

# Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



December 2015

## Another Success for Bushmills Primary!

“Well Done” and “Thank You” to everyone who worked extremely hard to make “Porridge” the great success that it was. Feedback was all very positive and already many are asking what next year’s production will be (a few ideas have already been discussed!)

Once again the hard work paid off, whether it was remembering the words of the songs or scripts, organising the costumes, painting scenery, making the props, I am delighted to report that everyone at Bushmills Primary rose to the challenge, so Well Done!



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## Grease

On Wednesday 2nd December pupils in P4-P7 were invited to Dunluce School for their production of "Grease".



Everyone had an enjoyable time and it was great to see a few familiar faces from the past.

I am also delighted to report that the behavior of our pupil's was exceptional throughout the morning and this was commented on by a number of adults from other visiting schools who we were also in attendance.

## Hockey Coaching

Hockey coaching sessions have continued on Wednesdays between 11:00am and 12:00 noon for our Primary 6/7 pupils.



## Bonjour Amigos

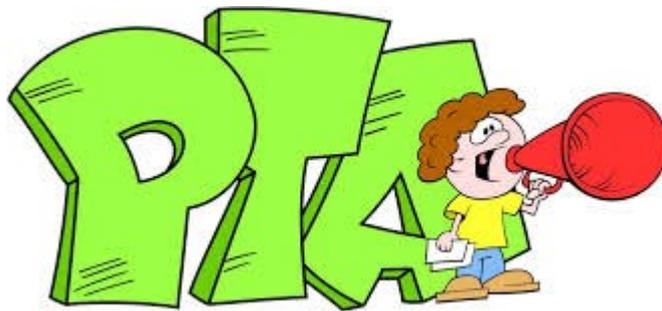
Spanish lessons for pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 7 continue on Friday mornings with "Bonjour Amigos" language tutor, Christina McGarvey.

All of our pupils have been working hard and our older pupils (P4-P7) were even able to sing the well know carol "Silent Night" at our Carol Service held earlier today. Well done boys and girls.



## Thank You to our P.T.A

Once again, I would like to extend a sincere thanks to our P.T.A Committee Members who have worked extremely hard throughout the first term. Whether it was helping to organise the Hamper Raffle, taking care of the Tuck Shop at the "Porridge" performances, serving tea/coffee at our Carol Service, organising the Halloween Disco, helping with the make-up and costumes for our production, to name but a few, it really has been greatly appreciated! Please be assured your hard work and dedication never goes unnoticed.



## CEF Fun Day

On Monday 7th December, Stephen Chambers and Lynda McAuley from CEF spent the whole day in school as part of their Christmas Outreach Sessions.

The morning began with sessions in individual classrooms where pupils took part in quizzes and also made their own Christmas Tree crafts and was followed by a whole school assembly.



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## Around the World in Story Tales

On Tuesday 8th December, our language assistant, Tierza, returned to school along with Elaine Steele from W5 and Michael, an artist. The children got to delve deeper into German culture, sampling some delicious home-baked biscuits, listening to and singing German songs, playing traditional German games and listening to a traditional fairytale set in Germany. They also developed their understanding of Global Citizenship and learnt how artists create drawings for comics, working through the many stages to produce their own drawing of a superhero.

Next the children in P6/7 will be working hard to produce a comic, set in Germany, which reflects what they have learnt about Germany and about Global Citizenship. They will use the techniques they learned with Michael to draw their own pictures. Elaine will be returning at the end of January, once we have written our comics, to help us produce animated versions using iPads and then in March we will all return to W5 to find out who the winner for the best comic will be, both in our class and overall.

