



School News

BPS Biz & Reminders

We must be into November because Half Term seems like a distant memory and the sounds of Christmas have begun in school.

SHARED EDUCATION

Another year of Shared Education has begun with all the Ice Breakers having taken place and friendships being reaffirmed or made anew. We also have a new Shared Education Twitter feed with St. Patricks, you will find lots of photos of the children together by following @HinchPatricksSE.

AQE & GL

Thankfully most of our children have managed to avoid the norovirus that has struck so many schools and will be finishing their transfer tests tomorrow. We are proud of them all.

FIRE & INTERNET SAFETY

P5 were lucky to have the NIFRS in for a talk on fire safety and to learn a bit more about the important work they do and the PSNI came in to talk to all our Key Stage 2 children about how to remain safe on the internet this month too.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

We had another excellent session with Jim & Hannah from Ballynahinch Youth FC during our Anti Bullying Week which reinforced the work going on in our classrooms & the playground.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our very supportive families for coming to our Christmas Craft Fair. We simply could not do without you all!!

SECRET SANTA

We received the lovely news 2 weeks ago that an anonymous donor has given the school a substantial donation which has enabled us to buy 5 new interactive whiteboards which are being installed this week!!

OPEN DAY/NIGHT

Our Open Day / Night for our 2020/21 intake is on Wednesday 4th December at 3.00pm – 4.30pm & 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Please tell any families you think might be interested.

MORE WINNERS!!

Congratulations to Jamie & Harry in P5 who were 2 of the 20 winners of the NMD Road Safety Poster Competition. This is a fantastic achievement as there were over 1000 entries!! Great stuff boys!!

Nursery News!

Our theme is Christmas!

Our theme this month is Christmas and the story of the Nativity. The children are practising their Nativity Play which they will perform for you on Friday 13th December at 10 a.m.

Reminders:

- Open night **Wednesday 4th December 3.00pm – 4.30pm and 6.30pm – 8pm.** Come and have a look around at the classrooms and see the many activities and opportunities open to a child at Ballynahinch Primary School.
- Christmas dinner for the children will be this Thursday the 12th of December. On Wednesday the **18th of December and Nursery will finish at 12.15pm.** Key stage 1 and 2 have their Christmas productions that day and you will be able to take your child home after either of these services. We would appreciate it if you could let either Ms Martin or myself know what your plans are on this day.
- Nativity Play on Friday 14th December at 10a.m. in our Quiet room. **Children will go home with you afterwards on that day.**
- **Christmas Jumper day-** will be the last day of school **Friday the 20th of December.** You are asked to bring in a £1 this money will be split between PTA funds and Mellon Educato- this is a foundation which builds schools etc. in disadvantaged countries.

Our Road Safety Winners!!



Calendar Dates

DECEMBER

- 3rd – Cross Country Event – Newcastle
- 4th – P4 Shared Education Day
Nursery & P1 – Opus Photography
P7 – Victorian Day
School Open Day / Night
All pupils home at 1.00pm
- 5th – P4 – Shared Education Day
P7 – Castleward Trip
- 6th – P7 – Blackwater I.C. visit
P6 – Saintfield H.S. visit
- 9th – P7 – The High School, Ballynahinch visit
- 11th – P6 & P7 – Down High School visit
- 12th – Pupil Christmas Dinner
- 13th Nursery Nativity – 10.00am
- 16th – Nursery – Shared Education trip to
Global Adventure
Flu shot for pupils
- 18th – P1 – P4 Nativity – 9.30am
P5 – P7 Carol Service – 11.15am
Pupils home at end of services
- 20th – End of Term – Nursery to P3 out at
12.00pm; P4 to P7 out at 12.15pm
Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Building
Blitz in Africa

Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



A MASSIVE Thank you to all of those friends and families that attend our Christmas Craft Fair last month. We raised over £1000 which will make a real difference to the resources the school can buy for our children.

Congratulations to the Holmes family who guessed closest to the weight of the Christmas cake.

We will be hosting more events in the New Year for the children. Dates of meetings etc. will be sent out from the school and it was great to have some more parents volunteer to join our small but mighty team!!

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Just some of the things we did throughout November

P6 – Odd Socks Day for Anti – Bullying Week



P1 - Outdoor play



Our Champion Irish Dancer!!

