

Bushmills Primary School  
&  
Nursery Unit



June 2021  
Newsletter

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### Headlice

Again can I remind all parents/guardians that it is your responsibility to regularly check your child's hair. Treatment can be obtained for free from your local chemist. We would request that any pupils with long hair please tie their hair up.

### Contact Details

If you have changed your address, mobile number or any other contact information please inform the school as soon as possible, to keep records up to date. This is important for all pupils, Nursery to Primary 7.

## Here Comes Summer!!

As we now come to the end of what has been a very strange and difficult year in school with a major part of the year being spent in 'lockdown' and all of us having to quickly face the challenges that come with 'Remote Learning', I say a sincere 'Thanks' to everyone involved within our school community.

Firstly, to you, the parents who have continued to support me and all the staff throughout this challenging year! To take on board the task of online learning so quickly, you were brilliant and should be so proud of yourselves. Thank you!

Secondly, I would publicly like to thank all staff who worked tirelessly day after day (through face-to-face teaching or online learning) to ensure your children were supported and encouraged to achieve and be the best that they can be.

Finally, to all our pupils, each and every one of you have risen to the challenges of this year and you have all achieved to the best of your ability! We are all so proud of you here in school.

Please continue to keep an eye on the school Facebook page, website and SeeSaw app (these will be used as the main form of communication once we return in September.)

Can I conclude by wishing everyone a safe, relaxing and well-deserved summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September!



## Sports Day

Our 'Mini Olympics' Sports Day took place on Friday 4th June. The day began with all

track events (running, egg and spoon, etc.) first then all classes were able to move around the different field events in their individual class bubbles. A great day was had by all and where possible a number of races were 'live streamed' to allow parents and friends to see what was happening!



## School Photographer

The school photographer visited school on Thursday 10th June 2021 when all individual, siblings (within the school), Nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 7 photographs were taken. The school received a delivery of all photographs ordered to the school on Monday 28th June which have now been distributed. Please note any further orders can be placed on line directly with Lafayette Photography using the code and booklet you were issued with on 10th June.



## Football

On Wednesday 9th June some of our football players were chosen to form a team and that afternoon they enjoyed playing a fun and friendly match against pupils from Dunseverick Primary School. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions no spectators were allowed, although this didn't dampen spirits and a fun afternoon was had by both teams. Thanks to Chis McKendry for helping to oversee this fun afternoon.



## Cycling Proficiency/Heart Start Programme

Congratulations to 4 of our P7 pupils who successfully completed their Cycling Proficiency Programme, which was taken by Miss Fulton, and also to all our Primary 7 pupils who completed the Heart Start Programme, taken by Miss Logan. Certificates were given out at the P7 Leavers Assembly which took place last Friday.



# HEART START

## P7 Jungle N.I.

On Monday 21st June, Primary 7 had their leavers trip to Jungle NI. We all had such a wonderful day, and took part in a whole host of activities, including Rodeo Rides, Trampolining, Lama Trekking, the Climbing Wall and we even tried our hand at archery!

We finished off our day by completing an Adventure Tree Tops Course, where the sky was the limit as we travelled through nets, across beams and on top of wires up high in the trees! A superb day was had by all!



## P7 Leavers Assembly

Friday 25th June saw us say "Farewell" to our P7 pupils as they move on to their next stage of their educational journey. Our Head Girl (Alison Nutt) performed a short clarinet piece before pupils took to the stage to share their memories of Primary School before prizes were given out along with achievements accrued throughout the year.

To conclude P7 leavers were presented with certificates and their new ties for their next school before performing the 'Leavers Song'. To end the morning a slideshow of photographs showing our pupils from when they joined the school in Nursery right to the present day was shared.



## Colour Run

WOW! What a day!

Friday 25th June saw the long awaited day of our sponsored Colour Run! All classes each took part, (in their individual bubbles of course) to complete the laps - as well as trying where possible to be doused in coloured powder each time - mind you some managed to escape!!! All who took part thoroughly enjoyed it and to top it all off we had a surprise visit from Keith (Ice Cream Happiness) to end what was a perfect day!

An amazing thank you to everyone who supported our pupils last Friday by sponsoring them to take part in the event which was a fundraiser for our school. After the entry fee has been paid we have raised an **amazing total amount of £2598.35**.

Massive thanks to all involved and this really confirms the overwhelming and supportive school community that Bushmills Primary School has.



