



Parents'
Weekly
News
November 17th
2023



Thank you to everyone for supporting our Children in Need Event. We will have some photos in next week's Parents' News.



Thank you for supporting our Poppy Appeal. As a school we are committed to promoting Remembrance with our children.

It was great to see so many wearing the paper poppy on their chest as a symbol of Remembrance, to remember the fallen service men and women killed in conflict.

Once again, the Royal British Legion are encouraging us also to see it as a symbol of hope, not just one of conflict.

On Sunday, one of our Primary 6 pupils, Ethan Magowan had the opportunity to lay a wreath on behalf of school, at the War Memorial in Ballymoney as part of the local Remembrance Service. Thank you, Ethan, for representing our school at this event.

On behalf of the Board of Governors and Staff of Balnamore Primary School, thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation on the future of our school. This public process finished on Tuesday, and we are encouraged by the number of people who engaged at the various stages. Thank you for this.

This is not the end of 'our fight' with Governors and the Community Association continuing to engage with the Education Authority, Department of Education, Local Politicians and lobby groups to make the case for the continuance of Balnamore Primary School as a mainstream school.

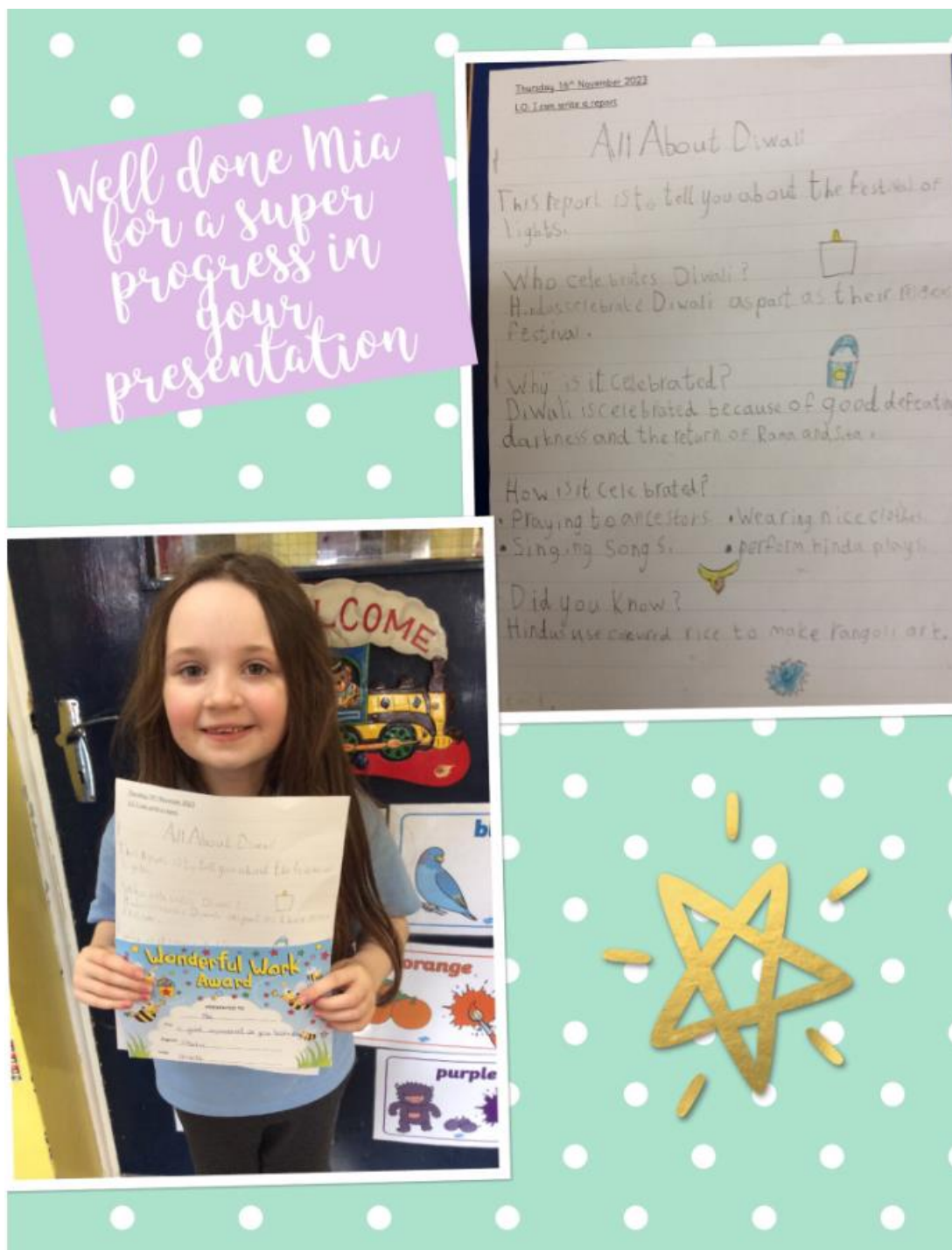
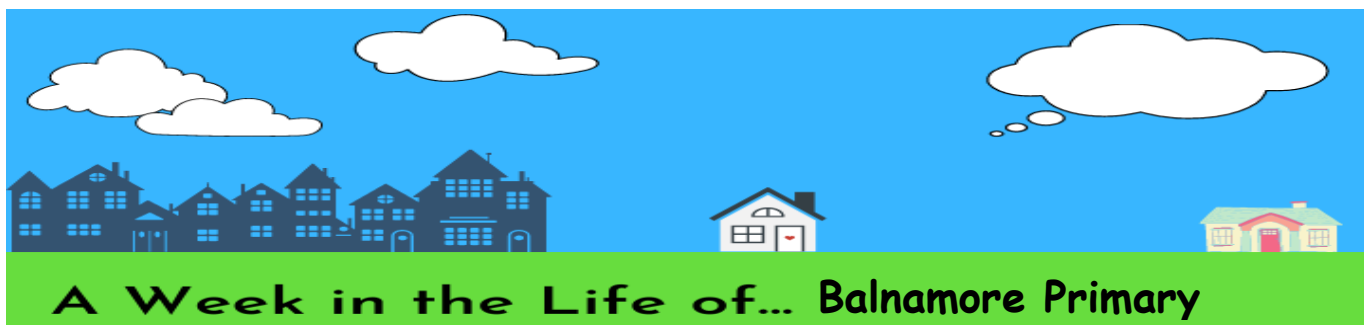
We are coming into a key period in the school calendar for all schools i.e. Open Enrolment, when parents will make decisions about Primary 1 for 2024/2025. We need to encourage all prospective parents in the area to consider Balnamore Primary School as the right school, at the right time in the right place for their child.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

