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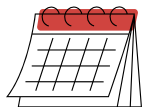
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CHILD PROTECTION -

Designated Teacher: Mrs J Thompson (P6)

Deputy Designated Teachers: Mrs J Thompson (P2),  
Mrs McGuckin

# Ballykeel Bulletin - 27th June 2024



## Dates For The Diary

- Friday 28th June – School closes for the summer break at 12:00 for P.4 to P.6 children and 12:15 for Nursery to P.3 children.
- Tuesday 27th August - New school year begins

**Please take a note of the following:  
Meet Your Child's New Teacher at 1:15 on:**

P.3 Monday 2nd Sept	P.2 Tuesday 3rd Sept
P.5 Wednesday 4th Sept	P.4 Thursday 5th Sept
P.6 Friday 6th Sept	P.7 Monday 9th Sept



## Pupils of the Month

P1KC - Jaxson	P4LK - Amari
P1KH - Leigha	P4AT - Klay
P2JT - Wyatt	P5MA - Hannah
P2AM - Lena	P5LM - Noah
P3CM - Layla	P6JDT - Macy
P3CMC - Kodi	P6BE - Riley

## Nursery Sports Day

The children in Nursery really enjoyed taking part in sports day. We had lots of activities on offer for the children to get involved in. Both parents and children had a busy morning doing the egg and spoon race, target practice, tower building and balancing.



## Online Safety



Identifying A Secure Website:

Learning how to spot a secure website is important especially if you are inputting your personal, payment, or login information. As fake websites are created to deceive you, it might not be easy to tell at first glance. Here are two simple ways to identify a secure website:

1. Padlock symbol: There should be a padlock in the address bar next to the website address.
2. Website address: This should start with https:// – the 's' stands for secure.

## P1 Stay & Play

On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June, our P1 children for next year came to visit their new classroom and meet their P1 teacher. Always a day of great excitement, we had lots of fun getting to know each other, exploring the toys and our surroundings in the classroom, and listening to a story. We hope the boys and girls have a lovely summer holiday, and feel excited to start school next term! See you soon!



## P2 Portglenone Trip

The rain did not dampen the enjoyment of Portglenone forest for both P2 classes on their summer trip. It was exciting to be travelling together on the bus and eating our break and lunch outside is always a favourite. We had a long walk exploring the forest, made animal dens, climbed logs and did some 'stick' maths with Miss Hill. It was a great day out and everyone slept well that night!



# Woodhall

We all had a brilliant time at Woodhall Residential Centre in Kilrea. We started off our stay by working on some team building activities and 'Human Jenga'. After tea, we learnt about orienteering before setting off with maps to find all the markers around the grounds of the centre.

Day 2 started with a delicious breakfast, following which we divided into two groups: one group went to the archery range while the other headed to the high ropes. The children worked hard to overcome their fears by making it to the top of the ladder, stepping over the gap, doing the leap of faith, or practicing their best 'moonwalking' skills on the parallel beams.

After lunch, we headed to Movanager canal for some canoeing. Once we got into the way of paddling and steering, we enjoyed a scenic trip (including some very close views of the foliage on the banks of the canal!). Those in need of a further challenge plunged into the water before heading back to the centre for a hot shower and dinner.

We're so proud of our pupils as they all worked hard to overcome fears, face new challenges and work together as a group. Woodhall is a fabulous experience, and we were delighted to be able to return for another brilliant residential trip!

Mrs Gregg & Mr Hughes



## Nursery Farm Trip

On Monday 10th June, the Nursery went on a very exciting trip to Rosepark Farm in Ballymoney. When we were there, the children got to play in the beautiful playparks, have a turn on the zipline, handle lots of animals, visit the fairy garden and jump on the bouncy castles.

After a delicious lunch, the children enjoyed going for a special ride on the Rosepark Farm train before making the journey back to school. This truly was a wonderful experience, full of opportunities to learn and explore the outdoors.



# Sports Day



Sports Day was held on Monday 10th June for P4-P7 classes and Tuesday 11th June for P1-P3 classes.

The children took part in the sprint, relay, obstacle and egg and spoon races. It was great to see the super sportsmanship throughout the two days. We also enjoyed watching the adults battling it out too! Thank you to Dale Farm who provided Sukies for every child to enjoy after their races.

## Sponsored Walk

We completed our Sponsored Walk with St Brigid's PS on Monday 17th June. We were very thankful for a lovely, dry day. We met Danny from Stand By Me at the ECOS Centre and he gave every class Jerry Cans to carry round with them on their walk. We enjoyed our snacks and chats after our walk too.

Thank you to everyone for their generous support and fundraising.

We are delighted to announce that with your help we have raised an incredible total of **£5296.20** for Stand By Me.



## RLNI Visit with P4

P4 had a visit from the RNLI. Our topic this term is 'Let's set sail' and meant we could enjoy a visit from the RNLI to discuss water safety. They talked to us about how to stay safe on the beach and what each safety flag means. We learnt a lot about how they help people in need and what to do if we ever need help when we are at the beach.



Wishing everyone a happy and refreshing summer break!

