

Bushmills Primary
School
&
Nursery Unit



November 2018
Newsletter

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End of November!

November has continued to be a very busy month here in school with lots happening and preparations for our Christmas production "Cinderella and Rockerfella" well underway.

All staff and pupils are working extremely hard during rehearsals, although I would ask you as parents to please ensure your child is in bed early at night as unfortunately sometimes tired pupils along with intense rehearsal do not mix.

As already mentioned this week, please continue to check your child's school bag every day for notes as information regarding events over the next few weeks will be sent out regularly.



Headlice

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.

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.

Admissions to Nursery & Primary School

If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2019, you can apply for their place online from **Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 10.00am.**



The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be **12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019.**

Further information on the admissions procedure will be available in the coming weeks as it is made available to us.

Pre-school places are available for children who are in the target age group, i.e. who were born on or between 2nd July 2015 and 1st July 2016.

All children born on or between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015 must begin their primary education from September 2018 because by that date they will have reached **COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE.**

Remembrance Day / Poppy Appeal



Thank-you to all who gave generously towards the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal. A total of £123.31 was raised by our school (more than the amount raised last year!) Also 'Thanks' to our Head Boy and Head Girl (Aaron and Amber) who represented our school at the annual Poppy Day Remembrance Service which was held in the town on Sunday 11th November.

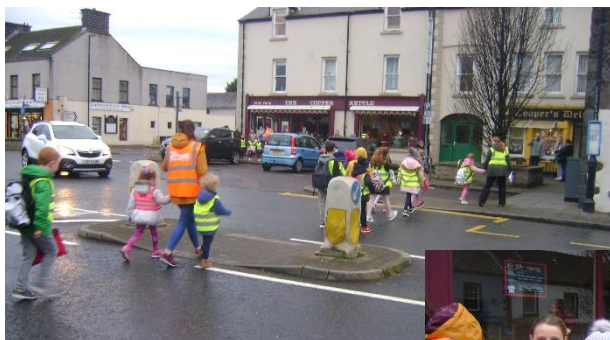
Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying Week was held from Monday 12th to Friday 16th November. Classes took part in a range of activities throughout the week which included a special 'Anti-bullying' workshop for all Primary 1 to Primary 7 classes which took place on the Thursday of that week. This workshop was taken by staff from an outside agency 'Copius'.



Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week was held from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November. The theme for the week was #BikeSmart and all pupils took part in a range of activities during classes over the five days. On the final day (Friday 23rd) all pupils were encouraged to dress up in bright clothes as part of a non-uniform day! A 'Walking Bus' was also organised for that morning and I am delighted that an amazing number of pupils were able to get involved. On arrival at school all pupils were treated to a healthy snack.



Open Morning

On Thursday 29th November we held our Open Morning when a pleasing number of parents came along to visit our school. Please be reminded if you have a child wishing to start Nursery or Primary 1 in September 2019



information regarding the new 'Digital Admissions' procedure will be available in due course and before the end of term! If there is anything you wish to discuss regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

R.N.L.I. Charity Update

Many thanks to all pupils so far who have returned their 'full' jars to schools, emptied them in the class boxes and taken the jars home again to refill! So far 5ps are flowing in and I hope to have an update on progress to date before we break for the Christmas holidays!



Lifeboats

P.T.A. Update



As you are aware the P.T.A. play a vital role in our school organising events and helping out at special functions (as and when required), I would firstly like to say 'Thanks' to all committee members for their

on-going support throughout this past year and secondly I would like to highlight to all parents that vacancies exist within our P.T.A. at present so if you would like to join our committee, please contact myself or any of the P.T.A. committee members at your earliest possible convenience. You will be made more than welcome!!

Breakfast Club



Once again Breakfast Club continues on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20am to 8:50am. Please note that the 'cut off point' for final breakfast orders will be 8:40am to allow pupils time to eat their breakfast before heading out to the playground.

Please note Breakfast Club will run as normal until the end of the term.

Choir Rehearsals



Choir rehearsals continue on Monday Afternoons (P1 to P3 from 2:00pm to 2:30pm and P4 to P7 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm). Please note a full attendance each week would be greatly appreciated

as we continue to be busy preparing for our Annual Christmas Carol Service.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for Primary 4 and 5 pupils have now finished for this term and will resume again on Friday 11th January 2019. (they will then run until half-term with the final session for Primary 4 and 5 pupils being held on Friday 8th February).



Snack

Could any child who owes money for snack to the canteen, please ensure any outstanding monies are paid in full to the canteen staff by next Friday (7th December). Please note there will be no snack available on the final day of term (Friday 21st December).



Eco-Committee and School Council



We have had a busy month preparing for Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week. We all really enjoyed the walking bus and hope to do it again in the Spring. This month Primaries 1-3 have been exploring our Bio-diversity topic learning about hedgehogs from a student at Queen's University.



We Need Your Help!



The Eco-Committee would like to make a sound wall in the playground. If you have any old saucepans, lids, wooden spoons or anything metal that you no longer need could you please send it into school.

