

STRANMILLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CHAMPIONS!



Last Wednesday, the Girls' Cross Country Team competed in the Athletics NI final in Dundonald and became Northern Ireland champions for the first time. Having qualified for the finals as Co. Antrim champions, the girls were confident that they could win the one trophy that they hadn't previously won. They finished in 1st place, some twelve points ahead of their nearest rivals, King's Park Lurgan. Over one hundred and fifty girls from twenty different schools took part in the race, so to finish first was a superb achievement. The girls will go down in the history

books, as they have now won the last five competitions they entered. Congratulations to all the girls for their effort, commitment and hard work!



Girls' Squad: Zara Donnelly, Abigail Curran, Thea Cunningham, Sienna Whiteman, Emily McGleenan, Sienna Whiteman, Hannah Campbell, Samantha Haffey, Mitzi Stock, Zara Harvey Loudon.

Having missed out on the finals in the last two years, the goal for the boys' team was to qualify for the NI Finals. The boys achieved their goal and achieved a place in last week's final. All the runners gave their best on the day and worked hard for the team in what was a very fast race. Congratulations to the boys for making the final. They are now focussed on training for the Belfast competitions which start next month.



Boys' Squad: Fraser Dixon, Sonny Hagan Hunter, Conor Phelan, Isaac Spence, Luke Ferguson, Levi Stewart, Michael Melo, Donncha McGurk, Daniel Monaghan, Zane Imam.

HALF-TERM CLOSURES**REMINDER**

Please remember that the school will close for half-term on Friday 15 February at our normal time, re-opening on Wednesday 20 February. We hope the children enjoy their half-term break and that they stay safe on the roads.

Safer Internet Day 2019

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February with the slogan: 'Together for a better Internet'.

Coordinated in the UK by the [UK Safer Internet Centre](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved and join a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org.uk



The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together and help to create a better internet.

For more information visit www.saferinternet.org.uk and the websites of the partners: [Childnet](http://www.childnet.org.uk), the [Internet Watch Foundation](http://www.internetwatchfoundation.org) and [SWGfL](http://www.swgfl.org).

Gardening club is back!!

Spring is round the corner, and it is time to start planning for the new season! We will be running the gardening club as usual on a Thursday afternoon, P3 (2-3pm) and P4(3-4pm) in Mrs Hill class. This term will run from Thursday 7th March until Thursday 11th April inclusive.

Numbers are limited to 8 pupils per group. Former members will have priority but the places will be filled on a first come first served basis.

If your child is interested, please contact me by SMS, Laura Gonzalez, on 07591603411, with your child's name and class. A small fee of £10 will be payable on the first day.

Stranmillis Primary School Travelling Book Machine Event

Monday 4th – 8th February 2019

Dear Parents

The Winter term Book Machine event will take place in school on the above dates. There will be a good selection of books for children at affordable prices. A catalogue will be sent home with your child next week. If you wish to order please make cheques payable to "Stranmillis Primary School", or send the correct amount of cash. Children may post their orders into the Book Machine box in the school foyer.

In addition to providing you with an opportunity to purchase a wide variety of books for your children, the school also benefits tremendously from this event. The money raised will go towards supplementing our class libraries. *Your support will be greatly appreciated!*

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued co-operation.

K Hamilton
P3 Room 6



Value of the Month

Our Value of the Month for January is **Friendship**.

Friendship is explored all the time in school. Children are at their happiest and most confident when amongst friends so it is very important that they understand what it means to be a good friend.

This month's reflection points:

- Friendship is caring for each other
- Friendship is sharing ideas
- Friendship is respecting each other
- Friendship is having fun

Congratulations

David Kerr, Harry Doherty, Peter Lindsay and Pierce Connolly competed recently in the Boys Under 11 section at the Ulster Closed Squash Championship in the Boat Club. Shriya Diwad competed in the Girls Under 11 section. All five children played well against strong competition. Shriya and Pierce came first, Peter 2nd, Harry 3rd and David 6th. All five pupils have been chosen to represent Ulster at the Inter Provincial Squash Championships in Waterford in March.



Bella Watts has been selected to represent Team NI in Portugal in the summer. She qualified for the biggest dance competition in the world- Dance World Cup in Jazz Solo, Song and Dance Solo and Duet, and will go up against 48 other countries on World Stage. Bella also achieved a distinction in her Grade 4 Musical Theatre.

Bella also competed in the 5678 Elite dance Competition coming 1st in Jazz, 1st in Ballet, 1st in Tap, 1st in Contemporary and 3rd in Lyrical.

Leo Dultsev won a gold medal for 25 metre front crawl, a gold for 25 metre back stroke and a bronze for 25 metre breast stroke, in the City of Belfast Swim Club Gala.

Congratulations to all the pupils on such great achievements.