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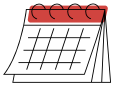
CHILD PROTECTION -

Designated Teacher: Mrs J Thompson (P6)

Deputy Designated Teachers: Mrs J Thompson (P2),

Mrs McGuckin

Ballykeel Bulletin - 7th May 2024



Dates For The Diary

- **Wed 8th May** - Girls' Football Tournament
- **Thurs 23rd May** - Coaching for Christ Fun Day during school.
- **Thurs 23rd May** - Girls and Games Event from 2-4pm
- **Mon 27th May** - School closed for the Bank Holiday
- **Tues 28th & Wed 29th** - School closed for Staff Training
- **Thurs 30th May** - Coaching 4 Christ Girls Tournament
- **Thurs 30th May** - Nursery Induction Parent Meeting at 2.15pm
- **Fri 31st May** - P1 Induction Parent Meeting at 9.15am
- **Fri 31st May** - School Fair (More details to follow)



Pupils of the Month

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| P1KC - Noah | P4AT - Freyah |
| P1KH - Harper | P5MA - Jaiden |
| P2JT - Amelia | P5LM - Keira |
| P2AM - Darcy | P6JDT - Jamie |
| P3CM - Penny | P6BE - Charley |
| P3CMC - Kyara | P7SG - Yasmin |
| P4LK - Michael | P7JH - Reuben |

Attendance: P7JH Uniform: P7JH

Playground Awards: P1-P4 - P3CMC
P5 -P7 - P6BE

On Time, Down Time: P4LK & P7JH

Accelerated Reader: P4/5 - P5MA

Most tests over 85% P6/7 - P7JH

Night off homework!

Online Safety



Parental Controls:

Most games consoles have internet access, which means your child can go online and chat with other players or make in-game purchases. On many consoles there are parental controls which allow you to manage which features are available to your child. On some devices you can:

- turn off chat functions to stop your child from talking to people they don't know
- restrict games based on age
- turn off in-game purchases, or set a limit.

Nurture in Five

Sarah Kincaid from Nurture in 5 came to school to deliver three sessions with our KS2 classes.

There were 5 steps to each session:

1. Warm up.
 2. Stretch out.
 3. Hands on.
 4. Breathe in and
 5. Wind down.
- These sessions helped to both energise us and to relax us. We were always ready to learn after taking part.



Lads & Dads

At our annual Lads & Dads event the Coaching for Christ team joined us and organised fun football matches and activities. There were high levels of competition between the boys and the adults who brought them along, especially in the P5-P7 year group! There was also a range of other outdoor activities - inflatables, mini-archery, a photo booth, tattoo stall, art table and table top games. Thank you to all who were able to join us for this event!



Boys' Football

9-a-side Senior Cup - In what was an incredibly tight competition the team played brilliantly and secured the cup again this year. Team: Reuben (GK), Johnathan, Maxwell (Captain), Izak, Callum, Calum, Zach, Zack, Bertie, Calvin, Charlie, Teejay. Both the Semi-Final and final went to penalties!



Girls' Football

The girls' football team took part in a friendly tournament with other schools. Despite the wet and soft conditions, the quality of football was super, and the girls gelled very well in playing together as a team for the first time. Well done to all! Team - Gabby, Lacey, Ellie-Rose, Poppy, Emeli, Emily, Mia.



B Team Tournament

This tournament gave the opportunity for pupils who had not to this point played for the school team to play some competitive matches. The sun was out and the quality of football was excellent. A huge well done to everyone who represented our school on the football pitch for the first time! Team: Jacob S (GK), Jacob J, Hayden, Callum, Kai, Cole, Daniel, Lucas, Tom.



Hockey

The hockey team took part in a tournament run by Ballymena Hockey Club. We faced all weather conditions, with rain, hail and sun but this didn't stop the girls! They won 2-0 against Gracehill and Carniny and lost 1-0 to Moorfields and Clough. The goal scorers were Katie, Macy and Cassie. Well done girls!



Peace Players Basketball



Before Easter, P6BE participated in some basketball sessions along with their P6 partner class from St. Brigid's PS as part of the 'Peace Players' programme. During week 1, the coaches visited us in school and we enjoyed lots of games that made us think about similarities and differences. In the next two sessions we met up with our friends from St. Brigid's and enjoyed learning some basketball skills, as well as playing other fun games and working as part of a team. We also chatted together about things we have in common, and about how it is important to respect our differences. We all had lots of fun and are looking forward to seeing our partner class again later this term.

Carrickfergus Castle - P3

P3 had been learning about different types of homes which included researching life in a castle. We visited Carrickfergus Castle where the guide explained to us how the castle was in a perfect position as it used to be surrounded by water. She also pointed out other methods of defence, eg. Portcullis, murder hole, arrow slits in the walls. We got to experience what it might be like to attend one of the feasts at the castle. We sat at the huge table and looked at the types of food on offer. We also learned about the clothes the various people wore in the castle, from the King to the huntsmen. Each one of us got to try on a costume and have some photos taken. The weather was glorious, and we were able to either have a picnic outside or have lunch in the vault.

