

School News

December 2023



Sport

Swimming

Year 5/6 have completed their swimming lessons and we are delighted with the excellent progress they have made.

Coaching

All classes have enjoyed participating in Coaching with Ross Belshaw .from 4 Corner Coaching on Thursday mornings this term.

Clubs

This term pupils have enjoyed participating in Hockey, Art/Craft, Crafty Creations, Eco, Science and Cookery.

Student Placements

We were delighted to welcome Tiffany Downey who was with us for a week's placement. Tiffany is a pupil of Devenish College.

Musical Pathways

P2–P4 pupils are continuing to enjoy the exciting Musical Pathways Programme. Pupils are also continuing to enjoy their brass lessons with Mr Magee.

Mandarin

Pupils in P5-7 are continuing to enjoy their Mandarin Lessons. A highlight this term was designing posters for the Chinese New Year competition.

Shared Education

Lots of learning has taken place this term with our friends from St Mary's Primary School. P4 enjoyed making Christmas decorations while P5/6 enjoyed learning a community litter picking session.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathies to Mrs McWilliams, Ben Graydon, James, Wilson and Mrs Bates, Matthew and Jacob on their recent bereavements. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and your families at this sad time.

Pantomime

This year we enjoyed our trips to Ardhowen Theatre (P1-4) and to Fivemiletown College (P5-7) to see their performances.

Entertaining Shoppers!

P6/7 enjoyed entertaining shoppers with their Christmas songs in Dunnes Stores and ASDA on Friday 15th December. They also enjoyed doing a little last minute Christmas Shopping while they were there!

School Council

Well done to the School Council, who organised a successful Wear PJ to School Day and bun sale on Friday 17th November. They raised the amazing amount of £466.44 for the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

Brooke House!

We were delighted when P6/7 were invited to perform their Christmas songs at Brooke House on Wednesday 21st December. We were very proud of how well the children performed.

Ditch the Dark

On Friday 24th November we had a special Ditch the Dark Day, whereby we got to dress up in our brightest clothes. A highlight was meeting staff and other pupils at various points around Maguiresbridge village in order to walk to school in our bright clothes.

Remembrance Day

On Friday 10^h November, we had a special act of Remembrance. Well done to Miss Hadden's class who led the special assembly and recited very poignant poems in remembrance of all those who lost their lives serving our country. This year we raised £365.11 for the Royal British Legion. Special thanks to everyone for supporting this appeal and to the P7 pupils for all their selling!

Anti-Bullying Week

All classes participated in Anti-Bullying activities during November and enjoyed wearing odd socks on Monday 13^h November to highlight that we are all different. This year our theme was MAKE A NOISE!

Amazing Journey

On 8th November, we all enjoyed participating in the Amazing Journey Exhibition. This was organised by Stonepark Baptist Church. A highlight was getting to taste foods from Bible Times! Everyone also enjoyed dressing up as characters from the Bible.

Bulb Planting

Mrs Irvine's class enjoyed a bulb planting workshop with the local council on Tuesday 5th December. We look forward to seeing the crocuses they planted blooming in the spring!

Santa Daily Mile

Staff and pupils enjoyed wearing their Christmas Jumpers on Friday 1st December to take part in Santa's Daily Mile.

Christmas Dinner



The cooks prepared a delicious Christmas Dinner on Friday 8th December. The children and staff all enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers on this special day! The delicious Christmas dinner was enjoyed by everyone, and we take this opportunity to thank the cooks for all their preparation and indeed for all their work throughout the year. Special thanks also to the cooks for providing the lovely festive snacks for all classes during December.

Visit from Santa

After our Christmas Dinner, we enjoyed a special visit from Santa. He distributed sweets to the children and gifts to the staff. A Special thanks to Santa Claus for coming all the way to our school to see the boys and girls

Christmas Performance

We are sure you will agree that the performance of Mrs Claus to the Rescue was just amazing! It was lovely to see Small Fry playgroup at the Tuesday morning performance. We were delighted to have such a great turn out of parents, grandparents, and friends at both our performances on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. Thank you Mrs Tubman, Mrs Graydon and Mrs Pennell for serving delicious festive treats after each performance. Well done to all who won the brilliant raffle prizes. We thank all parents, friends and local businesses who donated the prizes. £1641.38 was raised for school funds. Thank you for your generosity.

Open Morning

We held a successful open morning on Wednesday 6th December. Parents and children enjoyed having a tour of our school 'at work' and the special Christmas treats afterwards. The children especially enjoyed a 'play session on the Thomas Trail.

Christmas Craft Fair!

Well done to the Parent Support Group for the brilliant Craft Fair they organised on Friday 24^h November. Lots of craft stalls were on display in our hall, with a beautiful range of Christmas gifts for all to purchase! After browsing in the stalls, visitors were then treated to festive treats in the staffroom! This very successful event has raised £900 for school funds! A big, big well done to all involved! The children enjoyed a special Movie Evening, whilst their parents enjoyed an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at the Craft Fair! Thank you to the PSG for organising this.

Flu Vaccinations

Pupils received their Flu Vaccinations on Tuesday 14th November. We have had a recent spell of illness in school and hope that everyone who has experienced this, will get a good rest over the Christmas Holidays and will regain their strength!

Wedding!

There was great excitement on Monday 18th December in Mrs Irvine's class when the class organised the wedding of Elinore and Charlie! This was to conclude their learning on the topic – Celebrations! All the children had an important part to play in the event and were delighted with their special guests, Miss Hadden's class, who dressed up especially for the occasion!

School Holidays

School closes for Christmas holidays on Thursday 22nd December at 12.30pm and re-opens on Thursday 4th January 2024. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and blessings for the New Year ahead.