



NEWSLETTER

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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mr McKane & Mrs Wilson



Stranmillis Primary School
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
 Weds, 22nd October
 6:15pm to 7:30pm (Nursery - P3)
 7:45pm to 9:00pm (P4 - P7)
 Tickets on sale Thurs 16th - Fri 17th Oct
 in the playground and at stranpia.com.
 Children £5.00 or 3 for £12 (adults go free)

Neon lighting Halloween toy market Popcorn machine
 Disco Potion making Spooky crafts ORTO Pizza
 Spooky stories Halloween games Pumpkin Racing
 and much more!



WINTER COAT DRIVE

Please help support our friends at Fane Street Primary School with any new or gently used

Coats	Hats	Gloves	Scarves
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A drop box will be available in the school foyer the week of November 3rd.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

One of our school's '5 ways to wellbeing' is to **GIVE**. This is a lovely way to help others at this time of the year.

Congratulations



Ruari won 'Player of the Week' at Harlequins Rugby Club.



Esme was awarded two medals for Irish dancing.



Éala was awarded a medal for Gaelic.



Charlotte received an award for gymnastics.
Jamie was awarded 'Baller of the Week' at his basketball club.



Jake received a certificate for Playball.



Aidan was 'Hurler of the Week.'



Luca won a trophy for football.



Romy won a medal for football.



Ruby was 2nd in a skiing race.

Congratulations



Duke collected the 'AR Star' on behalf of P7M. P7M had the highest % of pupils achieving their target in Block 1.



Daniel was awarded 'Most Promising Golfer' at Belvoir Golf Club.



Niamh won first prize in the Lockview pharmacy Halloween colouring competition.



Toby and David are the latest Accelerated Reader Millionaires - well done!



Jake received a certificate for playball.



ROAD
SAFETY



Sadly, we continue to have parking issues at school. The two main issues are parents/guardians parking on double yellow lines and/or parking on corners. We also received a message from Mohamed, our School Patrol Officer, requesting that parents don't stand on double yellow lines, as it is obstructing the vision of pedestrians, especially children. This causes congestion in the street, which is very noticeable, especially in the morning and during his last shift in the afternoon. Please support us in keeping our children safe on the roads.

Football Report



BPSFA 9-a-Side Cup – First Round Match Report

Our first outing in the BPSFA 9-a-side Cup saw us face Campbell Junior School, who proved to be a well-organised and resilient side in the opening stages. For the first ten minutes, their defence held firm, forcing us to work hard for every opportunity. Cillian was sharp in goal, making several excellent reactive saves to keep us on the front foot throughout the game. Our breakthrough came from an unlikely source, as Daniel stepped up from defence to fire home the opener. His performance was outstanding throughout, combining crunching tackles with pinpoint passes to drive the team forward.

Defensive stability was key to our success, with Max, Conor, and Oliver forming a disciplined back line that snuffed out Campbell's counter-attacks. In midfield, Eimhin was a constant presence, covering ground tirelessly and scoring two well-deserved goals.

Up front, Hugo and Luke led the line with energy and intelligence, pressing high and linking up effectively. Hugo bagged a brace, while Luke rounded off the scoring with a composed finish: his second consecutive match with a final goal. Out wide, James and Isaac worked hard to supply our forwards, delivering dangerous crosses and clever through balls that kept Campbell under pressure. A commanding 6-0 win and a brilliant team performance to kick off our 9-a-side cup campaign!

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT



Well done to the cross country runners who took part in Round 1 of the Athletics NI Competition. There were fifteen schools taking part in the girls' competition, and Stranmillis PS finished in 6th place overall. Ruby Glass was in the top twenty runners, finishing in 13th place. Sixteen schools participated in the boys' race, and Stranmillis PS finished in 1st place overall, which is a fabulous achievement. Hugo Lowry won the race and Eimhin Bourke was 2nd. Kaiden Shek (6th) and Finn O'Hagan (12th) also finished in the top twenty. Well done to all the pupils involved.



Stranmillis Primary School

OPEN DAYS

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025 &
Wednesday 14th January 2026 at
9.00am**



Click on the picture to watch our school video

'Nurturing and inspiring kind, creative and inquisitive children'

Diversity Focus Group

At Stranmillis Primary School, we are deeply committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse environment where every child feels valued, respected, and supported. As part of this commitment, we have established a Diversity Focus Group to help guide and strengthen our approach to diversity and inclusion within the school community.

The focus group works collaboratively to promote a culture of inclusion, with a particular emphasis on diversity. We aim to ensure that our school remains a place where every child can thrive.

The objectives of the Diversity Focus Group are to:

- Develop and implement strategies that promote diversity and inclusion across our curriculum and school activities.
- Create opportunities for pupils to share and celebrate their cultural backgrounds.
- Foster an environment where all children feel seen, heard, and respected.
- Provide a safe space in which issues of discrimination can be openly discussed and challenged.

