



School News

BPS Biz & Reminders

A bumper edition this month with news from February & March!

GROUPS MAINTENANCE

The Education Authority very kindly arrived to tidy our wonderful grounds. Our pupils can now walk all the way round the perimeter of our grounds!! And there is more to come...

FUN IN ATHLETICS

Earlier in February some of our P6 & P7 children travelled to Downpatrick to take part in an indoor athletics event. They all performed fantastically especially Benjamin McCartan who has been selected to represent our council area at the NI Finals!!

ALWAYS THE BRIDE'S MAID...

Our football & hockey teams have been in action recently with our boys getting to the finals of both the Futsal in Lisburn & the Ulster Hockey final in Newry. We were runners up in both but have still been chosen to go to the NI Hockey Final next month!!!! Our girls were sadly knocked out in the semis of the futsal & only lost 1 game in the hockey! Both teams were brilliant!!

N.I. CO. DOWN SELECT FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Benjamin & Andrew who have been chosen as part of the Co. Down Select Team to tour France in June. We are very proud of them both!!

ULSTER PROPERTY SALES

We have recently linked up with UPS in Ballynahinch for sponsorship so that anytime someone buys a house from Aaron Ferris in UPS and they mention our school, he will donate £100 to the school!! So tell you friends!!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had an amazing WBD in school with our library decorated and competitions all round the school. It was wonderful to see our children so excited about reading and enjoying the story telling sessions from Ballynahinch Library.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr Gary Douglas for fixing the Nursery Playhouse fence. When we get some warm weather we will be having it painted and it will be as good as new!

Thank you also to those parents that have helped to transport children to sporting events or have come on Shared Education visits to act as voluntary helpers – you are vital to our school. If any other parents wish to help school in anyway, please contact Mr Moore or let your class teacher know. We are very keen to build our relationship with the community.

Nursery News!

This month our theme is Fairy Tales. We will be reading many of the most famous Fairy tales eg The 3 little pigs, Cinderella, The 3 Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood. etc. As part of our play this month we will be doing a lot of role play around these stories. Please read your children these stories at home as the more versions they hear the better for their memory. Encourage your child to talk about the story telling you what comes next and what their favourite part is in the story.

Reminders:

- Parent Interviews will take place from the 2nd of April to the 5th of April. There will be a sheet outside for you to sign up for a suitable time closer to the date. Children will be sent home at 12.45pm for that week.
- Please be punctual to school in the morning. If your child is late it does disrupt the rest of the children as each morning we start with a short session on the mat.
- As part of Shared education we are planning to run a trip with Magheradroll Nursery Unit to Streamvale Farm on Wednesday 10th of April. If any of you would like volunteer to be a parent helper on the day of the trip, I would appreciate it.

More details included in the full Nursery News

N. Ireland Co. Down Select Football Team & Hockey Player of the Tournament

Well done Andrew, Benjamin & Thomas!!



Calendar Dates

MARCH

27 – 28th – School Nurse in with P1
28th – P7 Titanic Quarter Visit
29th – IFA Tournament, Downpatrick

APRIL

2nd – 5th – Parental Interviews (All pupils home at 1.00pm)
3rd – P1 Spring Playtime (Shared Ed.)
8th – 12th Assessment Week
10th – P2 Spring Playtime (Shared Ed.)
Nursery Streamvale Farm (Shared Ed.)
11th – P3 Folk & Transport Museum Visit
12th – Last day of term – 12.15pm finish
29th – First day of Summer Term

MAY

2nd – P7 Shared Ed.
3rd – Girls Night In – 6.30pm
6th – Bank Holiday – School Closed
9th – Nursery & P1 Admissions letters Posted
10th – Boys Night Out – 6.30pm
16 – 17th – Hockey Tournament, Saintfield Hockey Club
21st – Montalto Sponsored Walk
24th – School Development Day
27th – Bank Holiday
28 – 31st – P6/7 Trip to York

Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



With the year nearly over we want to thank you all for the support you have shown our school. The Quiz Night & Ballot raised £1230 for school funds & the Opt Out Day looks to have raised over £700!! Thank you so much!!! Our last 3 events of the year are the Girls Night In & the Boys Night Out followed by the Sponsored Walk in Montalto – so still some fun to be had. We will finish the year by issuing our Newsletter detailing how all the money raised is being used & the date of our AGM.

More details to follow...

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Monthly Winners!

Lisburn Area Futsal



Ulster Hockey Northern Ireland Qualifiers



World Book Day Winners!