In Breakfast Club we have lots of books to read before we go outside, we would like to add some games. If you are having a clear out before Christmas and have any games you no longer want, please send them our way!



Thank you
Eco-Schools Committee

November Assemblies

Visitors to our assemblies throughout the month of November were as follows:

Wednesday 7th November Rev Dr N Cubitt
(Bushmills Presbyterian)

Wednesday 14th November Rev. A Buick
(Dunluce Presbyterian)

Wednesday 21st November Alice McAlary
(Family Support Worker)



Attendance

The Attendance Cup for November will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 5th December 2018. The school's overall average attendance for the month of November was 92.5%. Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Fulton (P2/3)	97.7%
2nd:	Mrs McAllister (P1/2)	92.6%
3rd:	Mrs Sheridan (P6/7)	91.8%
4th:	Miss Logan (P4/5)	91.6%
5th:	Mrs Garrett (Nursery)	89.0%



Well Done Miss Fulton's P2/3 class!

Time for Football!



Thursday 15th November saw the team travel to Ballycastle for our second tournament, and we saw a massive improvement in attitude and performance from our first tournament.

Started off very slow and lost 2 goals to nil to a Dunseverick side who went on to win all 4 games.

After that we went from strength to strength, played some brilliant football and scored some fantastic goals.

Very unlucky not to win our last 3 games but from having 1 point in our first tournament to finishing 2nd in the table with 7 points this tournament, every player can be super proud of themselves because as a coach I couldn't be more proud. On to the next one!

Games

Bushmills 0 - 2 Dunseverick

Bushmills 2 - 0 Straidbilly

Bushmills 2 - 0 Armoy

Bushmills 2 - 2 Ballycastle

Goal Scorers

Charlie Greer 3

Devon Sharkey 2

Charlie McMullan 1

Report by Mr C McKendry

Footballer of the week

The following players of the week have been picked for the month of November:

	9th Nov	16th Nov	23rd Nov	30th Nov
Year 1 to 3	Leo McKendry	No Football	Sam Thompson	Ollie Costello
Year 4 to 7	Alfie Neill	Lucy McKay	Iona Sharkey	Alex Hogg

Star of the Week

Each week one pupil from each class will be rewarded for their achievements. A special assembly is held each Friday afternoon to celebrate these awards. During the month of November, the following pupils were awarded 'Star of the Week'.



	9th Oct	16th Oct	23rd Oct	30th Oct
Yr 1	Noah Spratt	Poppy Armstrong	Ryan McAleese	Victoria Gilmour
Yr 2	Ella McMullan	Callum Jamieson	Marie Taggart	Becky McKay
Yr 3	Liam Nutt	Braylen Daley	Hayden Parke	Millie Montgomery
Yr 4	Iona Sharkey	Keira Dixon	Kailan Boyce	Sam Hogg
Yr 5	Alison Nutt	Caprice McCrellis	Alfie Neill	Georgia Gault
Yr 6	Kayleigh Parke	Lucy McKay	Teya Cummins	Ella McKay
Yr 7	Hollie Parke	Karen Walker	Maddy O'Halloran	Marissa Mulholland

Diary Dates

Term 1		
Christmas Dinner	07-Dec-18	
Christmas Production (P1-P7)	13-Dec-18	Further details to follow
Staff Training	14-Dec-18	School closed for ALL pupils
Nursery Christmas Production	20-Dec-18	Further details to follow
End of Term (Christmas)	21-Dec-18	Annual Carol Service @ 10:00am. Further details to follow
Christmas Vacation	24-Dec-18 to 02-Jan-19	Inclusive

Term 2		
Start of Term	03-Jan-19	9:00am sharp
Mac Theatre - Belfast (P1-P7)	04-Jan-19	Further details to follow
Half Term	15-Feb-19 to 19-Feb-19	Inclusive
Parent/Teacher Interviews	15-Apr-19 & 16-Apr-19	2:00pm - 4:00pm
End of Term (Easter)	17-Apr-19	12:00 Noon
Easter Vacation	18-Apr-19 to 26-Apr-19	Inclusive

Bushmills Primary School and
Nursery Unit PTA
are having a

Movie Night

For Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils

On Wednesday 5th December 2018
from 6.00-8.00pm
in the school

Admission £1.50

(which includes a drink and popcorn)

Strictly for Bushmills Primary
School pupils only





CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

DR. ADAM CLARKE - PORTSTEWART METHODIST CHURCH

Teas, Coffees, Lunches and Special Afternoon Christmas Teas
 Available in The Church Hall.

EVERYONE WELCOME



Bushmills Primary School Choir will
 be performing at 10:30am on
 Friday 7th December 2018 in the
 Portstewart Methodist Church hall
 (entrance on Prom near steps).

Please come along to support our choir.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Friday 7th December 2018



Roast Turkey & Stuffing
Chipolata Sausage
Carrots & Peas
Roast Potatoes
Creamed Potatoes
Gravy

Tub Ice-Cream



Orange Squash