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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mr McKane & Mrs Wilson



SPORTING SUCCESS 2024/25



Winners of Belfast South 7-a-side Football League
Winners of Division B Carragher Cup in Gaelic Football
Winners of EDCO Under 11 Football Cup
Co Antrim Area Winners in Cross Country
Winners of Belfast 5-a-side Football Competition
Belfast South Cross Country Winners (P6 boys)

THIS WEEK'S STAR PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



CONGRATULATIONS



Alexander was 'Player of the Season' for Rosario FC.



Yara won the Ulster Under 10 table tennis competition



Isaac achieved Grade 3 in his baritone exam



Sonny was selected to play for the Belfast Schools' Representative Team



Arya won a judo competition



Ella was 'Player of the Year' at her hockey club



Our latest AR Millionaires: Valentina, Emily, Meabh, Sofia, Alexander, Oisin, Yara, Maeve, Ben and Toby.



Alba won two gold medals for football at Rosario FC.

Value of the Month

During May we will be focusing on what **Perseverance** looks and sounds like in our classrooms and beyond.

We want our children to understand that perseverance is the ability to get through difficult tasks. We will encourage children to ask when things don't go as planned, how do we get back up and do it again? Perseverance is a skill which needs to be cultivated and nurtured.

Our reflection points for May:

Perseverance is not giving up
Perseverance is having a go
Perseverance is keeping a positive attitude



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Would you be interested in supporting your local primary school, Stranmillis PS, by placing an advertisement in our school magazine?

We print 300 copies of our magazine, and it is distributed to parents of children currently at the school, and to prospective parents who attend our Open Days. Furthermore, if you commit to placing an advertisement, we will include it in one of our weekly newsletters, which is emailed to all our parents.

The costings are as follows:

$\frac{1}{4}$ page advertisement - £75
 $\frac{1}{2}$ page advertisement - £100
Full page advertisement - £125

If you are interested, please email parneill709@c2kni.net to proceed. We aim to finalise our advertising by Friday 16th May.

GAELIC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to our Gaelic Football Team for winning the Carragher Cup last Friday. This is the first season we have competed in Gaelic football, so to bring home a trophy is an incredible achievement! The team played superbly in the final against St Oliver Plunkett PS, and had a twenty-point lead at half time. They completed the job in the second half, to win the cup in the sun! Huge credit to our coach, Joe McCarney, who has done a fantastic job coaching Gaelic in PE lessons and after school clubs. Well done to all the boys involved!

PRIMARY 6 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS!



A huge congratulations to our P6 boys' football team, who were victorious in their final against St John the Baptist PS at the Girdwood Community Pitches! Under intense pressure, and with a few nerves on show, the boys showed real character. After conceding early, James made several vital one-on-one saves to keep us in the game. We went into halftime 1-0 down, despite creating the better chances. In the second half, the team came alive—Daniel rose highest to head in the equaliser from a corner, followed by a calm finish from Hugo, slotted neatly through the keeper's legs. Daniel then added a second with some quick thinking, rifling a shot into the side netting from a cleverly taken corner. Although St John's pulled one back with a stunning late free kick, the boys held firm to lift the trophy in front of proud teammates and families. What a performance—well done boys!



CROSS COUNTRY

There will be two 'open training sessions' on Wednesday 21 and Wednesday 28 May from 3.15-3.45pm at the YMCA. This is to give children in Primary 4, 5 and 6, an opportunity to run the cross country trial distance (1km) in advance of the trials in September. It will also give the pupils a flavour of distance running, and maybe encourage some children to start running or take part in a park run. If you would like your child to take part, please return the slip below to their class teacher. I will walk pupils to the YMCA as a group, and pupils can be collected from the YMCA or school.

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Class: _____ Medical: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in a running event at the YMCA on 21/5/25 and 28/5/25.

Signed: _____

I will collect my child at school/YMCA - Delete as appropriate.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair is Coming: Volunteers Needed!

Dear Parents,

We are excited to be hosting The Travelling Book Fair from 20th – 23rd May. Children will have an opportunity to browse a selection of books and stationery in school. An electronic leaflet will also be emailed to each family.

Payment must be made by cash. Please send the correct amount of cash in a purse or envelope or make cheques payable to "Stranmillis Primary School."

Our school gains a percentage of the money spent, which goes towards purchasing new reading material for the pupils throughout the school.

If you can offer your time to help with the book fair, please contact the school office via telephone 02890381164 or email info@stranmillis.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Class visit timetable:

Tues 20/5	9.40 – 10.10 10.10 – 10.40 10.40 - 11.10 11.10 – 11.40	P2 Mrs King P4 Mr McKane P2 Mrs Moore P4 Mrs Walls
Wed 21/5	9.40 – 10.10 10.10 – 10.40 10.40 - 11.10 11.10 – 11.40	P5 Mr Bell P5 Mrs Morton P1 Miss Gowdy P1 Miss Millar
Thurs 22/5	9.40 – 10.10 10.10 – 10.40 10.40 - 11.10 11.10 – 11.40 Nursery - Miss Finney AM: 10.45 -11.15 PM: 14.14 -14.45	P3 Mrs McLaughlin P6 Mr Cromie P3 Mrs Kane/Mrs Hughes P6 Mrs McKay
Fri 23/5	9.40 – 10.10 10.10 – 10.40	P7 Mr Arneill P7 Mrs Menary



Calling All Young Artists! Art Competition – Design a Poster for Stranmillis Culture Week!

Theme: “Line” – The Building Block of Great Art!

What to Do: Create your own poster on A4 paper to advertise Stranmillis Culture Week, using the Line element of art.
Be Creative!

Think about how lines can show movement, emotion, or patterns from different cultures or can be used to outline your colouring.

Who: P1-P7

What: Design a poster using only A4 paper

Prizes: Fun art prizes for each year group.
Submit your entry to your teacher by 28th May.

Let Your Lines Tell a Story – Celebrate Stranmillis Culture Week Through Art!

2nd-7th June 2025



INVITATION TO A PARENTS' EVENING



PARENTS, LET'S TALK:

GROWING UP WITHOUT
SMARTPHONES. CAN WE
DELAY TOGETHER?

LET'S UNDERSTAND

How we can support each other in
choosing a smartphone-free start.

DATE & PLACE

19th May 2025 - 8.30pm

Stranmillis Primary School
Assembly Hall

COME ALONG TO HEAR:



Important Insights

On how smartphones
impact childhood,
confidence & connection

Results from Survey

What you told us in the
parent survey – and where
we go next

Smartphone Survey:

Thank you! We received an overwhelming
response, with over 200 responses to the
Smartphone Survey.BECAUSE THE DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY
SHAPE OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE.Organised by parents for parents
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Enact Music

SUMMER SCHEME 2025 IN BT8

LET'S SING, PLAY AND CREATE MUSIC!

WEEKS AND THEMES



**WEEK 1:
JULY 7TH – JULY 12TH**

"PERFORMANCE: GROOVE AND MOVE"

**WEEK 2:
JULY 14TH – JULY 18TH**

"SOUND TRANSFORMERS"

**WEEK 3:
AUGUST 18TH – AUGUST 22TH**

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