









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## P7JH'S TOP TEN!

1. Subjects: Maths, Art, RE, Literacy, PE, ICT, PDMU, World Around Us, Music
2. Topics: World War II, Space, Titanic, Irish Famine, Rainforests, Dinosaurs, Light, Egyptians, Volcanos, Chocolate Bar Crime Report, All About Me, Take 5, Staying Afloat, Land Sea and Air
3. Friends: kind, friendly, generous, helpful, fun, caring, funny, considerate, good at listening, loyal, honest, inspiring, energetic, trustworthy, sweet, willing, annoying, skilled, hopeful
4. Teachers/assistants/staff: helpful, kind, caring, busy, musical, hardworking, nice, happy, lovely, generous, thoughtful, protective, inspirational, smart, committed, joyful
5. Woodhall: great fun, thrilling, exciting, tiring, brand new experience, nerve-racking, physical, challenging, allowed us to connect with each other
6. Trips/visits: Stranmillis, farm, swimming pool, St Brigid's, cinema, panto, Ecos, Portglenone Forest
7. Sports/clubs: Football, Netball, Hockey, Tennis, PE Club, Coaching 4 Christ, Cookery Club, Art Club, Drama, Board Games, Choir, Power Hour, Spanish, Scripture Union, Pyramid Club, 2-3 Club, Great Outdoors, Cycling Proficiency, Eco Club
8. Special Events: Queen's Platinum Jubilee, King Charles III Coronation, prize days, special assemblies, disco, sports day, fairs, productions, book days, nativities, Coaching 4 Christ Day, Movie and Munch, Tim Bailey, rock painting
9. Food: The roast dinners, Chicken curry, Burgers, Christmas dinner, Hot dogs, Stir fry, Pasta, Pizza, Chips, Chicken nuggets, Buffets, Sausages, Goujons, Mince, Lasagne, Brownies, Rice pudding, Rice crispy buns, Custard and sponge, Ice cream, Jelly, Chocolate cake, Cupcakes, Yogurt, Fruit
10. Rewards/Awards: Pupil of the Week, Pupil of the Month, AR certificates, Attendance, Swimming certificates, Sports Day awards, Uniform award, Playground award, Table points, On Time Down Time

