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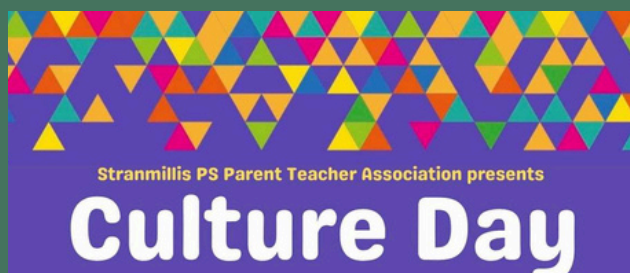
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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mr McKane & Mrs Wilson



Dear Parents/Carers,
We kindly ask that any dogs are kept outside the school gate and on leads at all times. We love seeing your dogs and know how much they are a valued part of family life, but this helps us keep everyone safe and comfortable during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Our school Sports Day is on Friday 15 May at the Mary Peters Track. The races start at 1.00pm. A race matrix will be posted on Seesaw early next week. School will finish at 11.55am for P1-P3 and at 12.00 noon for P4-P7. Detailed information about this event was emailed two weeks ago.



Culture Day is on Saturday 6 June from 12-4pm. Tickets go on sale soon! If you would like to bake for the International Bake Stall, you can volunteer via your PTA rep. We will need lots of volunteers to help run the event so please save the date!

THIS
WEEK'S
STAR
PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



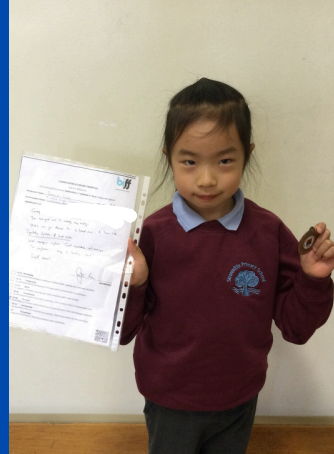
P6



Congratulations



Aedan, Anna, Scarlett and Ariana are the latest AR Millionaires.



Shuhan was awarded a bronze medal for piano at the Carrickfergus Music Festival.



Mia was awarded a medal in gymnastics for Bars discipline from LX gymnastics school.



Ka Him won two silver medals (50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle) at a swimming gala and finished in 5th place in a golf competition.



Hugh was recently offered a place in the National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland, after audition.



Marie was awarded a medal for doing flips on the beam in gymnastics.



Yara was selected to represent Ireland in the Primary Schools' Six Nations International Table Tennis event held in Largs, Scotland; her team finished in 2nd place. She also won a primary school competition - well done Yara!



Seth was awarded a medal for Ju-jitsu and one for football. Lily and Mia both received a medal for doing flips on the bars in gymnastics. Olivia's group came 2nd in a dance competition.

Congratulations



Isaac, Zac and Rowan all received a medal for football. Hannah was awarded a medal for gymnastics. Charlotte received a badge from The Little Princess Trust for donating her hair to make wigs for those who need them.



Pearl received a medal for doing a cartwheel on the beam in gymnastics.
Lily received a medal for using the beam in gymnastics.
Rose was awarded a medal for using the bars in gymnastics.
Alex was awarded a medal for doing cartwheels and handstands in gymnastics.



Yazan got a medal from gymnastics for doing the straddle in gymnastics.
Hana got a medal for doing spins on the bars in Gymnastics.



Rachel received a medal for doing a cartwheel and a handstand on the beam in gymnastics. She also received a medal for basketball.



Eloise received a certificate for grade 4 in ice skating. She can do 'crossovers' on the ice.



James received a medal for scoring a goal for Rosario Football Club.
Aidan was awarded a medal for doing a flip on the bar in gymnastics.



Victoria won a medal for great work on the bars in gymnastics.

PTA Marathon

RELAY

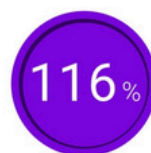
Thank you to all the parents and staff members who took part in the Belfast Marathon relay for the PTA. We raised nearly £3000! What a great effort!



Nursery AM - Claire Murphy
Nursery PM - Louise Rutherford
P1G - Lauren Kerr
P1M - Ciara Strang
P2F - Timothy Vennard
P2K - Jenni Barkley
P3McL - Duncan Burgess
P3K/O - Peter Johnston
P4McK - Emma McCauley
P4W - Desmond Mooney
P5B - Anita McCann
P5M - Ian Shek
P6C - Jess McVicar
P6McK - Emma Warnock
P7A - Martin McCann
P7M - Jane Lowry
Mr McKane
Miss Gowdy
Miss Millar
Miss Walls



Stranmillis Primary School is raising money for Stranmillis Parent Teacher Association

