

School News

BPS Biz & Reminders

Normally at this time of year we would be getting ready for Nativities and Carol Service and I am so glad to say this year is no different – except we will be filming each class to provide a virtual Nativity! When we have it all finished we will let you know how you can view it.

ENROLMENT 2021

Unfortunately, we cannot hold an Open Day/Night this year but we are uploading enrolment information to our website. Any parents interested in Nursery or P1 places for 2021 may phone the school office for further information.

AQE / GL

It is finally coming close to the first test for our P7 children and we know that all their hard work will pay off come January and we want them to know we are very proud of all their efforts.

HALLOWE'EN WINNERS

Thank you to all those families that took part in the Choice Housing Hallowe'en Competition. Sharon Hunt from Choice said the standard was very high from all entrants. Well done to all the winners!

MATHLETICS

Mrs McGivern is so pleased with all of our children and how well they are achieving with their Mathletics. The school recently took part in their first ever Mathletics Challenge and finished over 94th overall from the 674 schools that took part in the World!!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Tickets are still on sale for our PTA Class Christmas Hampers. Thank you to everyone who has sent in a donation – the hampers look absolutely amazing with loads of stuff to win!! Remember tickets cost $\pounds 2$ per ticket or 3 for $\pounds 5$.

MAINTENANCE

You might've noticed lots of maintenance going on around school at the minute. Our school continues to invested in heavily by the EA with P5 currently being re-plastered & painted, the grounds around the Lower Car Park being cleared and corridors & stairwells being repainted. This all adds to an improved learning environment for our children.

EARLY FINISH

There continues to much rumour regarding schools closing early for Christmas or reopening at a later date in January but at this stage we have received no official confirmation of any changes in date. We want to thank you for your efforts in supporting our on-site arrangements, which continue to allow us to maintain a safe learning environment for our children, and should there be any sudden changes in our school timetable, we are ready to support our families.

Nursery News!

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Our theme this month is Christmas and the story of the Nativity.

During the month of December the children are having opportunities to talk about Christmas:

- the Christmas story;
- Santa Claus;
- presents, stockings, Christmas trees, decorations, reindeers and Santa's sleigh.

Outdoor Play.

Could you please send in a pair of named wellies and a coat with your child as we like to go outside in ALL weather.

Miss Anderson, Mrs Thompson and Mrs McCracken (from afar!) would like to thank you for all your support this term and wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Victorian Day in P7









Calendar Dates

DECEMBER

- 9th P3 P7 IFA coaching in school (last day)
- 10th Christmas Dinner for pupils
- IIth Christmas Hamper Draw
- 22nd Last day of term finishing times 11.45am – Nursery, PI & P2 11.55am – P3 12.05pm – P4 12.15pm – P5 12.20pm – P6 12.25pm – P7 HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!

<u>JANUARY</u>

4th – SDD

5th – First day of term for all pupils

7th – Applications for Nursery Unit & P1 open

9th – AQE Paper I

- 16th AQE Paper 2
- 23rd AQE Paper 3
- 30th GL Paper I
- 26th P6 Sustran Dr. Bike
- 28th Board of Governors Meetings
- 29th Last day for Nursery & PIApplications

Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



Massive thank you to everyone for your donations to our Christmas Hampers and for buying Christmas cards. We made a profit of £180 on the cards which is wonderful for our school! Tickets for the class Christmas Hampers are still on sale (they look amazing by the way!!) and the draws will take place on Friday 11th December.

The last day of term will be our annual Christmas Jumper Day (£1 per child).

We have more events planned for the new term when *hopefully* the World will be getting back to normal!!!

#MORETHANJUSTA SCHOOL

No time for hibernation in Ballynahinch Primary School!! <u>P4 Gardening Club</u>



PI – P5 Choice Housing Competition Winners



P6 & P7 Choice Housing Competition Winners



P6 - IFA Coaching with Francis Brennan

