

Bushmills Primary School
&
Nursery Unit



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Newsletter

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Head Lice

Again, can I remind all parents/guardians that it is your responsibility to regularly check your child's hair. Treatment can be obtained for free from your local chemist. We would request that any pupils with long hair please tie their hair up.

Contact Details

If you have changed your address, mobile number or any other contact information please inform the school as soon as possible, to keep records up to date. This is important for all pupils, Nursery to Primary 7.

End of Term 2!!

As we have now reached the end of Term 2, it has certainly remained busy for all of us here in school.

With the clocks moving forward an hour at the weekend, it is great to see not only clear mornings but also the longer clear evenings.



With this in mind I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Easter break!

Please remember the Easter holidays will begin on Monday 3rd April when school closes at 12:00noon sharp for all pupils! Please also note there will be no breakfast club on Monday morning and pupils must bring their own healthy snack.

Generous Donation

Earlier this year we were delighted to receive a very generous donation of 'goodies' from the Waller family which included a large quantity of art and craft materials and a keyboard complete with stand and stool.

We are thrilled to have received these items which Mr Paul Waller, Ruby-Jane's grandfather, donated to our school. These belonged to his late wife, Sarah-Jane, and we are very thankful for these.



School Photographs

I am pleased to report that school photographs have now arrived in school and been sent home. I do hope that everyone is happy with their final photographs!



If you still wish to order photographs, this can be done online directly with the photographer.

PTFA – Parent, Teachers & Friends Association

I am delighted to report that our newly formed PTFA met at the beginning of this week and already ideas and plans have been discussed. Our first fundraising event will take place when we return to school after the Easter break so watch this space.....



Extended Schools

Once again, our Extended Schools Programme has been running successfully since the beginning of the new school year. However, as was the case in previous years, we have regrettably been informed that as the end of March sees the end of the financial year, funding for Extended Schools has come to an end, meaning many of the After School sessions have now finished. On a brighter note, a few new clubs may be running after Easter (funding dependent) although I will be able to confirm this following the Easter break.



Library Van Service

The library van is due to visit school on Monday 3rd April (the day we finish for Easter). Please ensure all library books are returned in preparation for this visit. Following Easter, the next visit will be Monday 17th April.



Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club continues every morning, Monday to Friday from 8:15am for all pupils in Nursery to Primary 7.



Swimming

Swimming lessons for our Primary 6/7 pupils (Miss Swanson's class) continue on Friday mornings at Coleraine Leisure Centre. The final lessons for this term were held today and these will continue again after Easter with the first lesson commencing again on Friday 20th April.



Reminders

Sadly, over the past few months I have noticed (and have been made aware) of a few actions which I feel is putting the safety of our pupils, your children, at risk! Please note the following:

- Some parents are still driving into the school grounds, especially in the mornings to drop off or collect pupils. I feel I have mentioned this too many times before, however unfortunately it continues to happen. Please remember the safety of our pupils is my top priority!!
- Can I also ask that when dropping off and collecting your child/children, you walk along the path and not over the driveway as using the driveway is not only setting a poor example for pupils it is also putting yourself and other people at danger
- Please continue to check school bags for notes etc. as on many occasions letters are sent out requiring reply slips to be completed by certain dates and quite often we seem to be continually chasing up reply slips – this is your responsibility as parents!
- Finally, once we return to school following the Easter break can I ask that all parents drop off their children at the designated doors and encourage them to walk to class independently. Unfortunately, a number of adults are still coming into the building, and this can be upsetting for other children in the mornings

Attendance

Attendance at the end of the month of March has seen an improvement from February. We hope to see this continue to improve throughout the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

The attendance cup for March will be presented to the winning class. The overall attendance for March was 92.4%.

Results are as follows:

1st: Miss Logan &

Miss Brown P5/6 95.0%

2nd: Mrs Sheridan P3/4 93.4%

3rd: Miss Swanson P6/7 91.8%

4th: Miss Fulton P1/2 91.7%

5th: Miss Cochrane &

Miss Rowe Nur 89.5%



Well done to Miss Logan & Miss Brown's class!

As you are aware unfortunately, in these uncertain times we have been seeing a lot of absences from school. **If your child is ill, please telephone the school office to advise us of your child's absence and of the cause.**

Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half of a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!

Star of the Week

This year we are continuing to reward one pupil from each year every week for their achievements. These certificates are being issued in each class on a Friday.



During the month of March, the following pupils were awarded 'Star of the Week':

	03/03	10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03
Yr 1	Lucy Neill	Oscar Parke	Skyler Leighton	Robbie Barrett	Olivia Wilmont
Yr 2	Ben Neill	Sam Mogeys	Aria Stevenson-Lampard	Molly Wilmont	Scarlett Kennedy
Yr 3	Reuben McIntyre	Freddie Speers	Emily Douglas	Luka Tweed	Jacob Greer
Yr 4	Hollie McKay	Caleb Kane	Charlie Keys	Ella Scott	Rebecca McIntyre
Yr 5	Sofia McKenna	Lucy Parke	Ryan McAleese	Adam McConachie	Jessy Chen
Yr 6	Kaley Corscadden	Jayden Mulholland	Logan Cross	Ava O'Rawe	Madison McKeeman & Kaley Corscadden
Yr 7	Leon Myers	Lily-Mae McAfee	Hayden Parke	Sam Thompson	Denzel Duncan

