



# School News

## BPS Biz & Reminders

Lots of exciting things happened this month, with more to come – not sure how we'll fit it all in!

### YORK RESIDENTIAL

Our P6 & P7 children had an amazing trip to York with too many brilliant experiences to mention (photos online). They were a credit to the school with their attitude & manners. A huge thank to all the staff that looked after them all!!

### MONTALTO SPONSORED WALK

We had a wonderful day in the grounds of Montalto Estate earlier this month. The sun shone and we even got free use of the play area all to ourselves! Thank you to everyone for your generous sponsorship.

### BEST IN CLASS!!

Congratulations to Cerys Graham who has won the Co. Fermanagh Novice Drum Major Championships & the Mid Ulster Novice Championships. Both amazing achievements!!

### SAINTFIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Our school, again, showed our sporting strength in depth with our boys' hockey team continuing to dominate the local area by winning the Saintfield Hockey Tournament. They were undefeated throughout. Well done boys!!

### SHARED EDUCATION

Our P1 & P2 children joined their friends from St. Patrick's PS at the end of the month to enjoy a picnic & walk around the grounds of Montalto Estate. The weather wasn't very nice but it didn't stop them enjoying themselves.

### DOGS ON GROUNDS

Good I remind all parents & carers that dogs of any size are not permitted on to school grounds. We have a number of children that are fearful of them and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding on this matter.

### P7 POST PRIMARY DESTINATIONS

Well done to all our P7s who will soon be heading off to Down High, Methody, Wellington College, Friends', Banbridge Academy, Hunterhouse, Shimna Integrated, Saintfield High, The High School & St. Colman's. We wish them all the best!

### TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Could I remind all families that if you choose to take a family holiday during the academic year, your child(ren) will be marked down as an unauthorised absence and no work will be sent home from school. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Please remember that pupils should not be on school grounds before 8.45am, unless they are attending Breakfast Club, as there is no supervision in the playgrounds before this time.

## Nursery News!

Our theme is "Mini Beasts"

In this topic the children will have the opportunity to name many common minibeasts. The children will be encouraged to observe these animals within their natural habitat. This encourages children to be less frightened of creepy crawlies; it also introduces them to idea of bio diversity and eco-systems. As part of this topic we will have some caterpillars which will develop into butterflies.

### Reminders:

- NURSERY FUND - £24 for the term.
- HOLIDAY on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- SPONSORED WALK in Montalto on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- EDUCATIONAL VISIT to Streamvale Farm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Details to follow.

Thank you to the parents who came with us to Streamvale farm. While it was certainly a cold day we all enjoyed it.

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

## Term 3 Playground Friends



## Calendar Dates

### MAY

### JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup> – P7 placement letters issued
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – P4 Growing Together Team
- 5<sup>th</sup> – P7 Leavers' Photos  
PI Induction Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> – P7 Love for Life lessons  
PI Induction Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Football Tournament – D'Patrick  
Boys Night Out
- 10<sup>th</sup> – P4 Visit to The Edge Community  
Garden  
Nursery Induction
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Football Tournament – Dromara
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Netball Tournament – Dromara  
Nursery / PI Stay & Play Session
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Nursery / PI Stay & Play Session  
Board of Governors Meeting –  
6.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Indoor Football – Saintfield
- 21<sup>st</sup> – P6 Shimna Integrated visit
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Reports issued
- 26<sup>th</sup> – P7 Leavers' Service – 10.00am
- 28<sup>th</sup> – End of Term – 12.00pm /  
12.15pm finish

## Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



Thank you to all those that helped out at the Girls' Night In – we raised a fabulous £316 and everyone had a brilliant night! Our Boys Night Out has been rearranged and the Montalto Walk was enjoyed by all – keep sending in any sponsorship money please.

When we have finished our last event we will be sending home a short newsletter of what all we have done this year and how the money raised it being used to support the school.

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## Yay for May!

### P2 Pointillism Practice



### P4 – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



### York 2019

