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## Dates For The Diary

**Wednesday 26th April** - school closed due to Strike Action

**Monday 1st May** - School Closed for Bank Holiday.

**Friday 5th May** - **Celebration Day for King Charles III Coronation** for the children, followed in the afternoon by our 'School Fair' to celebrate the coronation together with parents and carers. (More details to follow).

**Monday 8th May** - School Closed for additional Bank Holiday to mark the King's Coronation.

**Thursday 18th May** - School closed for local elections.

**Friday 26th May - Wednesday 31st May** - School closed for Bank Holiday and Staff Training.

**BE IN BEFORE 9:00  
EVERYDAY 😊**



## Pupils of the Month

<b>P1CM - Kade</b>	<b>P4LK - Gracie</b>
<b>P1KH - Joshua</b>	<b>P5MA - Alex</b>
<b>P2JT - Jake</b>	<b>P5LM - Noah</b>
<b>P2AMA - Frankie</b>	<b>P6JDT - Abbie</b>
<b>P3CM - Olivia</b>	<b>P6BE - Ella</b>
<b>P3AT - Amelie</b>	<b>P7SG - Perri</b>
<b>P4SM - Sofia</b>	<b>P7JH - Tate</b>

## Classes of the Month

**Attendance: P1KH**

 **Uniform: P6JDT**

**Playground Awards: P3AT  
P6BE**



**Accelerated Reader:**

(Classes with most 85% and above scores in AR tests get a night off homework.)

**P4/5 category - P5LM**

**P6/7 category - P7JH**

**On Time Down Time** - this is given to the class who had the fewest children late after 9.00am. **Well done to P3AT, P4LK & P6JDT who tied for this award.**



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## Down Syndrome Day

On Tuesday 21st March we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by listening to Tom read the story This Is Me. We really enjoyed this book. We then read a story about how everyone is different, but it is important we all treat each other the same and are friends with everyone. Lastly, we coloured a 'we fit together' page and used a jigsaw to show how we are all different but all fit as one. P2AMA



**We raised  
£383.50  
For World  
Down  
Syndrome  
Day!**

To mark World Down Syndrome Day, we came to school in our brightest socks. We had a class discussion about why we might be wearing such an array of differently-coloured socks and talked about the things that make us unique as well as the things we enjoy, the things we don't like so much, the things we're good at, and some things we find difficult.

Tom and Mrs Backus worked together to record Tom reading

✦ 'This Is Me' by CBeebies presenter George Webster, which we watched together and used as a great stimulus to talk about how we are all different, and how differences make life so much richer. P7JH







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### Football Team



The team made the short trip to Ballymena Showgrounds on Wednesday 29th March to take part in the Ballymena Schools' Senior Cup Finals. Taking part alongside Ballykeel were teams from Buick Memorial, Carniny and Gracehill. In what was an incredibly tough contest, Ballykeel emerged as victors and have brought the cup back to Ballykeel.

Team - Carter (GK) , Cameron, Maxwell, Izak, Preston, Joshua, Sam, Parker, Bertie, Mason (captain), Rio, Cooper

#### Scores

Semi Final - Ballykeel 1-1 Buick  
(Goal: Maxwell free kick)

The score remained 1-1 through extra time and the tie was decided on penalty kicks. Ballykeel progressed to the final, winning 3-2 on penalties.

Final - Ballykeel 2-1 Gracehill  
(Goals: Parker and Mason)

A huge well done to every player who took part today. A terrific victory!



### P1 Visitors



We had two lovely visits last week in P1. Some chicks and a lamb came into our classrooms as part of our topic of 'Old Macdonald had a farm.' The children got to pet the lamb and hold the chicks. We have been learning about the life cycle of a hen so it was lovely to see what chicks look like.



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Aaliyah in P7 was the overall winner of the Take 5 logo competition. Aaliyah's logo has been printed onto Take 5 merchandise, such as this lovely bag that she is photographed with. The judges said that it was the lovely bright colours and attractive design that made it the winning picture.

## P4 LK

## Planting Shrubs



## Dairy Council



The Dairy Council delivered a talk to P5 & P6 classes about food and fitness. We learned about the five main food groups and how much of each type of food we should have each day. We discussed ways of adding more dairy to our diets to make our bones strong and to increase our energy. Molly gave us examples of ways that we can get our sixty minutes of exercise each day and we took part in activities to increase our heart rate. The children learned a rap which reminds us how to get the balance right between food and fitness. We had great fun and have taken lots of helpful information away with us!