

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit

May 2018 Newsletter



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Summer is coming!!

Where has the past year gone? As I think back to September I can hardly believe we are fast approaching the end of yet another school year.

At this time of year, we do think about our Primary 7 pupils, who less than two week ago, received their placement letters which have determined where the next chapter of their educational journey will begin. I am delighted to report that all pupils have been placed in their first choice schools and are looking forward with excitement to moving to those places. Final destinations are Dunluce School, Dominican College Portstewart and Coleraine Grammar School.

Meanwhile, once again life here in school continues to be busy and our pupils need to be congratulated on all their achievements to date (whether within school or outside!) Well done to you all!

Can I also take this opportunity to say 'Thanks' to you as parents for co-operating with us here in school throughout the year - your continued school support is always appreciated and valued!!



P.T.A. Thanks!

Huge thanks once again to our P.T.A. Committee members who organised the recent Fireside Quiz competition which raised an amazing £338.00. The winners were:



1st Prize - Tracey McCloy
2nd Prize - Lizzy Wilmont
3rd Prize - Irene McAleese

Also thanks to our P.T.A. for the generous purchase of playground Games for our school. Both pupils and staff are delighted and grateful for this donation to school's playtime resources.



P.S.N.I. Class Visits



On Thursday 10th May local P.S.N.I. representatives visited our Primary 4 to Primary 7 classes to talk to pupils about 'Safer Use of the Internet' and 'Anti-Bullying Campaigns'. All pupils enjoyed the sessions and Primary 1 to Primary 3 classes will be visited in September/October of the new term.

Dale Farm's 'Seasons of Safety'



On Monday 14th May, Dale Farm (partnered with the Grand Opera House in Belfast) visited our school with their live theatre tour, 'Seasons of Safety'. The tour was developed to help bring the importance of farm safety to life for primary school children and it visited 21 rural primary schools throughout County Antrim in May and is the first project of its kind that the Grand Opera House has taken on tour.

The production was aimed at our Primary 6 and 7 pupils, exploring themes and learnings emerging from the play. After the performance pupils also enjoyed a workshop element and farm safety resources were distributed. Following its primary school tour, the play was again performed live on 18th May at this year's Balmoral school as part of Dale Farm's presence at the annual farming event.



It's Your Move!

On Thursday 31st May Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a Scripture Union Workshop entitled 'It's Your Move' taken by S.U. representative Adam McCready. The aim of the workshop was to help prepare our pupils for the transition process they would be facing as they move on from Primary School into Year 8.



Breakfast Club

Just a quick reminder that 'Breakfast Club' continues as usual on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 8:20am and 8:50am.

Again can I please remind you that Breakfast Club does not open until 8:20am.



Football



Football continues on Thursday afternoons for pupils in Primaries 4 to 7 between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Final sessions will be on Thursday 21st June 2018.

Once again this year, Bushmills Primary School is holding a football tournament. All being well and weather permitting this will be held in school on Monday 11th June 2018 at 10:30am. We hope to see some parents here to cheer on our footballers!

Bonjour Amigos

Spanish lessons for all pupils (which were held on Friday mornings here in school) have now come to an end for this academic year. These lessons were taken on Friday mornings by our language tutor, Christina McGarvey, and we would once again like to thank her for her hard work and dedication throughout the year!



Swimming Lessons



Please not (due to other school activities) there is only one swimming lesson left this year for our Primary 6 and 7 pupils. This will take place on **Friday 8th June**.

Library Van Visits!

Please note the final two visits for the mobile Library van are scheduled for:

- Monday 4th June
- Monday 18th June



May Assemblies

Once again we have welcomed visitors to our whole school assemblies held on Wednesday mornings here in school. Due to Revision Weeks and Assessment Weeks only two assemblies were held during the month of May and these were taken by:

Wednesday 9th May

Chancellor Graham
(Dunluce Parish)

Wednesday 30th May

Robert Plant
(Christian Evangelist)



Star of the Week

Each week one pupil from each class will be rewarded for their achievements. A special assembly is held each Friday afternoon to celebrate these awards. During the month of April, the following pupils were awarded 'Star of the Week'.

P1 Madison McKeeman
Logan Cross
Lily Hunter

P2 Braylen Daley
Yi Jean Aw &
Millie Montgomery
Emma Neill

P3 Sophie Greer
Hollie Clarke
Noah Cerutti

P4 Alison Nutt
Ella Dixon
Kaidan Eddolls

P5 Lucy McKay
Charlie Millar
Teya Cummins

P6 Marissa Mulholland
Amber Greer

P7 Grace Gault
Ryan Wilmont



OF THE WEEK

Attendance

The Attendance Cup for April will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 6th June May 2018.

1st:	Mrs McAllister (P1/2)	97.1%
2nd:	Miss Logan (P4/5)	96.6%
3rd:	Miss Fulton (P2/3)	96.4%
4th:	Mrs Nicholl (P6/7)	95.2%
5th:	Miss Cochrane (Nursery)	94.6%



Well Done Mrs McAllister's P1/2 class!

Sadly, again an increasing number of our pupils are being collected 'early' in the afternoons and unfortunately valid reasons are not being provided. It has also been noted that this has become a somewhat major occurrence especially on Friday afternoons. Again I remind you as parents, of the finishing times for all pupils as set out below.

P1 & P2	1.50pm Daily
P3	1.50pm Tuesday & Thursday
	3.00pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday
P4 -P7	3.00pm Daily

Please, please (where possible) help us to ensure that this situation does not 'get out of hand!'

School Collection

Can I please remind you that once you collect your child at the school in the afternoons, they are your 'responsibility'? Sadly, it has been brought to my attention (and also noticed by myself and school staff) that a number of our pupils are 'running around' especially across the main driveway leading into school and 'climbing walls' just opposite the bicycle shed. Again I would urge all parents/carers to take responsibility before something serious would happen to one of our pupils!



Diary Dates

Sports Day	01-Jun-18	Weather Permitting
Football Tournament	11-Jun-18	10:30am
Nursery Induction Day	13-Jun-18	Further details to follow
Streetwise	14-Jun-18	Primary 7 pupils Ballycastle 8:45 departure
'Blast From the Past'	15-Jun-18	12:45pm - tickets available from the office
Treasure Trove Day	19-Jun-18	
School Prom	20-Jun-18	See attached flyer
Prize Day	22-Jun-18	Details to follow
PI Parents Induction	25-Jun-18	Further details to follow
Nursery Graduation	29-Jun-18	9:30am
End of Term	29-Jun-18	12:00noon for all pupils
New Term Begins	03-Sept-18	9:00am Sharp

Bushmills Primary School
is celebrating being 60!!



Come along and see our production of
'A Blast From The Past!'

On Friday 15th June at 12:45pm

Tickets are available from the school office.

While there is no charge for the tickets we would greatly appreciate a donation towards this year's chosen charity, Autism NI.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AT BUSHMILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Prom

Wednesday

20th June 2018

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Admission by Ticket Only

£4 Per Ticket

Includes

Ice Cream, Photo, Drink & Crisps

STRICTLY

BUSHMILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHILDREN ONLY



Tickets can be purchased from the school office.