On Tuesday we had a special visit in school from the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Department of Education, Mr Ronnie Armour **and** the Head of Area Planning Policy Team, at the Department of Education, Mr Eamon Broderick. This was a really worthwhile visit. It gave opportunity to show Senior Department Officials all that is good about our school, our children, our staff, our building and our history as well as our hopes for the future. It was time well spent.

Our children got to perform for our guests. The Senior pupils did their Harvest Rap and the Mrs Fields' Class performed 'The Little Acorn'. Everyone took part really well. Thank you boys and girls.







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Measuring Capacity



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**We enjoyed performing our
Harvest Rap again.
Everyone got a lovely gift
for this great performance!**



***Developing our hand/eye
co-ordination through table
tennis lessons***





Monday	20 th November	• Busy Bees 2.00-3.00pm (P1-3)
Tuesday	20 th November	• Assembly
Wednesday	21 st November	• Construction Club 3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	22 nd November	• Indoor Games Club 3.00-4.00pm
Friday	23 rd November	• Busy Bees 2.00-3.00pm (P1-3)

If there is anything I can help you with, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 028 2766 4564 or email me at smulligan569@c2ken.net

Final Comment

Hopefully, you find the provision of the Weekly News helpful and informative. If you require further information on any of these matters, or any issue concerning school, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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