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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

& NURSERY UNIT

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Monday 4 April 2022

Ukrainian Appeal

We are pleased to inform you that the wonderful total of **£1007** was raised for the Ukrainian Appeal. This money has been donated directly to the **Blythwood Ballyclare Appeal** who *'are concentrating on sending monetary aid, only, to our partners in Romania, Hungary and Moldova who are helping with the refugee crisis on the ground.'*

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated so generously towards this worthy appeal.

Multi Sports

We are delighted to announce that additional funding has been secured by Oakfield Primary School to facilitate a multi-sports programme for all P1-P7 classes. This will commence today on **Monday 4 April 2022** for the duration of eight weeks. Thank-you to Miss Logan for her valuable coordination of this initiative. Children from all Primary School classes may wear suitable sports clothing on Mondays instead of school uniform, however full school uniform should continue to be worn Tuesdays – Fridays.

Mid and East Antrim Council visitor

We look forward to welcoming **Noel Lyons (MEA)** on **Wednesday 6 April 2022** as he discusses the important issue of Waste and Recycling with our Primary School classes.

Updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy was sent to all families via Seesaw **Monday 21 March 2022**. If you have not received this Policy, or have had difficulties accessing it on Seesaw, please contact Miss Gilmour via the school office and we will arrange to have a paper copy sent home. Sincere thanks to Miss Bill for posting the Policy on Seesaw.

Nursery Unit News

The nursery unit children are looking forward to having **Carnival Promotions** for a puppet show, to celebrate the end of term. After Easter they'll be learning about 'people who help' and are excited to be having **Zoe and therapy dog Sid** from **Vets for Pets**. We will also be welcoming **Gary** from **Larne Garden Centre**, to help us plant fruit and vegetables in our nursery garden.

Growing Club in Primary 6

Miss Logan's Primary 6 class have successfully secured funding to deliver a Schools Growing Club with Mid and East Antrim Council. The aim of the programme is to promote sustainable outdoor education that inspires innovative teaching methods encouraging curiosity and exploration.

Primary 6 have thoroughly enjoyed making raised beds, a composter and planting vegetables. They will have the opportunity to harvest and eat their produce in June.

"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust." - Gertrude Jekyll, Horticulturist.

Easter Holidays

Oakfield Primary School **Nursery Unit classes** will finish on **Monday 11 April 2022** for the Easter Holidays with the **Primary School classes** finishing at **12 Noon** on **Tuesday 12 April 2022**. No dinners will be served on Tuesday 12 April 2022. School will re-open at usual times for everyone on **Monday 25 April 2022**.

Term 3 School Closure reminders

A brief summary and reminder of Oakfield PS & NU closures scheduled during term 3.

Monday 2 - Tuesday 3 May 2022 (May Day bank holiday and staff training)

Thursday 5 May 2022 (Northern Ireland election – Polling Station)

Tuesday 31 May - Wednesday 1 June 2022 (Staff training)

Thursday 2 – Friday 3 June 2022 (Whitsun & Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday)

Use of our School Car-Park

May I respectfully remind all parents that the Oakfield PS car-park should not be used for dropping off or collection at morning and afternoon times. All exemptions including blue badge holders should confirm their requirement and pattern of use with the Principal. We are very fortunate to have the use of the Oakfield Community Centre car-park and would encourage all users to be courteous and respectful with each other.

G. McCluskey

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teachers for Child Protection
Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie