

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit

February 2018 Newsletter



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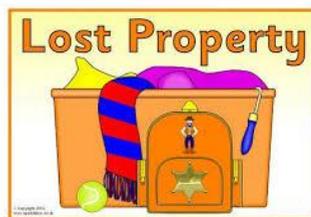
WELCOME BACK !

With half term over I know we are all happy to welcome the beginning of clearer evenings and say good-bye to the dark winter mornings. I trust everyone enjoyed the break and had a good rest.

Once again we have another busy term ahead so here's hoping it continues to not only be challenging but also enjoyable for all of us!

Lost Property

Have you recently had a sweatshirt, shoes, polo-shirt, trousers, a hat or glove, etc. go missing?? I would like to make all parents aware that we now have a 'Lost Property Box' which is situated in Mrs Collins' office. Sadly, this box is slowing filling up so please don't forget to 'pop in' just in case something in it may belong to you or your child!



After-Schools

Can I please remind all parents to use the reply slips which have been provided to allow school staff to make arrangements in the afternoons regarding which children are planning to stay for After-Schools which in turn will avoid confusion at the school gate.



**After School
Clubs**

Can I also ask that parents walk up to the first gate (beside the bicycle shed) to collect their child/children rather than encouraging pupils to run on down to the bottom gate at the side of the road.

Football Tournament

On Thursday 8th February our football team travelled to Ballycastle to take part in the next round of the Coleraine and District Small Schools Football Tournament. Once again a great afternoon was had by all!



The next round of the tournament will take place here at Bushmills Primary School on Thursday 8th March 2018 weather permitting.

Shared Reading Programme

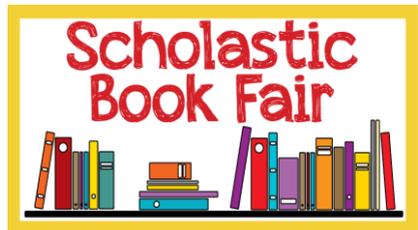


Our 'Shared Story Reading' afternoons for pupils in Nursery and Primary One continue on Thursday afternoons from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. These afternoons will run until Thursday 15th March.

Please be reminded that as part of this programme pupils will be visiting Waterstones Bookshop in Coleraine on Wednesday 14th March (further details will follow).

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair ran from Tuesday 6th February to Tuesday 13th February. Once again this was well supported and provided a great opportunity for all pupils to purchase their own books as well as other items of stationery, posters, key-rings etc. The commission earned totalled £75.94 and will once again allow teachers to purchase additional books for the school library and class libraries.



Red or Pink Day / Eco Committee Bun Sale

On Wednesday 14th February, to help celebrate St Valentine's Day, pupils were invited to come to school wearing casual clothes (pink or red). The theme continued throughout the day with pupils engaging in a range of art and craft activities as part of a competition.

In the afternoon a whole school assembly was held when we welcomed Paula Gibson (representative from the local Co-op) who kindly judged the art and craft competition and awarded prizes (hampers were donated by Co-Op) to one winner from each class!

Following assembly, the school's Eco-Committee set up tables for a cake sale which they organised themselves to help raise funds for new playground equipment. This project was a huge success with a total of £86.30 being raised. Well done and Thanks to our Eco-Committee and also to Miss Fulton who took responsibility for overseeing the entire event!



Peace Proms

After weeks of rehearsals and lots of planning the big day finally arrived and on Sunday 25th February our Peace Proms choir travelled to the SSE Arena in Belfast accompanied by Mrs Nicholl and Miss Logan. This once again proved to be a great day for all who took part and also for those parents and friends who came along and formed part of the audience.

The day began with a short rehearsal at 1:00pm followed by the main concert commencing at 3:00pm. Our choir of 15 pupils had the opportunity to sing with a choir of around 2000 children as well as perform with the Cross Border Symphony Orchestra.

All involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many, many thanks and well done to all who took part!



Fair Trade

On Wednesday 28th February Primary 6 and 7 pupils had a very informative session on 'Fairtrade'. Pupils learned about what 'Fairtrade' is and the foods that are considered 'Fairtrade' products. They thoroughly enjoyed the talk and we would like to thank Paula Gibson from the Co-op who came into deliver the session.

Breakfast Club

Please be reminded that Breakfast Club runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from 8:20am to 8:50am. All pupils from Nursery to Primary 7 will be made most welcome. Pupils will then be supervised as usual in the playground from 8:50am to 9:00am. Please note that final entry to the Breakfast Club will be at **8:40am** in order to allow all pupils time to eat their breakfast before heading out to the playground.

Also can I add that unfortunately a number of pupils are arriving in the school grounds long before 8:50am when outside supervising has not started - we would love to see them in Breakfast Club!



