

Bushmills Primary School

&

Nursery Unit



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Newsletter

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Please note the following important points

- There will be no snack provided by the kitchen tomorrow (Friday 28th June 2019)
- Extended School Activities (including Breakfast Club) will commence the week beginning Monday 9th September 2019
- New term begins at 9:00am sharp on Monday 2nd September

Here comes Summer!

As we now come to the end of yet another school year, I look back with great pride as I think about the many achievements and successes we as a whole school have enjoyed over the past months.

Once again it has been another busy and successful year, which included achievements at both Coleraine and Portstewart Music Festivals, an enjoyable residential trip to Dublin, a memorable visit from the Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and not forgetting our first ever Big Breakfast!

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to once again thank you, as parents, for all the continued support you have given myself and all the staff over the past academic year and not forgetting the dedicated P.T.A. committee members who have again succeeded with their fundraising efforts!



I would publicly like to also thank **all** staff who worked tirelessly day after day to ensure your children are supported and encouraged to achieve and to be the best that they can be.

Finally, can I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break and trust we get the weather that is forecast!

Nursery Induction

On Wednesday 12th June and Tuesday 18th June parents of children starting Nursery in September attended an information afternoon where Mrs. Garrett gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining all about our Nursery Unit (the activities that go on, daily routines etc.) Parents were also encouraged to take a walk around the Nursery and see for themselves the excellent work that goes on. New pupils also came along and spent their time in Nursery meeting the staff and becoming familiar with the surroundings.



Potato Workshop

Miss Fulton's Primary 2/3 class travelled to the Giants Causeway on Thursday 13th June to take part in an organized 'Potato Workshop'. Pupils had the opportunity to find out a little about the history of potato growing before having a go at planting their own.



School Football Tournament

On Thursday 13th June Bushmills once again played host to a 'Fun Football Tournament' when we welcomed along a number of teams from different schools in the area - Dunseverick, Balnamore and Drumrane. A great morning was had by all and this was a chance to not only show that

football can be fun for everyone but gave the pupils the opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends with visiting teams. Once again the event was a great success and this year helped to raise money for the R.N.L.I. Thanks to Chris McKendry and Clifford Gault who helped organize and referee the matches on the day!



Super Save & Spend Day

On Friday 14th June Super Save & Spend Day was held in school. There was great anticipation and excitement on the build up to the event as a mysterious sign "Bushmills Bazaar, Opening Soon" appeared on the Extended Schools room, but no-one was allowed a sneak preview as all the windows were covered.

During assembly on Wednesday 12th June, each pupil received an envelope containing an amount of 'Millings'. This was based on how hard each pupil had worked throughout the year in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT. As well as the amount of 'millings' each pupil also received two tickets to activities of their choice, - a disco, a cinema, outdoor inflatables or the chance to bring their own toys to school. Each pupil had to keep this envelope very safely for the next 2 days!

When Friday arrived all was revealed in the 'Bushmills Bazaar' with shelves and shelves of prizes - toys, games, sweets, craft kits, DVD's etc. Each class in turn had the opportunity to spend their 'millings' in the shop before receiving some candy floss and a drink.

The pupils also had great fun in each of their chosen activities with lots of smiling faces being seen all day long.

A special thanks must go to the P.T.A. for sponsoring the outdoor inflatables - 2 bouncy castles and the shark assault course.

Another special thanks must go to Miss Thompson for assisting Mrs Witherow with the set-up of the whole event.



Primary 1 to Primary 3 Beach Trip

On Monday 17th June pupils in Primary 1-3 travelled to the Beach in Portrush. They all enjoyed building sandcastles, it was a tough decision to pick the winners! Then we played a few beach games before lunch. Some of the children even had time to squeeze in a quick scavenger hunt before we went home.



Primary 4 to Primary 7 The Surf Project

On Wednesday 19th June, Primary 4 to Primary 7 travelled to Portrush Methodist Church hall in preparation for a day of surfing and fun. The morning began with a Surf Safety talk before we headed to the changing rooms to put on our wetsuits- a challenge in itself!

Following this, Primary 6/7 were first to hit the surf whilst P4/5 played a range of beach games, before swapping. Everyone had the opportunity to surf at their own level, from lying down to on knees and finally standing up. Many pupils mastered standing up with ease and rode the waves right into shore without falling over.

Everyone headed back for lunch and some free time before the afternoon finished off with a talk on how each pupil has been given a gift from God which they can use when 'living life to the full'.

This was a fantastic day and we would like to thank the whole team at The Surf Project for making it so enjoyable!