Meeting Details:

Date: Friday 14th November

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Stranmillis PS – Staffroom

We warmly invite new members to join the Diversity Focus Group. Your insights and contributions are invaluable in helping us continue to build an inclusive and supportive school community for all pupils.

If you are interested in joining or would like further information, please contact Mrs Moore-
jmoore713@c2kni.net

Celebrate Diversity & Creativity – Year of the Horse Poster Competition

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Year of the Horse Poster Competition, open to all pupils! This exciting competition is a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate cultural diversity, explore the rich traditions of Chinese New Year, and develop their artistic skills and creativity. This year we are encouraging everyone to take part and let their imagination shine! Winners will be invited to a reception at Belfast City Hall!

Theme: Year of the Horse.

You can include writing saying Happy New Year 2026 in English or Mandarin 新年快乐

All entries must be created on A3 paper- Children have been given paper in school.
Creativity Counts: No stenciling, tracing, or heavy materials – we want to see original, imaginative designs!

Pupil name, school, age, and year group must be clearly labelled on the back of the poster only.

All entries must be submitted by Tuesday 11th November.

Let's make this a vibrant showcase of our pupils' talents and the diversity that makes our school communities so special.

We can't wait to see your amazing creations- Let's see how many prizes Stranmillis Primary School can win this year!



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEK BEGINNING	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6th October, 3rd November, 1st December, 5th January, 2nd February	Oven-baked Fish Fingers - Or - Spanish Chicken & Rice Garden Peas & Steamed Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Chocolate Mousse & Mandarin Oranges	Beef Bolognese - Or - Homemade Healthy Margherita Pizza with Fresh Salad Steamed Broccoli & Colestlaw Pasta Spirals & Baby Potatoes Apple Sponge & Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Baked Chicken & Vegetable Wrap with Fresh Salad Baton Carrots & Garden Peas Steamed Rice & Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream & Pear Chunks	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon with a Creamy Dill & Cheese Sauce Fresh Vegetables in Season Over-baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Carrot Cake Slice	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup - Or - Cheesy Bean Burrito with Fresh Salad Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Yoghurt & Chopped Fruit
13th October, 10th November, 8th December, 12th January, 9th February.	Over-baked Fish Goujons with Lemon Mayo - Or - Creamy Garlic Chicken & Mushroom Pasta Diced Carrots & Garden Peas Crispy Herb Diced Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Flakemeal Biscuit & Melon Wedge	Traditional Savoury Mince - Or - Homemade Healthy Margherita Pizza with Fresh Salad Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash Mashed Potatoes & Roasted Potato Wedges Chocolate & Pear Sponge Cake & Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Quorn Dippers Garden Peas & Sweetcorn Steamed Rice & Baby Potatoes Date Krispie & Orange Wedge	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Vegetarian Cottage Pie Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Over-baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream Roll & Peaches	Beef Burger with Tomato Ketchup - Or - BBQ Pulled Pork and Cheese Panini Baked Beans, Colestlaw & Salad Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Strawberry Yoghurt & Chopped Fruit
20th October, 17th November, 15th December, 19th January.	Oven-baked Fish Fingers - Or - Kung Pao Chicken Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes & Steamed Fluffy Rice Apple and Winter Berry Crumble & Custard	Beef Bolognese - Or - Homemade Healthy Margherita Pizza with Fresh Salad Steamed Broccoli & Colestlaw Oven-roasted Potato Wedges & Pasta Spirals Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Oranges	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Breast of Chicken with Gravy Garden Peas & Baton Carrots Steamed Rice & Mashed Potatoes Homemade Chocolate Brownie & Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Vegetarian Sausages with Onion Gravy Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Over-baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Popcorn Biscuit & Melon Wedge	Southern Fried Chicken Goujon & Salad Wrap with Taco Sauce - Or - Baked Potato with Beef Chilli, Cheddar and Colestlaw Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Frozen Fruit Smoothie & Fruit Tub
27th October, 24th November, 22nd December, 26th January.	Cod Fish Bites with Mayo Dip - Or - Penne Pasta with Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper Sauce Garden Peas, Colestlaw & Carrot Sticks Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Mousse & Two Fruits	Traditional Irish Stew with Wheaten Bread - Or - Oven-baked Pork Sausages Broccoli & Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes & Baked Potato Steamed Chocolate Pudding & Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Roast Chicken Wrapped in Bacon with BBQ Sauce Sweetcorn & Ratatouille Steamed Rice & Champ Homemade Cookie & Orange Wedge	Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Quorn Filler with Creamy Cajun Sauce Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Over-baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cracknel & Fruit Tub	Homemade Margherita or Mini Meadball Pizza - Or - Veggie Nuggers with Tomato Ketchup Sweetcorn, Colestlaw & Salad Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Frozen Yoghurt Pot & Melon Wedge