



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mr McKane and Mrs Wilson



Welcome back to all our pupils and staff after the summer holidays! The teachers have been enjoying hearing all about the fun activities our pupils enjoyed during July and August! As a staff, we are very much looking forward to another fun, action-packed year at Stranmillis Primary School!



We have 22 after-school clubs running throughout Term 1. Details were sent by email last week. Dates can also be found on our school website. We hope you will register your child for one of the many activities on offer.



Every year, parents have the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to our Educational Trust Fund. A request is sent through Eduspot. This money is ring-fenced for resources such as guided reading books, books for the school library, resources for our outdoor classrooms, practical maths resources and much more. Thank you for considering making this financial contribution to the school which will have a very positive impact on our pupils' learning.

THIS
WEEK'S
STAR
PUPILS

P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7





PARENT WORKSHOPS

After running parent information evenings for many years, we have decided to change the format for 2024-25. Much of the information shared at parent evenings is now shared on Seesaw, and parents have parental consultations in October, at which they received detailed information on their child's progress. The only exception is that we will still be running a parent information evening for Primary 1.

To replace parent information evenings, we will be running a series of parent workshops. Some of these will also be delivered by outside agencies. Our first two sessions will take place after the Primary 1 parent information evening on Thursday 12 September. Details are below.

SESSION 1 5.00PM

Primary 1 information evening. Come along to find out all about life in P1! Open to all current P1 parents.

SESSION 2 5.45PM

Accelerated Reader. Come and hear the rationale behind our Accelerated Reader program. Get a better understanding of book levels, targets and Z.P.Ds! Visit our school library to see the range of books on offer and have opportunity to ask questions about A.R. Open to all parents in Primary 4- Primary 7, especially P4 parents who have children participating in A.R for the first time.

SESSION 3 6.30PM

Provision of Additional Needs – including SEN. This session will be led by Mrs Cromie and she will be presenting an overview of the many different ways we cater for additional needs, as well as outlining our SEN provision. This session is open to any parent who would like to hear about how we endeavour to meet the needs of all our pupils.

**DO YOU HAVE A KNOWLEDGE
OR INTEREST IN ONE OF OUR
WORLD AROUND US TOPICS?**



P1
Ourselves
Space

P2
Homes

P3
There's Only One Me

P4
WW2

P5
Treetop Explorers

P6
My Body (organs)

P7
Unsinkable



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
INFORMATION WITH THE CHILDREN
(IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE CLASS
YOUR CHILD IS IN) PLEASE EMAIL
AKING418@C2KNI.NET AND I WILL
PASS YOUR DETAILS TO THE
RELEVANT YEAR GROUP**



“The goals of our PTA are to build and sustain our unique community atmosphere, and to raise money to fund important learning resources for the school.”

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 18 September at 7.00pm in Room 12. We had a fabulous year in 2023-24 and we are looking forward to another bumper year! Please consider attending and making a positive contribution to school life.



Values are central to our ethos and learning at Stranmillis Primary School. We have chosen a value for each month and we hope that you will support us by talking about the value with your child.

We want the children to think about the choices they make and how by making the right choice we can all be successful.

Our Value for September is ‘Good Manners’

Teaching our children to use good manners is also one simple way to instill the values of kindness and respect.

During September we will focus on the foundation of good manners by encouraging our children to use polite language. Learning manners can take time to become a habit but will help children to be more confident in social situations as they get older.

Our reflection points:

- I am respectful and considerate of others.
- I am well-behaved and a pleasure to be around.
- I say please, thank you, excuse me, sorry and pardon.



Congratulations

Well done to all the pupils from Cast who sat LAMDA Exams in the Summer and achieved fantastic results!



Well done to Cassie and Maeve, who baked up a storm and raised £339.15 for the South Belfast Food Bank at their bun sale in the summer holidays. What an incredible achievement!



Congratulations to Leo on winning the Under 10 Junior Singles Championship! Well done Leo!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy has been updated for the year 2024/25. This can be accessed via our school website under the tab Key Information>Policies>Safeguarding Policy August 2024. The link is also included in the email which has been sent with the school newsletter.

We encourage all of our parents to sign up to Safer Schools NI. This app provides useful information and support surrounding the ever-changing digital world. Details of how to sign up can also be found on our school website under the tab Parents>Safer Schools NI>Parents Letter. Our schools unique code is 5379.

Kind regards,
Mr McKane
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Celebrating Diversity at SPS

At Stranmillis, we have over 25 different home languages spoken by our families. This year if you would like your home language featured as one of our languages of the month, please let your class teacher know or email jmoore713@c2kni.net.

Similarly, if you have any holidays, customs or traditions that you would like to share with our school community, please let us know. You could come into school and share these with your child's class and/or other classes in the school.

Thank you.

Mrs Moore - Diversity Coordinator





COMMUNITY NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note that neither the services advertised on the remaining pages nor those providing them, have been checked or verified by the school.



BELFAST HARLEQUINS BOYS HOCKEY

JUNIOR HOCKEY IS BACK!

P4 - P7
TUESDAYS
STARTING 17TH
SEPTEMBER

YEAR 8 - U15
THURSDAYS
STARTING 19TH
SEPTEMBER



TIME
6:15 - 7:15

**24 TRAINING
SESSIONS +
BLITZES &
MATCHES**

**PRICE -
£120**

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME!**

Please contact belfast.harlequins.mhc@gmail.com to register
45a Deramore Park, Belfast BT9 5JX



COME AND JOIN US AT CLUB KV MINIS



SATURDAYS @ VICTORIA COLLEGE, BELFAST

P1 - P5 : 9.30-10.30AM

P6 - P7 : 10.40 - 11.40AM



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CAST

School of Speech and Drama

Classes begin Thursday 5th September 2024

Classes held in the YMCA

Pupils collected at the school gates

£9.75 per lesson per pupil

- ★ Improvisation
- ★ Storytelling
- ★ Drama games
- ★ Verse speaking
- ★ LAMDA examinations

Class times :

P1-3 : 2:00 - 2:50

P4-7 : 3:00 - 4:15

Contact Details:



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