



School News

BPS Biz & Reminders

With us well into Autumn now, all the classes have been outside loads this month learning all about the changing season and Harvest time!

SPORTING SUCCESS!!

Congratulations to our football & hockey teams who won both local tournaments this month bringing home cups from Ballynahinch & Saintfield!! Also, well done to all those who ran in the first Cross Country race of the season, the phrase in Ulster Scots is 'clabbered up to their oxters!'

MONSTER MASH!

Judging by the smiling faces on those going home, great fun was had by all at our Hallowe'en Disco. And the costumes were 'fangtastic'! Many thanks to Mr Bradley for providing the music on the night.

ACCELERATED READER

All the classes have made a great start to their Accelerated Reader programme this year and as always, it is wonderful to see so many of our children hitting their targets and getting rewarded by Ms Eakin. Keep it up guys!!

BOOK FAIR

Thank you all for once again for supporting our Book Fair. It is lovely to see our families encouraging their children to read, it makes such a difference to their education.

UTV LIVE

I hope you were lucky enough to see Alfie and some of P5 on UTV Live earlier in the month. It was a great experience for them to see how a news article is put together and they all spoke very well.

BUILDING UP PROGRAMME

We hope those parents that attend the Building Up Programme provided by the YMCA found it useful. P6 still have a couple of weeks to go until they complete their programme and it has been well received so far.

THANK YOU!

We were lucky to have our Community Police Officers come into school during the month to talk to all our children about the importance of staying safe when they are outside school. All the classes learnt about fireworks safety, how to stay safe out in public and why they need to remember to wear bright clothes as the days get darker. Thank you to all those parents & grandparents that attended our Harvest Service. Your kind donations totalled £206.

GOOD BYE!

We wished a sad good bye to Mrs Hanna who has worked in our Breakfast Club for over 11 years this month. We know she won't be a stranger though.

Nursery News!

Our theme is Autumn!

From Monday 7th of October the children will stay in nursery until 12.30p.m. The children will be staying for school dinners or lunches. **We would encourage children to have dinners as it encourages healthy eating habits and develops their social and physical skills.**

Outdoor Play.

The children will be out in the school grounds and will be observing changes taking place. We will be collecting colourful autumn leaves, chestnuts, beechnuts and cones. Please help us by talking to your child about the changes in trees and gardens. We would also love it if you could send in some items for the interest table related to the change of season from your walks or garden.

Reminders:

- Please label all belongings;
- Nursery door opens at 8.55am;
- Please download the SeeSaw app to your phone or tablet to see photographs of what your child has been doing in Nursery.

More details included in the full Nursery News

Cross Country, Hockey & Football Teams



Calendar Dates

NOVEMBER

5th – Fire Drill

6th – Shared Education – P2

7th – Road Safety Talk – Nursery

9th – AQE Paper 1

11th – Shared Education – P4 – P7

12th – Shared Education – P3 Trip

14th – P6 to visit Down High

15th PTA Christmas Craft Fair

20th – Flu Shots

Shared Education – P2 Trip

21st – Library Visit – P4

Board of Governors Meetings

22nd – Nursery Treasure Hunt

23rd – AQE Paper 2

28th – Opus Photography – P 1 &

Nursery

KS2 Internet Safety Talks

29th – Shimna College Visit – P7

30th – AQE Paper 3

Devilishly good disco!!

Just a few photos of some of the scary dancers that enjoyed our Monster Mash!



Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



Thank you to all those who came and helped out at our first event of the year – The Monster Mash – and a big **THANK YOU** to Mr Bradley who stepped in at short notice to provide the music, lights & smoke machine!!

Our next event is the ever popular Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 15th November. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please get in touch with Chairperson Elaine Truesdale via the school – we always have room for more helpers!!

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