

Bushmills Primary
School
&
Nursery Unit



October 2018
Newsletter

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End of October

It is hard to believe that already we have reached the end of October and I would like to once again say 'Thanks' to all parents and staff for your on-going support and loyalty as we seek to continue to work together to provide the best opportunities we can for all our pupils here in Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to seeing all staff and pupils back again (and well rested) on Monday 5th November when the new term will commence!



Potato Workshop



On Thursday 4th October Primary 4 and 5 pupils travelled to the Giant's Causeway to take part in their popular 'Potato Workshop'. Once there not only did pupils learn a little about the history of potato growing but also had the opportunity to dig their own and bring them back home. Reports were the 'spuds were great!' and hopefully some of you had the chance to taste them yourselves!

Flu Vaccination

On Wednesday 17th October the School Nursing Team visited Bushmills Primary to administer the Fluenz Tetra Vaccine (nasal spray) to pupils in Primaries 1 to 7. The benefits of this programme will be that children will be better protected against flu bringing both health benefits and also ensuring less time off school.



The Tharp Family

All pupils in Nursery to Primary 7 enjoyed a visit from the ever popular Tharp family on Wednesday 17th October. Pupils enjoyed the music and dancing (not forgetting the popular song "I love Jesus better than ice-cream") before all being given a copy of the 'Tharp Family' CD!





Time for Football!

The first round of this year's Coleraine and District Small Schools Football Tournament' took place on Thursday 18th October when our



school travelled to Arroy Primary School to take part in the matches. An enjoyable time was had by all with our team performing well throughout all their matches!

RADAR Visit

Tuesday 23rd October proved to be an exciting day for our Primary 6 and 7 class as they travelled (along with Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Purcell) to the RADAR (Risk Avoidance Danger Awareness Resource) Centre in Belfast.

This is not the first time our school has visited the centre and once again the class represented our school well.

Opened in December 2015, RADAR is interactive, informative and fun and is Northern Ireland's first fully interactive, safety and life skills education centre. Throughout the visit pupils took part in a range of interactive workshops on Road Safety, Fire Safety, E-Safety, Personal Safety and Youth Justice. The centre contained a full sized street scene with a house, bus, train, court room, prison cell, shop, police station and much more. As you can imagine a great day out was had by all and the evidence can be seen in just a few of the photographs below.



Eco-Committee and School Council

The new committee had their first meeting on Wednesday 24th October to elect new officials for the year. They are as follows:



Chairperson	Devon Sharkey
Vice-Chairperson	Katie Jamieson
Secretary	Kayleigh Parke
P.R.O.	Millie Parke

Committee members: Lily-Mae McAfee, Millie Montgomery, Sam Hogg, Charlie McMullan, Jay Parke and Rhianna Wilmont.

The committee have lots of exciting ideas for this year starting with Road Safety Week 19th-25th November 2018.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews have just taken place on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October. Many thanks to all parents who attended and for us as a school, it has certainly highlighted that your child's/children's education is important to you!

As parents you play a vital role in helping to give your child the best start in life and your support is crucial! I am aware that unfortunately a small number of parents were unable to attend the arranged appointments, if this was the case, I would ask that you please contact the school to arrange another time!



October Assemblies

Visitors to our assemblies throughout the month of October were as follows:

- Wednesday 3rd October - Rev. N Cubitt
(Bushmills Presbyterian)
- Wednesday 10th October - Rev. McLernon
(Bushmills Free Presbyterian)
- Wednesday 17th October - Alice McAlary
(Family Support Worker)



Attendance

The Attendance Cup for October will be presented at a whole school assembly on Wednesday 7th November 2018. The school's overall average attendance for the month of October was 91.7%. Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Fulton (P2/3)	95.1%
2nd:	Miss Logan (P4/5)	93.8%
3rd:	Mrs McAllister (P1/2)	91.9%
4th:	Mrs Sheridan (P6/7)	90.7%
5th:	Mrs Garrett (Nursery)	86.9%



Well Done Miss Fulton's P2/3 class!

Headlice

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.

Footballer of the week

This year it has been decided that each week one pupil from each football session will be picked as footballer of the week. The following players have been picked for the month of October:

Week Ending	Year 1 to 3	Year 4 to 7
5th October	Noah Spratt	Caprice McCrellis
12th October	Isaac Horner	Devon Sharkey
19th October	No Football	Charlie Greer
26th October	No Football	



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 October, the following pupils were awarded 'Star of the Week'.



	5th Oct	12th Oct	19th Oct	26th Oct
Yr 1	Eliane McAfee	Jake Allen	Lydia Connor	Evie Tweed
Yr 2	Kaley Corscardden	Lily Hunter	Rosie Clarke	Alfie Armstrong
Yr 3	Yi Jean Aw	Ruby-Jane Waller	Emma Neill	Harvey Gault
Yr 4	Daniel Kerr	Holly Clarke	Dyamme Da Silva Mattos	Noah Cerutti
Yr 5	William McKenna	Megan Mulholland	Ella Dixon	Patrick McKenna
Yr 6	Lucy McKay	Matthew Mairs	Charlie Millar	Katie Jamieson
Yr 7	Leah Wilmont	Ruby Neill	Aaron Adair	Devon Sharkey

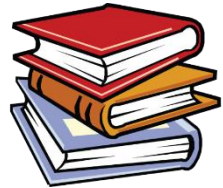
Breakfast Club



Once again Breakfast Club continues on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20am to 8:50am. Please note that the 'cut off point' for final breakfast orders will be 8:40am to allow pupils time to eat their breakfast before heading out to the playground.

Travelling Books

Just a quick reminder that our Autumn Book fair with 'Travelling Books' arrived in school a few days ago and will run until Wednesday 7th November 2018.



Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other related merchandise will be available to purchase once we return to school after the half term break.

Prices are:

- Poppies 50p
- Erasers 50p
- Reflectors 50p
- Pencil Sharpeners 50p
- Pencils 50p
- Rulers £1.00



Diary Dates

<h1>Term 1</h1>		
Half Term Break	26-Oct-18	School finished at 1:50pm for all pupils
Half Term	29-Oct-18 to 02-Nov-18	Inclusive
Back to School	05-Nov-18	9:00am Sharp
School Photographer	08-Nov-18	Nursery to Primary 7. Further details to follow
AQE - Transfer 1	10-Nov-18	
Anti-Bullying Week	12-Nov-18 to 16-Nov-18	Further details to follow
The MAC	16-Nov-18	All remaining money due
Road Safety Week	19-Nov-18 to 23-Nov-18	Further details to follow
P.T.A Meeting	21-Nov-18	6.15pm
AQE - Transfer 2	24-Nov-18	
Open Morning	29-Nov-18	9:15am - 10:30am
Christmas Production (P1-P7)	13-Dec-18	Further details to follow
Staff Training	14-Dec-18	School closed for ALL pupils
Nursery Christmas Production	20-Dec-18	Further details to follow
End of Term (Christmas)	21-Dec-18	Annual Carol Service @ 10:00am. Further details to follow
Christmas Vacation	24-Dec-18 to 02-Jan-19	Inclusive