

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



May 2017

Where has the past year gone? I am sure you think back to September and can hardly believe we are now fast approaching the end of yet another school year. At this time of year we do think about our Primary 7 pupils who received their placement letters which have determined where the next chapter of their educational journey will begin. I am pleased to report that all pupils are happy and content with the outcome and are looking forward with excitement to moving onto their new schools. Final destinations are Dunluce School, Dominican College, Portstewart, Ballycastle High School and Ballymoney High School.

Meanwhile, once again life here in school continues to be busy and our pupils need to be congratulated on all their achievements to date (whether within school or outside!) Well Done to you all! Can I also take this opportunity to say 'Thanks' to you as parents for co-operating with us here in school throughout the year — your continued school support is always appreciated and valued!

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Sports Day

Thankfully we held our successful Sports Day on Friday 26th May. Weather conditions were fantastic and a large number of parents and friends turned out to support all our pupils as they participated in the large range of sporting challenges



which were on offer. Thanks again to all staff who helped out in any way at all on the day and also to Mrs McConachie and her staff who once again provided the Sports Day lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone afterwards. In addition a special mention to the members of our P.T.A. committee who provided light refreshments throughout the morning.

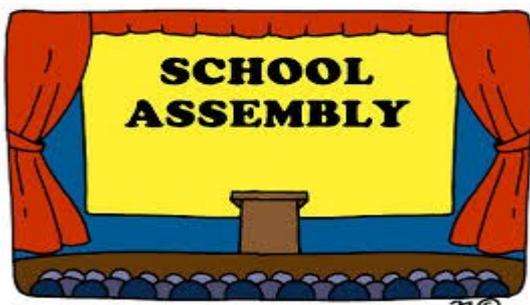
Congratulations to Kayleigh Parke (P4) who was the winner of the prize draw on the day (kindly donated by the P.T.A.). Kayleigh won a voucher for the Causeway Fun Farm.

May Assemblies

Again on a weekly basis we have welcomed visitors to our whole school assemblies. During the month of May our visitors were:-

Wednesday 17th May : Canon G Graham
(Dunluce Parish)

Wednesday 24th May : Alice McAlary
(Family Support Worker)



Attendance

The Attendance Cup for the month of May will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 7th June 2017. Attendance has increased this month with the average class attendance for May being 91.4%.

Results are as follows: -

1st:	Miss Logan	(P4/5)	96.2%
2nd:	Mrs Sheridan	(P6/7)	96.1%
3rd:	Miss Fulton	(P2/3)	95.7%
4th:	Mrs McAllister	(P1)	93.3%
5th:	Mrs Garrett	(Nursery)	90.8%



Well Done to Miss Logan's P4/5 class!

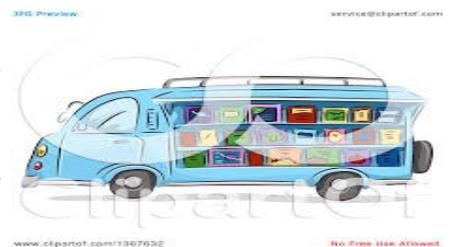
Swimming Lessons



Swimming lessons will continue on Friday mornings for Primary 6 and 7 pupils. There are only 3 more swimming lessons: Friday 2nd June, Friday 9th June and Friday 23rd June. Please note there here will be NO swimming lesson on Friday 16th.

Library Van Visit!

Please note the mobile library can will visit our school on Monday 5th June and the final visit for this academic year will be Monday 19th June.



'James Elliott Football Tournament'

Congratulations to our Primary 5 to Primary 7 pupils who travelled to the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre in Ballymoney to take part in the 'James Elliott Football Tournament' which was organised by Bushvalley Primary School and held on Tuesday 16th May. Our team had an enjoyable morning and although they did not win they represented our school exceptionally well!



Edinburgh School Trip

Following requests from both parents and pupils, we decided to take our residential trip a step further this time! On Tuesday 9th May alarm clocks were set early and at 5:15am 19 pupils along with 3 members of staff (and not forgetting our bus driver Gerry) set off for Belfast harbour where we boarded the Stenaline 7:30am sailing to Cairnryan harbour. We were off on our three day residential trip to Scotland!

Once safely on the other side, we made the journey to Glasgow where we stopped off at Glasgow Science Centre before continuing to our final destination which was Hotel Cladhan in Falkirk. Our first night was spent investigating our surroundings with a long walk in the nearby park before heading back to the hotel where all pupils were tucked up in bed safely and sleeping by 10:30p.m!

Day two saw another very early start with doors being knocked at half six followed by breakfast at half seven. A busy day lay ahead which saw us enjoy a tour of Edinburgh City followed by the Castle, then fun and frolics at Camera Obscura as well as an afternoon of entertainment at Dynamic Earth. Once again a delicious evening meal was enjoyed by all before we set sail again to enjoy our evening activity which was Ten Pin Bowling. Again we managed to stick to the tradition of the previous night which saw all pupils in bed and lights out by half past ten!

Our final morning saw some slightly tired and sad pupils say 'thanks' and 'farewell' to the hotel staff before we boarded the coach and headed for Blair Drummond Safari Park. After spending most of the day there we headed up the road in order to catch the 7:30p.m. boat home. As time was on our side we even

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managed to call in at McDonalds in Ayr just to make sure everyone was well fed and watered before catching the ferry home.

An enjoyable three days was had by everyone and already pupils are asking when we plan to return. To sum up our trip I would say it was an excellent experience for everyone involved (including the staff and our driver!) and one we will never forget. Not only did things run smoothly but on a number of occasions (both during the ferry crossings as well as during visits to the various attractions), I am delighted to report that the conduct of our pupils was remarked upon by various members of the general public - what more could you ask for?



Diary Dates



P.T.A. AGM	05-Jun-17	7:00pm
Football Tournament	07-Jun-17	Held here on the school grounds . Further details will follow
Treasure Trove Day	09-Jun-17	Further details to follow
P1 to P3 School Trip	13-Jun-17	Further details to follow
Nursery Trip School Trip	16-Jun-17	Further details to follow
P4 to P7 School Trip	19-Jun-17	Further details to follow
Annual Prize Day	23-Jun-17	1:15pm
P7 Last Day	23-Jun-17	Following Prize Day event
Nursery Graduation	30-Jun-17	9:30am
End of Term	30-Jun-17	School will finish for all pupils P1-P7 at 12:00 noon