

Bushmills Primary School
&
Nursery Unit



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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.

March

As tomorrow marks the first day of March, we welcome the brighter mornings and clearer evenings and on a few days we have seen the milder weather setting in.

Can I therefore take this opportunity to remind you to please ensure children are kept safe when out and about with their friends in the evenings (hopefully once homeworks have been completed 😊) and of course are getting into bed at a reasonable time - this will ensure they are well rested and prepared for the next day!

Parent Pay

Can I please continue to remind you that Parent Pay balances are supposed to be paid on a weekly basis - sadly for a small number this is not the case!

As I repeatedly have said, if you are unable to do this you must contact Miss Logan immediately.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent / teacher interviews took place on Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th February just prior to the half-term break. We were delighted to see a high attendance of parents however, if you were unable to attend at this time please contact your child's class teacher and I'm sure something can be arranged!

Library Van Visits

Please be reminded the mobile library van continues to visit our School every fortnight on a Monday Morning. The next visit will be Monday 3rd March.



Swimming



Swimming lessons for our Primary 6/7 pupils (Miss Swanson's class) continue Friday mornings at Coleraine Leisure Centre. Please ensure this is paid at the beginning of each week.

Assemblies

We continue to hold whole school assemblies for all pupils in Nursery to Primary 7 here in school on Wednesday mornings.



This month we have been delighted to welcome the following visitors:

Wednesday 7th February

Rev. A Buick

Dunluce Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 14th February

Alice McAlary

Family Support Worker

Amazing Journey

Wednesday 21st February

Dr. Cubitt

Retired minister Bushmills
Presbyterian

Wednesday 28th February

Attendance

During this school year, we seek to continue to attain high levels of attendance within our school. The attendance cup for February will be presented to the winning class at the next whole school assembly.

Results are as follows:

1st:	Mrs Bateman & Mrs Sheridan	P3/4	93.6%
2nd:	Miss Fulton	P1/2	93.0%
3rd:	Mrs Garrett & Miss Cochrane	Nur	91.0%
4th:	Miss Swanson	P6/7	90.9%
5th:	Miss Logan & Miss Campbell	P4/5	89.3%



Well done to Mrs Bateman & Mrs Sheridan's class!

If your child is ill, please telephone the school office to advise us of your child's absence and of the cause. When your child returns to school you must send a note into school on their first day back or send an email to the Principal (jlogan335@c2kni.net) to confirm why your child has not been attending school. The reason for this is to ensure the correct codes are applied in relation to your child's absence.

In addition to this I must make you aware that if your child has to leave school throughout the day you must send a letter to your child's class teacher to excuse your child from school or complete a form which is available on the school website or from the school office. I would therefore ask that when possible any appointments are made outside of school hours.

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!

Amazing Journey

On Wednesday 19th February, following the mid-term break we welcomed James Robinson (Amazing Journey co-ordinator) and his team of volunteers from Dunseverick Baptist Church who came along to deliver the 'Amazing Journey' to our Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils. Through interactions, presentations and dressing up in periodic costumes, the pupils experienced a Biblical journey in a fun and enjoyable way. Many thanks to James and his team (and not forgetting Pastor Billy Jones and Rev Morrow) who came to help deliver this exciting programme!!!



Fun With Drums

Our final 'Fun With Drums' session took place on Thursday 27th February. Many thanks to all who attended and I'm sure you will agree it looks like a good time was had by all!!!!



P7 Take 5 Event - Ballycastle

Primary 7 had a wonderful day at Ballycastle High School where they took part in the Take 5 Wellbeing Day. They participated in team building activities, Art, Home Economics and Digital Wellbeing.



Diary Dates

Term 2

Staff Development Day	14-Mar-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Bank Holiday	17-Mar-25	School closed to ALL pupils
End of Term	15-Apr-25	School day ends at 12 noon for ALL pupils

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