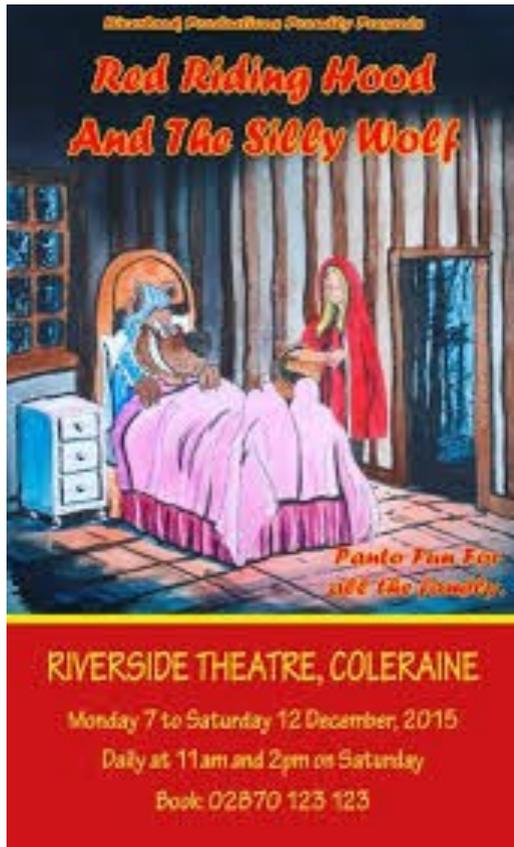


## Football Tournament Continues



The next round of the Coleraine and District Small Schools Football Tournament took place on Wednesday 9th December in Ballycastle playing fields. Again a great afternoon was had by all.

## Little Red Riding Hood and the Silly Wolf



Friday 11th December saw all pupils in the school boarding the buses and travelling to the Riverside Theatre in Coleraine to watch their production of "Little Red Riding Hood and the Silly Wolf". Following an enjoyable show, we all set sail again and stopped off at the Royal Court Hotel in Portrush where a delicious meal was ready.

As always a great day out was had by all and again a special word of thanks must go to our P.T.A. who very kindly agreed to cover the cost of the buses and also to all committee members who accompanied us on the trip.

## Choir Performances

On Monday 14th December our choir members (along with Miss Lagan and Miss McBride) travelled to Ratheane Nursing Home in Coleraine where they entertained the residents there for a short time. Before returning to school all pupils enjoyed an afternoon treat of buns, crisps and juice.



Secondly on Wednesday 16th December, choir members performed at one of the Christmas Lunch Events which was held at Bushmills Presbyterian Church. Staff and pupils were delighted to be invited to stay for lunch before they returned to school.

## Admission to Primary & Nursery School

Application forms are now available from the school office for any child that is due to start pre-school or primary education in September 2016.



Pre-school places are available for children who are in the target age group, i.e. who were born on or between 2nd July 2012 and 1st July 2013.

All children born on or between 2nd July 2011 and 1st July 2012 must begin their primary education from September 2016 because by that date they will have reached **COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE**.

All application forms must be returned to the school by **12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2016**.

Please feel free to contact Miss Logan or the school office for more information.

**APPLY NOW**

## Attendance

The attendance cup and punctuality prizes for the month of December will be presented at the first whole school assembly next term which will be held on Wednesday 6th January .

Attendance remains steady with the average class attendance for December being 95.1%.

Well done to Miss Logan's P4/5 class.

Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss J Logan (P4/5)	97.6%
2nd:	Miss R McBride (P6/7)	97.4%
3rd:	Miss S Fulton (P2/3)	96.7%
4th:	Mrs J Garrett (Nursery)	92.6%
5th	Mrs H McAllister (P1)	89.6%



## Away In A Manger

On Thursday 17th December pupils from our Nursery Unit performed their own version of "Away in a Manger". A packed hall enjoyed the performance which even included a surprise visit from Santa! Congratulations to Mrs Garret, Mrs Laverty and all our nursery pupils who have worked so hard over the past days and weeks to help make this event the huge success that it was.



## Diary Dates

Monday 4th January	New term begins @ 9:00am
Wednesday 6th January	Shared Reading Programme begins (P1—P3). Further details to follow
Friday 12th February	Staff Training Day—School closed for all pupils
Monday 15th February & Tuesday 16th February	Half Term
Sunday 28th February	Peace Proms (SSE Belfast)
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 23rd March	School finishes at 12:00 noon for Easter Break
Monday 4th April	New Term starts



Dates for  
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