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## Dates For The Diary

**Friday 17 March** - school meals NOT available. Children will finish at the following times - **Nursery - P3 - 12.30pm, P4-P7 - 12.45pm.**

**Wednesday 29th March** - Easter Assembly in Ballykeel Presbyterian Church. Parents/Carers of P4 children are invited to attend.

**Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th April (evenings)** - School production of Aladdin.

**Thursday 6th April** - School closes at the following times - **P4-P7 - 12.00pm, Nursery - P3 - 12.15pm.**

**Friday 7th April - Wednesday 19th April** - School closed for Easter Holidays

**Thursday 20th April** - School re-opens

## Data Protection



Our new CCTV policy is now on the website under 'About' and then 'Data Protection'.



## Pupils of the Month



**P1CM - Harvey**  
**P1KH - Joshah**  
**P2JT - Harley-J**  
**P2AMA - Harry**  
**P3CM - William**  
**P3AT - Mason**  
**P4SM -Amelia**

**P4LK - Cassie**  
**P5MA - Klara**  
**P5LM - Sophia**  
**P6JDT - Callum**  
**P6BE - Macey**  
**P7SG - Ashton**  
**P7JH - Cooper**



## Classes of the Month

**Attendance:** P6JDT

**Uniform:** P3AT

**Accelerated Reader:**

P4/P5 - P5LM

P6/P7 - P6JDT

**Playground Awards:**

P1-P4 - P4LK

P5 -P7 - P5LM





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## P1 People who help us

P1 had a special visit from Nate's mummy, who is a dental nurse. She told us all about her job, and how she helps us stay healthy. She taught us how important is it to brush our teeth properly - twice a day, with the help of an adult, and NOT to add water to our toothbrush or rinse our mouth out after brushing!



We were also delighted to get a visit from the police. They talked to us about what they do every day, what they wear and answered any questions that the children had. They also brought in stickers and a treat for each child. The children were so excited to get into the police car and listen to the siren!

## Take 5 Competition



Three children from P7 were winners in a Take 5 competition to design a new Take 5 logo. Aaliyah, who won first place, is having her design printed onto new Take 5 bags. Maisy and Nicky came in second and third place and the judges were very impressed by all our entries. The children won Amazon vouchers and journals for themselves and an amazing £250 for the school to spend on a Take 5 activity. Chris Lindsay from Take 5 presented the winners with their prizes. Well done everyone!



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## Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 7th February all across the UK. This year the theme was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.' During the week, staff revised the 'SMART' rules with the children and spent time discussing how they can be safe online.

The aim of our lessons was to give children the opportunity to chat about their positive and negative experiences using the internet in school and at home. We are aware that children have access to a range of devices, apps, online games and social network sites, and need to be reminded of how to use these wisely. The Safer Internet Day website (<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>) gave staff access to a range of resources to use with the children to convey this message.



The younger classes read ebooks from the SID website - Digi Duck's Big Decision, Smartie the Penguin and Hanni and The Magic Window. P4 and P5 classes watched an animated video called 'The Adventures of Kara, Winston and the Smart Crew'. P6 used the BBC Live online safety lesson and created a Digital Defence Squad character. P7 talked about the digital footprints that we can leave online and highlighted the age restriction of social media and gaming sites.



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The stories, videos and activities conveyed the message of online safety in a simple and relatable way for the children to understand. They generated important discussions and helped the children to identify the possible dangers of being online and how to avoid these. Staff highlighted the importance of asking permission and getting support from parents/carers at home when using the internet. The children also thought about how important it is to tell an adult at home if they feel worried or concerned about inappropriate messages or comments received online.

## Hockey Team



The hockey team recently took part in the Ulster hockey Blitz at Ballymena Academy. Thankfully, the weather stayed dry and the girls had a great day playing 5 other schools. The members of the team were Emeli, Katie, Layla, Kieva, Maisie, Lisa and Macy.

## Football Tournament



The BPSFA 7-a-side finals took place on Thursday 26th January at Ballymena Academy. Ballykeel, Buick, Carniny and Fourtowns competed in what was the tightest of contests. In the end, it was Ballykeel who lifted the winners' trophy following a deserved 1—0 win. The boys were brilliant throughout, playing a high-quality, energetic, pressing game. Well done to each and every player who took part - a thoroughly-deserved success!

