



# Weekly News



## Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents,

**\*REMINDER\***

**SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY AT 12NOON TUES 11<sup>TH</sup> - THURS 13<sup>TH</sup>  
TO ACCOMMODATE PARENT INTERVIEWS.**

Interviews will last approximately 10minutes. In an effort to help with traffic congestion, P1 - P3 children can be collected from 11.45am and P4 - P7, 12noon. Older siblings in school will also be ready for collection from 11.45am.

### CORE VALUES CHAMPIONS

Our core value of 'curiosity' has been the focus over the past month. We love to see our children keen and eager to learn. That's really important to us! Well done to the following Core Values Champions

P1: Ben Mitchell and Annie Wilson

P2: Ryker Cardwell and Hannah Reid

P3: Connie Woodrow and James Wright

P4: Lily McCormick and Daniel Montgomery

P5: Cora Wilson and Poppy-Leigh Carson

P6: Harrison Lorimer and John Service

P7: Lottie Connolly and Esther Connolly





## PANCAKE TUESDAY

The smell of freshly baked pancakes filled the classrooms and corridors on Tuesday. From the youngest to the oldest, pancakes were thoroughly enjoyed by all.



## HOCKEY QUALIFIERS

Following a series of blitz friendly tournaments, this week saw our boys' hockey and girls' hockey teams compete in the Mid and East Antrim Regional Qualifiers. Both teams played at the same venue and time so this made for a super atmosphere all day as the children were able to support each other.

Both teams played really well and Mrs Davidson and I loved watching them put all they have practised into play. A special mention to our boys' team who came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the tournament, just missing out in a place at the Northern Ireland Finals. WELL DONE!

Girls' Team: Ria, Heidi, Molly, Charlotte, Ella-Grace, Penny, Ella and Cleo,

Boys' Team: Caleb, Royce, Tom, Alexander, Thomas, Tommy, Duncan and Matthew





## WRIGHTBUS WINNERS

It was lovely to have Kerri from Wrightbus visiting school this week with the news of who won the design competition following the P3 and P5 visit to the factory back in December.

Congratulations to the following children. Enjoy spending your Smyth's vouchers!

	Primary 3	Primary 5
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Archie Livingstone	Thomas Wright
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Aria Gordon	Tommy Davidson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Benjamin Wright	Duncan Gault



## WORLD BOOK DAY

What a super day with so many amazing costumes on display! A few highlights included 'Book Buddy' time, 'Book Swap', a World Book Day parade and so much more!





## DEMOCRACY WEEK

This week was also Democracy Week and our P4 to P7 children took part in 'The Big Vote'. Alongside other schools, the children had to vote for the 'Top Northern Ireland Children's Author'. Thanks to Mid and East Antrim Council for their excellent materials that enabled our children to experience the process of voting for a candidate. Posters were displayed in school for each candidate, candidate statements were shared with our pupils and the children had to fill in a ballot paper, with two of our P7s sealing the ballot box. The votes are being counted today (Friday) so we look forward to hearing the results early next week.



## FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Don't forget to book your tickets for anyone who is keen to enjoy an evening of flower arranging and treats. A lovely idea for a Mother's Day gift as well. Thanks to Pamela from Create and Conquer for using this as opportunity to raise funds for school too.

**TICKET PRICE**  
**£45**

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# Easter Flower Arranging Workshop

**TEA & TREATS TOO!**

THURSDAY	START AT	LOCATION
03/04/2025	7PM	THE DIAMOND

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE,  
PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON  
028 25 880 709  
OR  
EMAIL MRS BOYD ON  
LBOYD533@C2KNI.NET  
TICKETS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME  
FIRST SERVED BASIS.

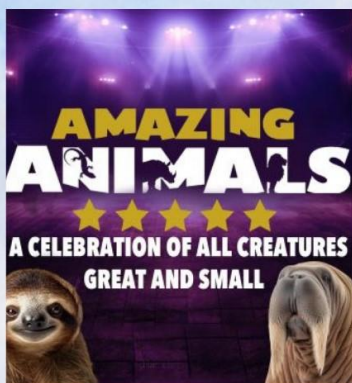
## 'SPRING SPECTACULAR'

Please remember to save the date and time! Our 'Spring Spectacular' promises to be an evening of music, drama and celebration. We look forward to having you all there to cheer the children on. Information about tickets will be shared in due course.

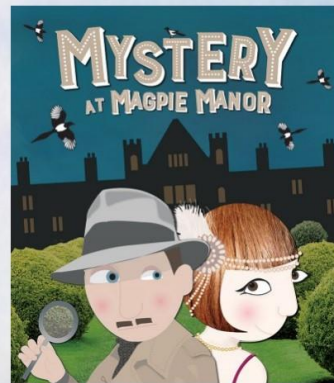
THE DIAMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SPRING SPECTACULAR

P1 - P3 PRESENT



P4 - P7 PRESENT



April

Tuesday

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2025

7.00 PM

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## NEXT WEEK

**\*PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK\***

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diamond Dazzlers (2 - 3 PM)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EARLY FINISH - PARENT INTERVIEWS</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EARLY FINISH - PARENT INTERVIEWS</li></ul>
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## Term 2 and Term 3 Key Dates

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day - School Closure</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	World Maths Day
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Spring Spectacular (evening)
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Scotland Residential (P6/7)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Final day of term (early finish)
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Book Fair in School
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Coaching For Christ Festival Day
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sports Day
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive)</b>	<b>Half Term holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer Fair (evening event)
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Leavers' Assembly
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Final day of term (early finish)

Many thanks,

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