Bonjour Amigos



Spanish lessons for Nursery to Primary 5 pupils continue on Friday mornings with 'Bonjour Amigos' language tutor, Christina McGarvey. Primary 6 and 7 pupils are also now enjoying French lessons on Friday mornings.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lesson for Primary 6 and 7 pupils continue on Friday mornings at Coleraine Leisure Centre. These



arrangements will be in place until the end of June with the final lesson being held on Friday 22nd June.

Punctuality

Despite last month's reminder I feel that once again I have to highlight the issue of Punctuality. Can I please remind all parents that school starts for ALL PUPILS (Nursery to Primary 7) at 9:00am sharp!

I do hope you can appreciate that pupils arriving late can cause disruption to classes as not only are teachers working to complete registers and confirm dinner numbers but pupils themselves who are in class have already commenced the work set by the teacher. I really would appreciate your help and support with this very important matter and for the majority of pupils who do arrive punctually every day - Well Done and Keep it Up!

Crossing Patrol - Bridge Street

Please note there will be NO crossing patrol on Bridge Street on the afternoon of Friday 2nd March 2018.

February Assemblies

Once again we continue to welcome a number of visitors to our whole school assemblies on Wednesday mornings. During February we had the following visitors



Wednesday 7th February

Rev. Cubitt

(Bushmills Presbyterian)

Wednesday 14th February

Rev. McLernon

(Bushmills Free Presbyterian)

Wednesday 21st February

Rev. Buick

(Dunluce Presbyterian)

Wednesday 28th February

Alice McAlary

(Family Support Worker)

Attendance

The Attendance Cup for February will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 7th March 2018. The school's overall average attendance for the month of February was 93.8%. Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Logan (P4/5)	98.4%
2nd:	Mrs McAllister (P1/2)	95.9%
3rd:	Miss Fulton (P2/3)	94.8%
4th:	Miss Cochrane (Nursery)	91.1%
5th:	Mrs Nicholl (P6/7)	89.9%

Well Done Miss Logan's P4/5 class!



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 February, the following pupils were awarded 'Star of the Week'.



OF THE WEEK

P1 Alfie Armstrong
Logan Scott

Alex McLaughlin

P3 Matthew McAleese
Brooke Mulholland
Keira Dixon

P5 Caileigh McIntrye
Kayleigh Parke
Teya Cummins

P7 Hunter McCrellis
Cerys Sharkey

P2 Ruby-Jane Waller
Chloe Ferguson
Isaac Horner

P4 Daniel Kerr
Megan Mulholland
Patrick McKenna

P6 Aaron Adair
Caitlin Boyce
Leah Wilmont
Grace Gault

Congratulation!



Congratulations to Miss Thompson and her fiancé, Richard, on their recent engagement. We are all delighted with the news and wish them both every happiness for the future.

Farewell

Mr Campbell, our school caretaker, left the school on Friday 23rd February as he has moved to other employment. Unfortunately, Mr Campbell left early and we were unable to present him with his gift. However, this has been forwarded to Mr Campbell and we wish him well for the future!



Diary Dates

Football Tournament	08-Mar-18	2:00pm Weather permitting
Portstewart Music Festival	08-Mar-18 to 10-Mar-18	Details to follow
Portstewart Speech & Drama Festival	12-Mar-18 to 15-Mar-18	Details to follow
Waterstone Visit	14-Mar-18	Nursery & Primary 1 Details to follow
School Photographer	20-Mar-18	Class Photos - Nursery, P1 & P7, Football Team and Whole School Photograph
Parent/Teacher Interviews	27-Mar-18 and 28-Mar-18	Further details to follow
End of Term	29-Mar-18	12:00 noon finish for all pupils
Easter Vacation	30-Mar-18 to 10-Apr-18	Inclusive
Start of Term	11-Apr-18	9:00am sharp
Coleraine Music, Speech & Drama Festival	11-Apr-18 to 20-Apr-18	Inclusive Further details to follow
60th Anniversary Event	18-Apr-18	'Walk Down Memory Lane'
Woodhall Residential Trip (P6/7)	23-Apr-18 to 26-Apr-18	Inclusive. All monies due by 23-Mar-18
May Day Holiday	02-May-18 to 07-May-18	Inclusive
Revision Week (P1-P4)	08-May-18 to 11-May-18	Inclusive
Assessment Week (P1-P4)	14-May-18 to 18-May-18	Inclusive

Revision Week (P5-P7)	14-May-18 to 18-May-18	Inclusive
Assessment Week (P1-P4)	21-May-18 to 25-May	Inclusive
School Closure	28-May-18 to 29-May-18	Inclusive
Sports Day	01-Jun-18	Weather Permitting
Treasure Trove Day	08-Jun-18	
Prize Day	22-Jun-18	
Nursery Graduation		To be confirmed
End of Term	29-Jun-18	12:00noon for all pupils

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Walk Down Memory Lane

Wednesday 18th April 2018

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Come along and enjoy some light refreshments whilst reminiscing about days gone by at Bushmills Primary School.

We will have photographs, reports, registers, books, etc. laid out for all to view.