

Bushmills Primary
School
&
Nursery Unit



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Newsletter

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Headlice

Again 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. We would request that any pupils with long hair please tie their hair up.

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.

Welcome Back!

Now that Easter is over, the final term of this academic year will pass by very quickly.

We once again have another very busy term ahead which includes a number of important school events to be fitted in

such as Revision Weeks, Assessment Weeks, Sports Day, Super Save & Spend (Rewards Day), Prize Day and Nursery Graduation. Please note that further details regarding these events will be sent out in due course - please check school bags every day for updates!

To Do List

- ① So
- ② Many
- ③ Things

Travelling Books

The Travelling Book Fair ran from Wednesday 27th March to Wednesday 3rd April. 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 £180.41 and will once again allow teachers to purchase additional books for the school and class libraries.



We Are Vertigo!



18 of our pupils along with Miss Milliken and Mrs Chestnutt travelled to We Are Vertigo! in Belfast on Wednesday 10th April as part of the Causeway Coast & Glens Peace IV Partnership Good Relations Out of School Programme. Once again an enjoyable time was had by everyone (including the staff!!) and many thanks to you the parents for encouraging your children to get involved.

Cancer Focus N.I.

On Thursday 11th April a representative of Cancer Focus Northern Ireland visited our school to deliver a selection of programmes to all pupils in Primaries 1 to 7. These included sharing information with pupils about Healthy Eating, Keeping Fit, Staying Safe in the Sun etc.



Farewell Miss Glass!

Sadly, on the final day of term (Friday 12th April) we said farewell to Miss Glass who has left us to take up a new position in Mulberry Bush Nursery in Coleraine. Miss Glass was presented with gifts from both pupils and staff and we wish her well in her new post!



Go Golf UU!

I am delighted to inform you that our school has been selected (as one of six across the Causeway Coast & Glens area) to participate in an exciting Go Golf UU Programme that has been developed to harness the immense impact of the 148th open at Royal Portrush Golf Club during the next few months.

This programme will be open to pupils in Primaries 5, 6 and 7 and will commence with a Taster Session here in school on Friday (3rd May).

Please note, this will take place during school hours and pupils are reminded to ensure they have suitable footwear here in school on Friday morning!

A four week coaching programme for pupils wanting to engage in golf will follow on Wednesday afternoons here in school between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. These sessions will be limited to 15 pupils and further details will follow in due course!



Extended Schools Programme

Please be reminded that the following clubs will continue until the end of term:



Tuesday	Tennis	P1 to P3	2:00pm to 3:00pm
		P4 to P7	3:00pm to 4:00pm
Thursday	Football	P1 to P3	2:00pm to 3:00pm
		P4 to P7	3:00pm to 4:00pm

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. Please note, pupils are then supervised as usual in the playground from 8:50am to 9:00am.



Please also 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.

Sadly, we are still seeing a number of pupils arriving in school very early and not attending Breakfast Club. Please be reminded that supervision does not start in the playground until 8:50am therefore pupils are encouraged to come inside and enjoy some breakfast!

Library Van Visit

Please be reminded that the next library van visit is scheduled for Monday 20th May.



Swimming Lessons



Swimming lessons for Primary 6 and 7 pupils will continue on Friday mornings at Coleraine Leisure Centre. Please note due to the upcoming Elections there will be **no** swimming this week.

April Assemblies

Again we continue to welcome visitors to our whole school assemblies which are held every Wednesday morning. During the month of April, we had the following visitors:

Wednesday 3rd March

Dr. Cubitt
(Bushmills Presbyterian)

Wednesday 10th March

Robert Plant
(Christian Evangelist)



Attendance

The Attendance Cup for April will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 1st May. The school's overall average attendance for the month of April was 92.9%. Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Fulton	98.5%
2nd:	Miss Logan / Mrs Witherow	95.4%
3rd:	Miss Cochrane	92.4%
4th:	Mrs Sheridan	90.5%
5th:	Mrs Garrett	86.8%



Well Done Miss Fulton's P2/3 class!

School Attendance Matters



Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half of a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year - that's nearly 4 school weeks.

Give your child the best start in life - every school day counts!

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



	5th Apr	12th Apr
Yr 1	Ryan McAleese	Eliana McAfee
Yr 2	Alex McLaughlin	Marie Taggart
Yr 3	Sam Thompson	Leon Myers
Yr 4	Sophie Greer	Cameron McConachie
Yr 5	Jay Parke	Megan Mulholland
Yr 6	Alex Hogg	Kayleigh Oarke
Yr 7	Troy Edwards	Amber Greer

Footballer of the Week

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

	5th Apr	12th Apr
Yr 1 to Yr 3	Yi-Jean Aw	No Footballer this week
Yr 4 to Yr 7	Charlie McMullan	



Diary Dates

Term 3		
Revision Week (P1-P4)	29-Apr-19 to 3-May-19	Inclusive
May Bank Holiday	06-May-19	
Assessment Week (P1-P4)	07-May-19 to 10-May-19	Inclusive
Revision Week (P5-P7)	07-May-19 to 10-May-19	Inclusive
Assessment Week (P5-P7)	13-May-19 to 17-May-19	Inclusive
P1 Health Review	13-May-19 & 14-May-19	
Sports Day	23-May-19	Weather permitting
School Closure	24-May-19 to 27-May-19	Inclusive
Dublin Trip	28-May-19 to 30-May-19	Further details to follow in due course
P.T.A. Spring Fair	06-06-19	
Rewards Day	14-Jun-19	
Prize Day	21-Jun-19	
Nursery Graduation	28-Jun-19	9:30am
End of Term	28-Jun-19	12:00 Noon

Car Park Reminder

Could I please remind parents that all pupils (when leaving school) will be walked down by their teachers to the school gate, where they **must be collected.**

I would again request that cars **should not** be entering the school grounds to drop off or pick up pupils as the safety of our children is paramount!