



# School News

## BPS Biz & Reminders

Welcome back to all our pupils for Term 3 AT LAST!

### BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are keen to restart our Breakfast Club & After School Care, as soon as possible, but are awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education / Education Authority on how we can do it safely whilst maintaining our class bubbles.

### DR BIKE

P6 have been very fortunate to have lain from the active travel charity Sustran in with them showing them bike maintenance and handing out a few goodies to our pupils with the aim of encouraging them to travel to school other than by car.

### HOLIDAY LIST

Our holiday list for next year has been finalised and families will have received it via Seesaw.

### LATENESS

We understand that the changes in our school starting times are not ideal but please try to ensure your child is in school at the correct time. Some of our pupils have been missing up to 20 minutes teaching each day by arriving to school late, which over the course of the week is a considerable loss of learning.

### REPORTS AND HOME / SCHOOL CONTACT

As per normal, each child will be receiving a school report at the end of this academic year (albeit with less of the normal content due to fewer learning opportunities as a result of lockdown) and please remember that, should you have any matters you may wish to discuss with your class teacher you can contact them via Seesaw or telephone school to talk to them.

### NURSERY, P1 AND POST PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

All of the information on how families will be informed of their school placements is available to view here - <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/placement-notification>

### SUMMER UNIFORM

Now we are into Term 3 all pupils may wear their Summer Uniform, if they so wish. Could I also remind pupils that trainers are only to be worn for PE or to be changed into at break / lunch time at all other times black school shoes are to be worn. Thank you.

### PIANO GRADING

Finally, congratulations to Faye in P6, who achieved an outstanding 97% in her Grade 1 Piano exam! Excellent work in any circumstance but even better as her lessons have been over Zoom!

## Nursery News!

Our theme is "Fairy Tales"

The children will play and engage around the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears. This will encourage some engagement with chatting, listening and some role play.



**\*More details included in the full Nursery News\***

## P2 have been making robots as part of their construction topic



## Calendar Dates

### MAY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – May Day Bank Holiday
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Sustran Cycle Training – P6
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Ulster Scots Drums – P5
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Ulster Scots Drums – P5
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Opt Out Day – PTA Event
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Ulster Scots Drums – P5
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – School Development Days  
(school closed to pupils)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Exceptional Closure  
(school closed to pupils)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday

### JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ganaway Trip – P7
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Ulster Scots Drums – P5
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Board of Governors Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Ulster Scots Drums – P5
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Montalto Sponsored Walk – PTA  
Event
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Ulster Scots Drums – P5
- 30<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

## Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



We are happy to announce that we are able to run a couple of events before school finishes for the Summer. In May, we are going to be having another Opt Out Day due to the success of last year's (great way to help school and not have to help with homework for a night!) and our traditional Montalto Estate Sponsored Walk will take place in June. All details will come home from school.

Keep sending in those pennies as well because the end of the year prize is still up for grabs – who wouldn't want a week off homework in June!!

## Outdoor learning!

### P4 – Science Experiments



### P7 Cycling Proficiency

