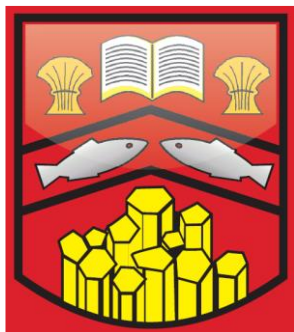


Bushmills Primary School
&
Nursery Unit



June 2024
Newsletter

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Head lice

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.

Summer has arrived!

As we have very quickly come to the end of another year in school, 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 the past year!

Secondly, I would publicly like to thank all staff who worked tirelessly day after day to ensure your children were supported and encouraged to achieve and be the best they can be.

Finally, to all our pupils, each 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.

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



Let the Bible Live

Children's Holiday Meetings in Dunseverick Baptist church.
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July. From 6.30-7.30pm.

Lots of fun, bible stories, singing choruses, games and memory verses! Speaker is Tommy Anderson.

For more information contact Billy on 07503126309

Fit for Life

Primary 7 pupils had a visit from Catherine from SUNI and they spent the afternoon completing the “Fit for Life” programme. They explored thoughts and feelings about transitioning into Secondary School and learnt some useful tips to be successful on the way! Thanks to Catherine and all the team for a great and fun afternoon!



Knitting Club

Our Knitting Club has been working extremely hard this term and have finished making their very own hats and pom poms! The pupils have worked very hard and the results are very impressive! We have had great fun this year learning to knit!



Primary 1-4 End of Year trip

On Tuesday 18th June the children in primary 1-4 accompanied by Primary 6 headed to portballintrae beach. They enjoy playing games and a sandcastle competition. Also included was a special visit from the ice-cream man to finish off the day.



P7 Leavers Assembly

Friday 17th June saw us say Farewell to our Primary 7 pupils as they move to the next stage of their educational journey.

All pupils took to the stage to share their favourite memories of Primary School here at Bushmills before singing the Leavers Song. Miss Logan then read a poem entitled "The Class of 2024" before all pupils were presented with certificates and new ties for their next school.

After special prizes and cups were presented, our outgoing Head Girl, Ella McMullan, and Head Boy, Callum Jamieson, presented their successors, Alisha Lee and Leo McKendry, with the cups as they take over these important positions for the next academic year.

The morning concluded with a slideshow of photographs showing our pupils from when they joined the school in the Nursery Unit to the present day.



Primary 7 End of Year Trip - Emerald Park

Last week, our Primary 7 pupils travelled to Emerald Park for their end of year trip. We had a fantastic day, exploring the park and trying out all the rollercoasters - including getting soaked on the Viking water ride! We finished off with a McDonalds, which was thoroughly enjoyed after our busy day! A great end of year trip!



Primary 5 & 6 End of Year trip

On Tuesday 25th , P5 and P6 had their end of year trip to W5 in Belfast. We had a great day exploring the different exhibitions including science, nature and construction and even got the chance to create our own mini rollercoasters! A superb day was had by all!



Prize Giving Ceremony

A short prize giving ceremony was held on Thursday 27th June when past teacher Mrs McAllister came along to present the prizes. This allowed us the opportunity to present class prizes, sports day prizes and any special cups and shields to our P1 to P6 pupils.



Nursery Induction

An information session for parents on children starting Nursery in September was held on Monday 24th June where Mrs Garrett shared the important information required for September 2024.

Assemblies

Assemblies continue every Wednesday morning as usual when all classes, Nursery to Primary 7, come together to meet as a whole school.

This month assemblies were taken by the following visitors:

Wednesday 5th June Rev Brian Harper (Dunluce Parish Church)

Wednesday 12th June Robert Plant

Wednesday 21st June Rev Morrow
(Bushmills Free Presbyterian)
(As part of this assembly all sports day badges were also presented.)

Attendance

Attendance at the end of the month of June has shown a slight increase from the month of May.

The overall attendance for June was 88.1%.

Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Swanson	P6/7	93.2%
2nd:	Miss Fulton	P1/2	92.2%
3rd:	Miss Rowe	P3/4	91.0%
4th:	Miss Logan/ Mrs Witherow	P5/6	86.5%
5th:	Mrs Garrett	Nur	72.2%



Well done to Miss Swanson's class!

Parent Pay

I feel I must again highlight the issue of negative balances on Parent Pay. If you are unsure if you have a negative balance, please feel free to contact the school office and this can be checked for you.

In the event of you having a negative balance, please note these are supposed to be paid on a weekly basis and if you are unable to do this, please contact Miss Logan immediately.

All Parent Pay balances MUST be cleared as soon as possible and no later than FRIDAY 28TH JUNE to allow end of year reporting to be submitted to the Education Authority.

Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half of a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year - that's nearly 4 school weeks.

Give your child the best start in life - every school day counts!

Holiday Dates 2024 - 2025

<h1>Term 1</h1>		
New Term Begins	28-Aug-24	Starts 9:00am sharp
Breakfast Club Starts	02-Sep-24	Doors open at 8:15am. Last entry at 8:35am
Extended School Starts	09-Sep-24	Please see the timetable for more information
Staff Development Day	27-Sept-24	School closed to ALL pupils
Parent/Teacher Interviews	23-Oct-24 to 25-Oct-24	School closes at 1:00pm for all pupils
Half Term Holiday	28-Oct-24 to 01-Nov-24	School closed to ALL pupils
Christmas Holiday	23-Dec-24 to 03-Jan-25	School closed to ALL pupils
<h1>Term 2</h1>		
Start of Term	06-Jan-25	Starts 9:00am sharp
P3 - P7 School Trip	10-Jan-25	Further details to follow
Half Term	13-Feb-25 to 18-Feb-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Staff Development Day	14-Mar-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Bank Holiday	17-Mar-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Easter Holiday	16-Apr-25 to 25-Apr-25	Inclusive

Term 3

Start of Term	28-Apr-25	Starts 9:00am sharp
Bank Holiday	05-May-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Foundation & KSI Revision Week	06-May-25 to 09-May-25	
Foundation & KSI Assessment Week	12-May-25 to 16-May-25	
KS2 Revision Week	12-May-25 to 16-May-25	
KS2 Assessment Week	19-May-23 to 23-May-25	
Bank Holiday	26-May-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Staff Development Day	27-May-25	School closed to ALL pupils
End of Term	27-June-25	School finishes for all pupils at 12:00 noon

*Please note Wednesday 28th August Thursday 29th August and Friday 30th August will be half days, 9:00am to 12:00noon.



What do I need for school?

Primary 1 and 2

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Crayons
- Colouring Pencils
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

Primary 3 and 4

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Colouring Pencils
- Felt Tip Pens
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler (P4 only)
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

Primary 5

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Colouring Pencils
- Felt Tip Pens
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

Primary 6 and 7

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Colouring Pencils
- Felt Tip Pens
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler
- Geometry Set
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

Items can be easily muddled up especially at the beginning of the year. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name and class.