

Nursery Big Bedtime Read and Visit to Ards Splash Pool

Our pupils in Nursery have had an exciting few weeks with lots to see and do!

This month we hosted our annual Big Bedtime Read, an opportunity for our nursery pupils to come back to school in the evening for some super storytelling aboard our library bus. Everyone had a great time listening to the stories and they even got to bring along their favourite teddy and wear their pyjamas!

Our nursery pupils, parents and carers went on their first trip of the year, to the Ards Leisure Centre Splash Pool. This was a fun-filled day where children got the opportunity to visit the splash pool and have some fun in the water with their loved ones. It was a brilliant day for everyone involved, with lots of happy smiling faces all around.



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Harvest Time!

Over the last number of years, we've worked hard to develop and utilise the amazing spaces that we have at West Winds. We have poured our money, time and effort into making spaces for children to learn, play, climb, think and grow outside. This month, we were able to reap the benefit of all of that effort.

Having planted lots of seedlings in our class vegetable beds and polytunnel, we've been harvesting all the fruits and vegetables. We ended up with lots of interesting, unusual vegetables but were amazed by the size of the marrows that we had grown!

Mr Manogue met with a group of P6s who had earned the chance to come up with some marrow recipes and cook them for the boys and girls in school.

Stephanie, our school cook, and her wonderful team in the kitchen agreed to work with the children, helping them to prepare and cook the dishes for us all to enjoy. We decided upon a curried marrow soup, with marrow cake for dessert.

And so, we grated, chopped, fried, baked and cooked hard in the morning ready to serve our dishes to our friends at lunchtime. Our cooking creations were well received by the boys and girls with a number of them asking for more!

So successful was our gardening, that Stephanie took our marrows and recipe home for her husband to cook with and serve to members of Comber Rotary who meet in McBride's Restaurant in Comber!





Positivi-tea for Parenting Week

As part of parenting week celebrations, Miss Carson hosted a 'Positivi-tea' tea morning for our parents. The idea of the tea morning was to bring our parents together and celebrate the positivity of parenting.

Parents and staff got together and spent time with each other while enjoying some tea, coffee, and treats. It was a great opportunity for those involved to get to know each other better, to chat about what being a parent means to them and how they can actively promote positive parenting at home.

To start our school year off with a bang, staff came together and hosted our very first Sausage Sizzle. This was an opportunity for parents, carers, and family members to visit the school, meet the staff and enjoy some tea, coffee and of course, a hot dog!

It was an incredibly successful afternoon, with so many friendly faces coming through the doors. Thank you to everyone who visited our school and for all those who helped with the organisation and setup.



PTA - Friends of West Winds

Our PTA group, the Friends of West Winds, have been working hard over the last year to raise much needed funds for our pupils and our school.

With money raised from last year, the PTA have been able to fund this years' subscription to Times Tables Rock Stars, a service which helps our children develop their times tables recall. (See story on p.3)

West Winds Primary & Nursery

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

COME TO OUR JIGGLY OPEN DAY

1.30pm - 3.00pm

jump jiggle and jive

Children are invited to take part in a music and dance workshop from Jump, Jiggle and Jive, whilst parents and carers can see what we offer in Nursery & P1.

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WEST WINDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Tree Festival & Craft fair
8-10 December

Taking place in West Winds Primary School. Contact the school to sponsor a tree or take a table at the craft fair. Come and see the decorated trees!

WEST WINDS COMMUNITY CHURCH

KS2 Rock Star Day

For the least year, our KS2 classes have been using an incredible app, Times Tables Rock Stars, to help improve their confidence with their times tables. During October, every class took part "Island of Ireland Rocks", an online competition that pits each school involved against each other, to see who is going to take the top spot across the island of Ireland.

To get into the swing of things, we decided that we would have an entire day dedicated to being Times Tables Rock Stars. Across KS2 our pupils (and staff) came to school in their best rock star attire. We had maths scavenger hunts, created our own rock avatars, explored symmetry through art and even collected data on some of the most famous rock songs created.

During the competition, each class were to battle online, playing for one hour to gain points for our school that would earn us a place on the leader board. After some intense times tables sessions, each class racked up enough points to secure us an impressive 32nd out of 248 schools! Well done to everyone who took part, you were incredible!



European Day of Languages

Last month, our P1 and Rainbows celebrated European Day of Languages. Every year, millions of people organise or take part in activities to promote linguistic diversity and the ability to speak other languages.

All of our pupils involved came to school dressed in an outfit inspired by a country from around the world. Throughout the day, they took part in fun activities such as trying different types of food from around the world, learning dances and a 'Find the Flag' scavenger hunt in and around our school garden. Everyone who took part had a fun-filled day - well done to all of you!

