

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit

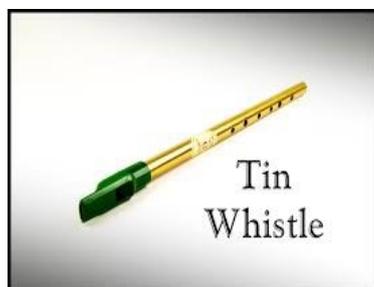
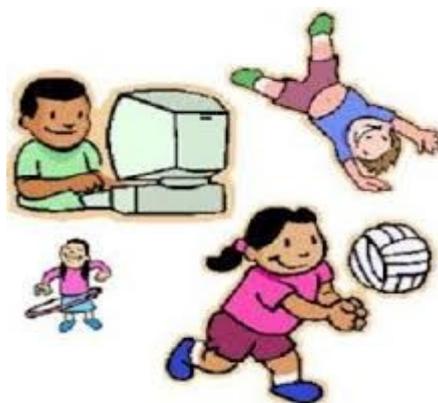


September 2016

A Settled September!

Although September appears to have flown past very quickly, I am pleased to report that all pupils have settled well into the new term.

Extended School activities are also underway and attendance has remained good. New activities this term have included Tennis, "Lights, Camera, Confidence" and Sports for all, alongside our usual Junior and Senior Clubs.



As part of our on-going involvement with the Ulster Scots Agency Flagship Programme our Primary 6 and 7 pupils have also been enjoying "Tin Whistle" lessons on Monday afternoons with Mr Dick Glasgow.

Finally I am delighted to add that Spanish lessons have commenced again on Friday mornings for all pupils in Primaries 1 to 7. These are again taken by our Languages Tutor Mrs Christina McGarvey.



So far so good and it's all go, go, go here in school. Once again we look forward to another busy but productive term here at Bushmills Primary!

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Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for pupils in Primary 4 and Primary 5 have got underway this term. The pupils travel to Coleraine Leisure Centre every Friday morning and these arrangements are in place every Friday until 10th February 2017.



Flu Immunisation Programme



Please be reminded that the School Nursing Team will visit on Wednesday 19th October to administer the Flu Vaccine. Any outstanding consent forms are now long overdue and must be returned by Tuesday 4th October.

Music Lessons

I am delighted to report that 9 pupils are currently taking piano lessons with Mrs Lorna Balmer every Tuesday.



Four of our pupils are also continuing with violin lessons with Mr C Elliott (Education Authority Music Service Tutor) on Monday afternoons.

In addition 3 pupils have commenced woodwind tuition (flutes and clarinets) with Music Tutor Miss J McDermott also on Monday afternoons.



House Captains

Our newly appointed House Captains for 2016-17 are as follows:

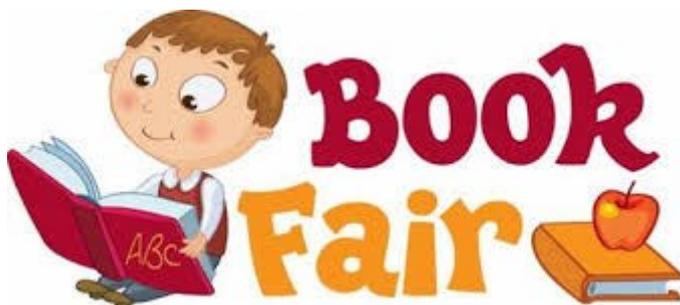
Lissanduff	-	Taylor Maxwell
Deputy	-	Jason McMullan
Portcamon	-	Kayleigh Crawford
Deputy	-	PJ McIntyre
Klondyke	-	Abby Wilmont
Deputy	-	Rebecca Cerutti
Blackrock	-	Chloe Horner
Deputy	-	Johnathan Horner



Congratulations to our newly appointed Captains and Deputies and we wish them well for the coming year as they each take on this new and exciting challenge.

Book Fair

Travelling Books visited our school from Wednesday 14th September until Wednesday 21st September. All pupils were given the opportunity to visit the Fair and purchase new books, stationery etc. A total of £369.24 was spent on purchasing items which in turn has meant the school can now spend a total of £147.70 (based on commissions earned) on additional books for our classes and the school library. Many thanks to all who purchased from the Fair and helped contribute to this final total.



September Assemblies

Once again throughout September we have welcomed the following visitors to our monthly assemblies:-

- Wednesday 7th September - Rev McLernon
- Wednesday 21st September - Canon G Graham
- Wednesday 28th September - Rev N Cubitt

Eco-Committee

Our newly appointed Eco-Committee for 2016-17 is as follows:-



- P2 - Iona Sharkey & Holly Clarke
- P3 - Caprice McCrellis & Alison Nutt
- P4 - Lucy McKay & Alex Hogg
- P5 - Amber Greer & Ruby Neill
- P6 - Johnathan Horner & Grace Gault
- P7 - Jessica Parke & Kerry Neill

Attendance

As we begin a new school year, we seek to continue to attain high levels of attendance within school. The attendance Cup for September will be presented in school assembly next week.



Results are as follows: -

1st:	Mrs McAllister	(P1)	99.1%
2nd:	Miss Logan	(P4/5)	98.8%
3rd:	Miss Fulton	(P2/3)	96.8%
4th:	Mrs Garrett	(Nursery)	96.3%
5th:	Mrs Sheridan	(P6/7)	93.4%

Well Done Mrs McAllister's P1 class!

Diary Dates

P6/7 RADAR Visit	Tuesday 18-Oct-16	(Details to follow)
Parent/Teacher Interviews	26-Oct-16 & 27-Oct-16	2:00pm to 4:00pm (School will finish at 1:50pm for all pupils)
Half Term Vacation	31-Oct-16 to 04-Nov-16	Inclusive
Start of Term	07-Nov-16	9:00am sharp
Open Evening	23-Nov-16	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Christmas Production (P1 to P7)	15-Dec-16	10:00am and 7:00pm
Staff Training	16-Dec-16	School closed for ALL pupils
Nursery Production	20-Dec-16	9:30am
End of Term (Christmas)	21-Dec-16	School will finish at 12:00noon following the annual Carol Service @ 10:00am
Christmas Vacation	22-Dec-16 to 03-Jan-17	Inclusive
Start of Term	04-Jan-17	9:00am sharp