Northern Ireland Daily Council Talk

Bushmills Primary were visited by the Northern Ireland Dairy Council today giving a talk to the Primary 4-7 classes about food and fitness. Thank you to the girls Ellen and Katherine for giving a very interactive and engaging presentation about health and keeping the right balance of healthy food and fitness for our children.



Prize Day

Our Annual Prize Day took place on Friday 21st June at 10:00am. Mrs Glenda Rodgers-McCormick (BEM) came along as our special guest for the morning. Once again this event was well supported by both parents and friends. Rev. Dr. Cubitt, the chairperson of the Board of Governors, opened proceedings by thanking the Principal and Staff for all their dedication and hard work throughout the year. This was followed by Miss Logan welcoming everyone before giving a brief report highlighting some of the major events of the school year. The school's successful Infant Choir performed the piece entitled "The Clown" while Lucy and Alison played "New World Symphony" on the Clarinet accompanied by Mrs Chestnutt on the Piano and Miss Logan on the Flute.

Following the distribution of prizes, our special guest Mrs Glenda Rodgers-McCormick took a brief time to reminisce on her on school days, as a past pupil of Bushmills Primary School before congratulating all pupils on their achievements as well as encouraging them to continue to work hard and enjoy any new challenges they may be faced with. Finally, Prize Day concluded with Primary 7 performing the song "Once I was in Primary 1".



Primary 1 Induction

Parents of pupils due to start Primary One in September attended an information afternoon with Miss Troy on Tuesday 25th June. Miss Troy gave an informative talk explaining all about life in Primary One, the activities that will be on offer, daily routines, uniform to be worn etc. The following morning (Wednesday 26th June) it was the turn of the pupils themselves to spend time with Miss Tory and Miss Glass in Primary One. The morning went very well and so far so good!



Summer Sports



All pupils (Primary 1 to Primary 7) enjoyed a fun 'Summer Sports School' which was held here in school this morning. This was taken by local coach, David Wilson, and an enjoyable fun day was had by all.

Library Van Visits!

The first visit of the new school year will be Monday 9th September 2019. Please be reminded that any outstanding library books can be returned to the local Library.



June Assemblies

Once again we welcomed visitors to our whole school assemblies held on Wednesday mornings here in school. These were taken by:

Wednesday 5th June Chancellor Graham
(Dunluce Parish)

Wednesday 12th June Dr. Cubitt
(Bushmills Presbyterian)

Wednesday 19th June Alice McAlary
(Family Support Worker)

Wednesday 26th June Rev. Buick
(Dunluce Presbyterian)

Attendance

The Attendance Cup for June will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 4th September 2019. The school's overall average attendance for the month of June was 92.3%. Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Fulton (P2/3)	96.3%
2nd:	Miss Cochrane (P1/2)	94.5%
3rd:	Miss Logan & Mrs Witherow (P4/5)	92.6%
4th:	Mrs Sheridan (P6/7)	89.1%
5th:	Mrs Garrett (Nursery)	88.6%



Well Done Miss Fulton's class!

2019-2020 Extended School Timetable

MONDAY

P1 + P2 - (2pm-3pm) - £2.00

P1 + P2 - (2pm - 4pm) - £3.00

P3, P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm - 4pm) - £2.00

TUESDAY

Breakfast Club - (8.20am - 8.50am)

P1, P2 + P3 - (2pm-3pm) - £2.00

P1, P2 + P3 - (2pm - 4pm) - £3.00

P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm-4pm) - £2.00

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Club - (8.20am - 8.50am)

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P1 + P2 - (2pm - 4pm) - £3.00

P3, P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm - 4pm) - £2.00

THURSDAY

Breakfast Club - (8.20am - 8.50am)

Football - P1, P2 + P3 (2pm-3pm) - £2.00

Football - P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm - 4pm) - £2.00

Diary Dates

Term 1

New School Year Begins	02-Sep-19	9:00am sharp
Half Term	28-Oct-19 to 01-Nov-19	Inclusive
Back to School	04-Nov-19	9:00am Sharp
Christmas Vacation	23-Dec-19 to 03-Jan-20	Inclusive

Term 2

Start of Term	06-Jan-20	9:00am sharp
Half Term	17-Feb-20 & 18-Feb-20	Inclusive
Back to School	19-Feb-19	9:00am Sharp
Staff Development Days	13-Mar-20 & 17-Mar-20	Inclusive
Back to School	18-Mar-19	9:00am Sharp
Easter Vacation	08-Apr-20 to 17-Apr-20	Inclusive

Term 3

Start of Term	20-Apr-20	9:00am sharp
Bank Holiday	04-May-20	Possibly 8th May 2020 - awaiting confirmation
Bank Holiday	25-May-20	
End of Term	30-Jun-19	12:00 Noon