

BALLYKEEL BUGLE - APRIL & MAY 2018

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WEBSITE:- www.ballykeelps.org.uk



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Wed 11th Apr – Incredible Years starts

Thurs 12th Apr – Football Cup Final

& Girls Final at Valley Leisure Centre

Thurs 19th Apr – SU Connect event

3.00-5.00pm at Ballymena PS

Thurs 19th Apr – P4JDT to St Brigid's

Mon – Fri w/c 23rd Apr Sports Week – more details will follow.

Mon 23rd Apr – RNLI to visit P4s & P4s from St Brigid's (to be confirmed)

Tues 24th Apr – P2s to People's Park with St Brigid's P2s

Thurs 26th Apr – P7SG to Braid for Big Bang event

May

Tues 1st May – Cancer Focus NI – Nurs – P7 includes Genevieve the Goat!

Wed 2nd – P1s & St Brigid's P1s to People's Park

MON 7th – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**

14, 15th, 16th, 23rd and 24th School Nurse to see P.1 children

Thurs 17th May – Coaching for Christ Fun Day (More details to follow)

Thurs 24th May – Lads n Dads (more details to follow)

FRI 25th – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

MON 28th – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**

TUES 29th – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

Thurs 31st – 1.00pm new P1s Parents' Meeting

JUNE dates you might like to know

Fri 1st June – 6.30pm - Summer Fair – details to follow

Mon 4th – 1.00pm new Nursery Parents' Meeting

Thurs 7th & Fri 8th – New Nursery children afternoon

Wed 20th & Thurs 21st – School Production – details to follow later.

Tues 26th – Prize Day & P7s last day + P4-P7 disco

Fri 29th – **SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12.00noon**

NB: 2018-2019 - SCHOOL WILL RE-COMMENCE ON TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2018

IMPORTANT - P2-P7 will finish at 12.45pm due to a staff training event

MILK MONEY

Primary School Pupils

Milk money to cover from

Monday 4th June to

Thursday 28th June is £3.99.

Please note - THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on **Wednesday 16th May** as late orders cannot be made.



THE SPRING TEA PARTY

We had a very successful Spring Tea Party, with about 45 senior citizens from the Ballykeel area attending, on Tuesday the 20th March. The Ballykeel P.S. school choir opened up the proceedings with two beautiful pieces and then everyone enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee along with a large selection of cakes, buns, scones and savoury hot snacks. After this we all had a bit of fun when Mrs Montgomery and Mrs Bradley organised a mock-up of the 'Generation Game.' Mrs Jean Kidd won the cake decorating challenge and took home an Easter egg, cuddly toy and a trophy after successfully memorising lots of objects on the famous 'conveyor belt.'



Following this, the choir returned and led everyone in a sing-a-long of a few old favourite songs. Everyone seemed to have a relaxing, fun and enjoyable time. Special mention must go to the P7 pupils who welcomed and entertained the older folk throughout the duration of the tea party – they were a credit to themselves and their school!

By Mr Fisher

NETBALL

The Netball tournament was held on the 16th March in Ballymena Leisure Centre. The team played against St. Mary's, Broughshane, Camphill and Kells and Connor. The girls played exceptionally well however, the standard and level of play this year was extremely high across all schools. We played four matches in our section, we lost 3 and won one. I was extremely proud of how well the girls played, they demonstrated great skill and technique! Well done girls!

By Miss Kane



WOODHALL RESIDENTIAL

Before the Easter holidays, Primary 7 pupils went on their annual Residential trip. Each group spent 2 ½ days at Woodhall Residential Centre near Coleraine.



When they arrived the children had to create a contract about rules and boundaries during their stay. After that they had a tour of the buildings and unpacked. Events on Day 1 included a Team Crystal Maze Challenge with lots of problem solving and team building activities; and Night Orienteering when they had to use maps and head torches to find 12 markers around the Woodhall grounds. On Day 2 the children enjoyed High Ropes activities

including a zip line and human jenga! In the afternoon they went bell-boating in a river in Kilrea, and some children chose to challenge themselves by jumping in at the very end. Everyone got very wet anyway as there was a very small water-fight (!) and afterwards they enjoyed a warm, hot shower.

As well as the planned activities there was also some free time to enjoy watching a DVD, playing pool, football and giant Connect 4. The food was really good, but the Tuck Shop was even better! All the children thoroughly enjoyed their time in Woodhall and made lots of happy memories. See our website for more photographs.