Diary Dates

Term 2		
Easter Holiday	04-Apr-23 to 14-Apr-23	Inclusive

Term 3		
Start of Term	17-Apr-23	Starts 9:00am sharp
P6/7 Beach Schools	19-Apr-23	Details were sent home w/c 27-Mar-23
P5/6 Beach Schools	20-Apr-23	Details were sent home w/c 27-Mar-23
PI Health Reviews	24-Apr-23 & 25-Apr-23	
PI/2 Beach Schools	26-Apr-23	Further details will be issued after Easter
P3/4 Beach Schools	27-Apr-23	Further details will be issued after Easter
Bank Holiday	01-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
Bank Holiday	08-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
Foundation & KSI Revision Week	09-May-23 to 12-May-23	
Foundation & KSI Assessment Week	15-May-23 to 19-May-23	
KS2 Revision Week	15-May-23 to 19-May-23	

KS2 Assessment Week	22-May-23 to 26-May-23	
Bank Holiday	29-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
Staff Development Day	30-May-23	School closed to ALL pupils
P7 Leavers Trip	21-Jun-23	
End of Term	30-Jun-23	School finishes at 12:00noon for ALL pupils

Bushmills Primary School Lunch Menu – Choice

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Week beginning:	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread Slice	Southern Spiced Chicken Gouloup Wrap or Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread	Homemade Beef Bolognalse or Cheese/ Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Gammon or Roast Chicken Fillet or Stuffing & Gravy	Hotdog or Sweet Chilli Chicken/ Cheese Panini
03 Apr 23 01 May 23 29 May 23 26 Jun 23	Chipped Potatoes/Baked Potatoes Baked Beans & Garden Peas Egg Sponge topped with Yoghurt & Fruit	Boiled Rice/ Diced Potatoes Peas/ Tossed Salad Frozen Strawberry Mousse & Fruit	Pasta Spirals/ Potatoes Wedges Crusty Bread Sweetcorn/Coleslaw Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes Garden Peas/Carrots & Parsnip Homemade Shortbread & Fresh Fruit Salad	Chipped Potatoes/Mashed Potatoes Coleslaw, Baked Beans Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fresh Fruit
Week 2 Week beginning:	Beef Burger in a bap with Cheese/Salad or Chicken & Pasta Bake	Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread or Ham / Cheese Panini	Savoury Mince or Golden Crumb Fish Fillet/ Fish Fingers	Roast Chicken Fillet or Stuffing & Gravy	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets or Homemade Beef Lasagne
10 Apr 23 08 May 23 05 Jun 23	Chipped Potatoes/Crusty Bread Sweetcorn/ Baked Beans Ice-cream Tub & Fresh Fruit	Diced Potatoes/ Boiled Rice Garden Peas/ Sweetcorn Homemade Brownie and Milkshake	Mashed/ Baked Potatoes Peas & Carrots Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oven Baked Salmon Fish Cakes Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes Broccoli & Baton Carrots Rice Pudding & Mandarin Oranges	Chipped/ Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans/ Salad/ Coleslaw Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Week 3 Week beginning:	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons or Spiced Chicken Fajita	Oven Baked Pork Sausages or Chilli Chicken Noodles With Garlic Bread Slice	Homemade Beef Bolognalse or Ham/ Cheese Panini	Roast Pork or Roast Chicken Fillet or Stuffing & Gravy	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
20 Mar 23 17 Apr 23 15 May 23 12 Jun 23	Chipped /Baked Potato Sweetcorn/ Salad/ Coleslaw Zesty Orange Sponge & Custard	Savoury Noodles/Mashed Potato Garden Peas & Baked Beans Yoghurt & Fruit	Pasta Spirals/Potato Wedges Toasted Salad/ Sweetcorn Caramel Tart & Custard	Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Fresh Cabbage Flakemeal Biscuit & Strawberry Milkshake	Chipped/Mashed Potatoes Spaghetti Hoops/Garden Peas Raspberry Ripple Ice-Cream & Two Fruits
Week 4 Week beginning:	Chicken Burger & Salad or Chicken/ Cheese Panini	Homemade Chicken Pie or Golden Crumbed Fish Fillet/ Fish Fingers	Beef burger & Gravy or Chicken Curry & Naan Bread	Roast Beef or Roast Chicken Fillet or Stuffing & Gravy	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons or Margherita Pizza slice
27 Mar 23 24 Apr 23 22 May 23 19 Jun 23	Chipped/ Baked Potatoes Pasta Salad/Sweetcorn Vanilla Artic Roll & Sliced Peaches	Diced /Mashed Potatoes Garden Peas/Coleslaw Muffin & Fruit	Mashed Potato/Boiled Rice Carrots/Sweetcorn Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Batons Rice Krispie Square & Fruit	Chipped/ Mashed Potato Baked Beans/Coleslaw Homemade Cookie & Fresh Fruit

Breads, Milk, Water & Fresh Fruit Available Daily. If You Require Additional Information on Allergens or Special Diets.
Please Contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form