

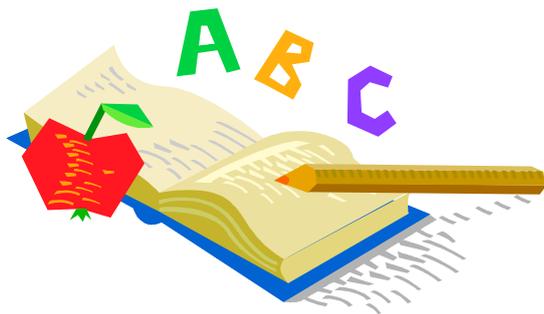
Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



October 2014

Busy Time for Bushmills Primary!

Like all of us here in school I am sure you will agree October has been a very busy month and I am delighted to report that the hard work of both teachers and pupils continues to be a top priority. From winning prizes at the recent Bushmills 'Salmon and Whiskey Festival' to skipping for charity, it has all been happening. Once again I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thanks' to you the parents for your ongoing support as we seek to continue to provide a high quality of education for your children.



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Scarecrow Success!

We are delighted to report that Bushmills Primary were successful at the recent 'Salmon and Whiskey Festival' which was held last month. Children who were involved in the Extended Schools Programme got organised and created their own 'Scarecrow' which gained first place at the event. Huge 'Thanks' must go to all the pupils who helped out and also to the teachers and classroom assistants who gave a helping hand. Pupils were presented with their winning prize at assembly on Wednesday 8th October (the prize was a large hamper of sweets) which was kindly donated by Carlton's Newsagent. Karen from Carlton's visited the school to present the prize and local press photographers were also in attendance. Bushmills Primary School pupils also gained other individual success at the Festival with Lucy McKay (P2) being crowned Miss Bushmills and Leah Wilmont (P3) being placed runner-up. Kieva Sinnamon (P7) also won first place in the 'Under 11 Bushmills Bake Off' with a selection of goodies which staff at Bushmills Primary can assure you were delicious!

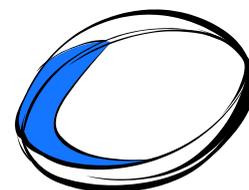


Sustrans

As you have already been made aware, our school has been chosen to be part of the Sustrans Active School Travel Programme which will aim to improve health among our pupils through physical activity, promote independence and improve safety awareness. As part of the programme Emma Keenan from Sustrans Travel attended our school assembly on Wednesday 1st October to introduce the pupils to the exciting events that will be happening. On Friday 10th October she returned to school and visited the P5, P6 and P7 classes to give them a talk about the History of the Bicycle. Some more events will be taking place in November including 'Dr Bike Day' and 'Ditch the Dark'. Details will follow.

Tag Rugby

Tag Rugby for boys in P4-P7 has started on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00pm—4:00pm and is part of our Extended Schools provision. This will run until Tuesday 18th November. The charge is £1.50 per week and fresh fruit and water will also be provided.



Football Tournament

Our school football team travelled to Bushvalley Primary School on Wednesday 15th October to take part in the first round of the Coleraine and District Small Schools Football Tournament. The team enjoyed a great afternoon of fun and football and for Bushmills Primary the tournament got off to a very pleasing start. Well done to all who participated! The next round will take place here in Bushmills Primary on Wednesday 12th November.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews have already taken place for some parents with the remaining interviews being held this afternoon. Once again can we as a staff thank you for coming along to meet and discuss your child's/children's progress at school. As a parent you play a very important role in helping to give your child the best start in life and your support is very important!

It's All Go Go Go!

- ◆ Swimming Lessons for P4 and P5 pupils continue each Friday morning at Coleraine Leisure Centre.
- ◆ 'Fun with Drums' workshops also continue every Tuesday afternoon as part of our Extended Schools Programme. These are taken by James Hamilton and are available for all pupils in primaries 3, 4 and 5.
- ◆ All pupils in P1-P7 still enjoy Dance classes which take place every Monday morning.
- ◆ Representatives from the local CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) have been taking workshops in school on Friday afternoons between 2pm and 3pm with pupils in P3 to P7.

Skipathon

On Friday 17th October we held our British Heart Foundation Jump Off event. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part and the event was a huge success. To date the total amount raised is £1074.19 with monies still coming in. We would like to thank you, your family and friends for all the support you have given the school to help raise money for not only school funds but also the British Heart Foundation.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our pupils who were successful in being appointed as 'Playground Friends'. Following the application and interview process, the successful pupils were as follows:-

Sophie Parke

Brooke McCrellis

Cassie Parke

Kieva Sinnamon

Morgan O'Halloran

Andrew Smyth

Peter Campbell

Luke Leighton

Alexander Gault

Matthew McNeill

Inter-House Uni-Hoc Tournament



Congratulations to Lissanduff Team 1 who won our inter-house uni-hoc tournament which took place on Friday 3rd October. The winning team included:- Kieva Sinnamon

Matthew McNeill

Peter Campbell

Kaitlin Myers

Stephen McKay

Owen Kerr

Jason McMullan

Leah Wilmont

Amber Greer

Cash for Kids

Just a brief reminder about our 'Cash for Kids' challenge which has been organised by our P.T.A. All bags can be left at the school and further arrangements will then be made to ensure they are taken to the relevant clothing banks. The P.T.A would greatly appreciate your help with this new adventure!

Attendance

I am delighted to report that Attendance at school continues to remain at a high level. Once again the Attendance Cup for October was presented at assembly with Miss Logan's class taking the honours! Well done to P5.

Results were as follows:	1st Miss Logan	99.5%
	2nd Fulton	97.7%
	3rd Mrs McAllister	96.0%
	4th Miss McBride	95.2%
	5th Miss Calvin	94.3%
	6th Mrs Garrett	91.5%

Poppy Day

As we approach 'Remembrance Day' we have once again been asked by the Royal British Legion to support the annual 'Poppy Appeal'. As well as poppies being made available for pupils they have also this year sent a selection of other items which pupils can purchase.

Prices are as follows:-	Friendship Bracelet	£1.00
	Flexi Rulers	£1.00
	Wristbands	£0.50
	Bugs	£0.50
	Tattoo - Pack of ten	£0.50
	Hair Clips	£0.50
	Pencils	£0.50
	Erasers	£0.50
	Reflective Tag	£0.50

These will be available in school until **Thursday 6th November 2014**

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AQE Tests

As we are now at the end of October 5 of our P7 pupils have been working hard as they prepare for the AQE Transfer Tests. The first test will take place on Saturday 8th November and we wish all of our pupils well.

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd October

Halloween Hooley, Admission £1.50

Nursery—P3 6pm—7pm

P4-P7 7:15pm -8:15pm

Friday 24th October

Staff Training (school finishes for all pupils (P1-P7) at 1:50pm)

Mon 27th Oct—Fri 31st Oct (inclusive) Half Term Vacation

Monday 3rd November

School re-opens 9:00am

Monday 22nd December

PTA Tesco Bag Packing 10am—6pm
(Details to follow)