By P7BE



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FOOTBALL NEWS

On Friday 23rd March, a boys' team and a girls' team took part in an **IFA Futsal tournament** at Antrim Forum. Both teams played very well, with the boys qualifying from their group and reaching their semi-final, and the girls winning every group match, as well as their semi-final and final match.



Congratulations to the girls, who went on to represent Ballykeel Primary School at the national finals, which took place on Thursday 12th April. 1-0 and 3-0 wins, along with two 0-0 draws, saw the girls into the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the semi-final match ended in a 1-0 defeat for the girls, but congratulations to the team for getting so far in such a tough competition.



Senior Cup finals

On Thursday 12th April, the senior football team took part in the Senior Cup finals, cheered on by supporters from each of the participating schools.

Ballykeel's opening match was against Carniny, who took a 2-0 lead in the first half. Despite pressing after the break, Carniny's defence held firm and the match finished 2-0.

The opponents in the second match - in which the Senior Plate was being contested - was St. Colmcille's. Ballykeel had the lions' share of possession and created numerous chances, but St. Colmcille's defended in numbers and the breakthrough could not be made. The match finished in a 0-0 stalemate, and the Plate will be shared between the two schools.

By Mr Hughes

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 22nd March a P5 Girls' Football team competed in a tournament against other local schools, at Cullybackey College. The team was made up of Roxy Tennant, Summer McAuley, Terri-Beth Bartley, Ellie McIlroy, Amy Holmes and Bethany Rainey.



The girls played really well and were so excited to play for their school. They got to meet the Northern Ireland women's team manager, Alfie Wylie, as well as a few of the players. We were particularly pleased with the performance of the girls as some of the teams they were playing against were all P7 pupils.

By Mr Fisher

ST. COLMCILLE'S TECH. CHALLENGE

Four P7 pupils (Katie Glass, Ellyn McConkey, Logan Armstrong and Luke Woulahan) represented Ballykeel Primary School at the annual St. Colmcille's P.S. Technology challenge. It was held on Wednesday the 21st March.

The pupils were placed in teams of 4 with children from other local schools. Their challenge was to build a structure that would move an Easter egg from one side of the assembly hall to the other using a zip line. The pupils had to keep the egg completely intact and extra marks were awarded for the egg travelling at a controlled rate and arriving at the end of the zip line. Some teams were more successful than others and more than a few eggs were smashed! However, the winning team successfully completed all of the challenges and included our own Ellyn McConkey. Well done Ellyn and her team!

By Mr Fisher

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION RED DAY



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On Friday 9th March everyone was wearing red to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. The day was held in support of our Primary 4 pupil Mark Lynn who lives with a challenging heart condition. Mark and his parents put lots of time into making the day lots of fun and a big success. Throughout the day pupils got to meet Hearty man, enjoy sweet treats and visit the Collaborative art display in the hall created by all pupils. In the afternoon parents visited too and enjoyed tea and buns from our BHF stall. **£650 was raised and we want to say a huge thanks to everyone who supported and contributed in any way.**

By Mrs. McKelvey

Winning CLASSES for MARCH

CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-

FOR ATTENDANCE:- P3LK

UNIFORM:- P1KM

GOLDEN CLASSES:- P6JH

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1KH – TREY MAWHINNEY

P1KM – LUKAS GORDON

P2JT – RILEY BALMER

P2AS – TRISTAN MILLAR

P3LK – ALEXIS CASSIDY

P3CM – JACK GILLESPIE

P4JDT – HARMONY-GRACE McKEOWN

P4RM – CAITLIN WARNOCK

P5CC – JENNA DOWDS

P5AR – COREY QUIGLEY

P6SM – CALUM MATCHETT

P6JH – ALEX SIMMONS

P7SG – ERIN McGAUGHEY

P7BE – NIKITA JOHNSTON

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT P1

The P1 classes enjoyed a visit from the Fire Brigade, as part of our recent Helping Hands theme. We saw the uniform firefighters wear when they are putting out fires, and even got to try it on! We heard more about what else firefighters have to do as part of their jobs – attending car accidents, and rescuing people or animals who have got stuck.

They brought the Fire Engine along with them, and we were able to climb on board and explore all the different equipment they use. The best part of all was when each child got a go at using the hose!

Here's a little rhyme the firefighters taught us about keeping safe from fire...

**Matches, Matches, NEVER touch,
They could hurt you VERY much.
Thank you to NIFRS for coming to school
to visit us!**



By Mrs Henry