## Toffee Tails

Toffee and her owner, Linda McMullan, came to visit our school for the final time this term on Monday 28th June. On Monday they visited the Primary 6 pupils and at the end of their stay our newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl (Matthew McAleese and Lum Lum Aw) presented them with a card and small gift to say Thank you for visiting our school over the past number of weeks. We look forward to seeing them again in September!



## Nursery Graduation

Our Nursery Graduation took place on Monday 28th June here in the school assembly hall at 10:00am. The short event saw our Nursery pupils perform their 'Goodbye' song before their graduation certificates along with an end of year gift were given out. Miss Logan then thanked all parents for their continued support throughout what has been a challenging year and also Mrs Garrett and Mrs Laverty for all their hard work in supporting the children during this year. Please be assured that COVID 19 restrictions were adhered to during this event.



## Nursery Induction

On Tuesday morning (29th June) parents of children starting Nursery in September attended an information morning where Mrs Strong (who will be teaching the Nursery class from September) gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining all about our Nursery Unit (the activities that go on, daily routines etc.). New pupils will then be given the opportunity in August to come in to become familiar with the surroundings as well as spend some time in Nursery meeting Mrs Strong and Mrs Laverty before the new term begins in September. Please be assured that COVID 19 restrictions were adhered to during this event.



## Prize Day



Tomorrow morning (Wednesday 30th June) we will hold a short prize giving ceremony to allow us to present class prizes, Sports Day Prizes and any special cups and shields to our P1 to P6 pupils. Weather permitting this event will take place outdoors.



## Gardening

This term, pupils in Primary 3-7 have enjoyed taking part in gardening club in their class bubbles. The classes have been planting lettuce, radish, peas, potatoes and pumpkins. They have also made a sensory garden and a garden to attract wildlife. Primary 1 & 2 have been helping out by watering the plants. A massive thank you to Kerrie and Ronnie Laverty for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with the children. The garden looks amazing!



## June Assemblies

Just a reminder that classes have continued with assemblies online for the remainder of this year. These are taken by Hope for Youth Ministries and have proved to be very popular! At present I am unsure of what arrangements for whole school assemblies will be in September but all being well it won't be too long before normal assemblies can resume again.



## Attendance

The Attendance Cup for June was presented to the winning class today. The overall attendance for June was 94.8%.

Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Logan	(P4/5)	97.5%
2nd:	Miss Fulton	(P1/2)	95.3%
3rd:	Mrs Sheridan	(P3/4)	94.7%
4th:	Miss Swanson	(P6/7)	93.3%
5th:	Mrs Garrett & Miss Cochrane	(Nur)	92.2%



Well done to Miss Logan's class!

## 2020-2021 Extended Schools Timetable

Extended Schools Programme along with Breakfast Club will commence the week beginning Monday 6th September. Further details will follow when we return to school on Wednesday 1st September 2021.



# Diary Dates

## Holiday Dates 2021 - 2022

Term 1	
New Term Begins	01-Sep-21
Optional Closure	25-Oct-21
SDD 1 & 2	26-Oct-21 & 27-Oct-21
Half Term Holiday	28-Oct-21 & 29-Oct-21
SDD 3	17-Dec-21
Christmas Holiday	23-Dec-21 to 02-Jan-22

Term 2	
Start of Term	04-Jan-22
Half Term	17-Feb-22 to 18-Feb-22
Bank Holiday	17-Mar-22
SDD 4	18-Mar-22
Easter Holiday	14-Apr-22 to 22-Apr-22

Term 3	
Start of Term	25-Apr-22
Bank Holiday	02-May-22
SDD 5	01-Jun-22
Bank Holidays	02-Jun-22 & 03-Jun-22
End of Term	30-Jun-22

Please note there are 4 Optional Closure Days  
to be confirmed

## Starting Back

School will commence for all pupils (P1 to P7) on Wednesday 1st September. As you can appreciate restrictions may or may not be eased over the summer holidays, therefore we will continue with the same arrangements as before regarding Drop off and Pick up.

Please remember school will be open from 8:45am to receive pupils and the playground will not be open before school.

As usual school bags can be brought to school and will remain in the cloakrooms during the school day, these should only contain **homework** and any other relevant items required for school.

Please also find attached items which staff have identified should be brought to school for their respective classes, please note these items must remain in school for use of your child **ONLY** and it is advisable that a spare pencil case containing all the items listed should remain at home for homework purposes.