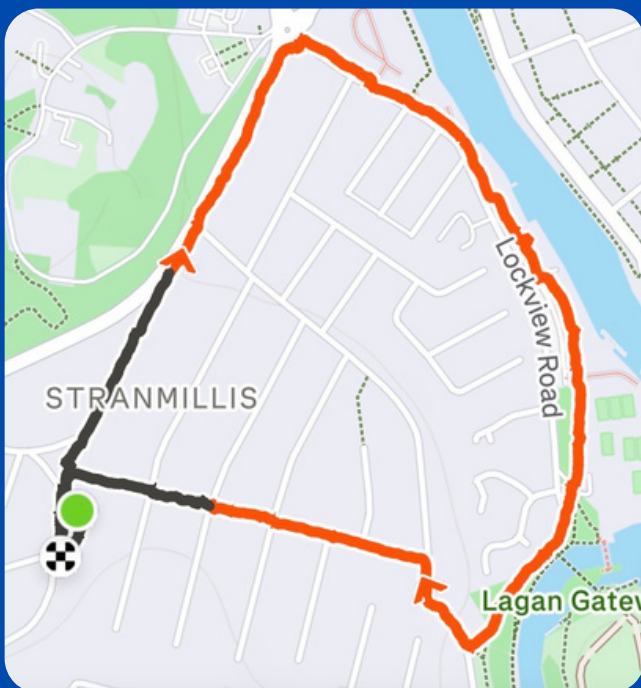
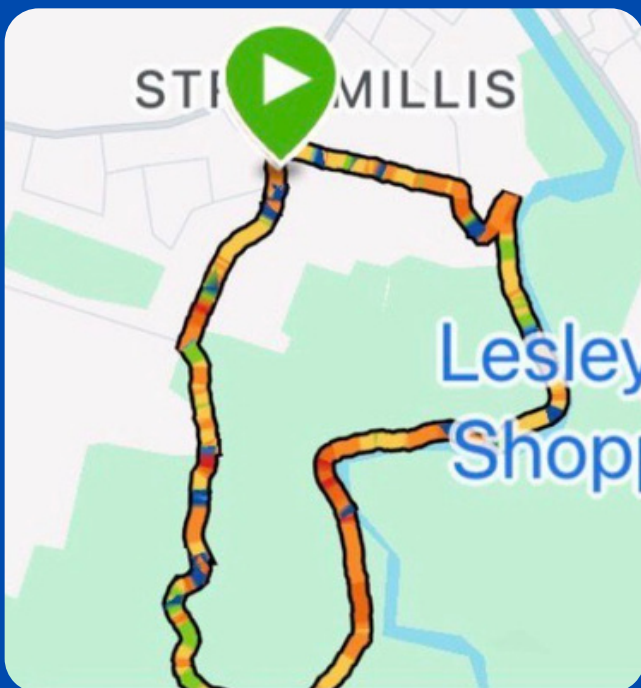


£2,911
raised of **£2,500** target by
126 supporters

PTA Marathon

RELAY

To support the marathon runners, the pupils having been out walking. Lots of classes were able to walk the approximate distance of a leg of the marathon by going for several walks.



Primary 7 EDINBURGH TRIP



Last week, Primary 7 pupils had a fantastic four days in Edinburgh; they made memories to last for a lifetime!

RUGBY REPORT



Last week under glorious sunshine, our school rugby team played in a blitz organised by Ulster Rugby at Carrickfergus RFC. It was a day characterised by a mix of excellent team play and moments of individual brilliance as we won all four of our fixtures.

Well done to Hugo L who kept things running in the midfield. His pinpoint kicking and phenomenal ball-carrying insured that we were always a danger in attack. On the wing, Eimhin displayed great footwork and pace to score four tries, including one off a cross-field kick from Hugo: a particular highlight of the day. James F, Max and Hugo put in brilliant shifts in attack, with each of the boys scoring multiple tries requiring impressive speed and power to keep our team racking up the points and stay on the front foot. Meanwhile, James H, Harry, Daniel P and Conor worked hard all day to recover loose balls and secure rucks in key positions, allowing us to retain possession and play more phases. Our defence remained strong throughout the day thank to bravery and tough tackling supplied by Daniel J, Luke, Ben and Oliver; all four boys put on a masterclass in proper tackling technique.

Overall a very successful and encouraging day. Well done to all the boys involved.

NETBALL REPORT



The girls' netball team had a fantastic day, playing three matches against St. Brides, St. Bernards and St. Itas. It was their first time playing on a full-scale court, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly. The girls worked incredibly well as a team and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout all matches. A special mention goes to Sophia and Ariana, who worked especially well together and scored some fantastic goals. All the girls should be very proud of their effort and attitude, well done!

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THE
**CHANGING LIVES
INITIATIVE**
FLOURISH & THRIVE

Thinking outside the box

**How Different Brains Learn
& Grow**

**Free Workshop For
Parents and Caregivers**

Raising a child who learns differently brings both joys and challenges. This workshop helps parents understand how children's brains grow and adapt, with simple strategies to support learning at home.

Whether your child has a diagnosis, is waiting, or you're just beginning to wonder, this session offers knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies you can use straight away.

In this workshop you can expect:

- ✓ Parent-friendly information on how children's brains learn
- ✓ Everyday strategies to support your child
- ✓ A focus on strengths as well as challenges

Event Details:



17th APRIL 2026



10:30AM - 11:30AM



**GREENWAY WOMENS
CENTRE**
19 GREENWAY
BT6 0DT



SCAN HERE



A project supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).
Delivered by Colin Neighbourhood Partnership as part of The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive

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Access
Communication
Embracing Neurodiversity



Parent
LineNI
0808 8020 400

Safe To Be Me

New workshop for parents and carers on how to create Islands of Safety for Neurodivergent Children.

Delivered by Elaine McGreevy

- Consider how emotional safety may look different across childhood
- Recognise the impact of emotional burden and living in a demanding world
- From reaction to response- when things escalate- understanding the loop
- Explore how small, reliable moments, spaces and relationships can offer relief and regulation.

Wednesday 13th May

7pm-8.30pm on Zoom

Call NOW to book your Free Place

0808 8020 400



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GAMING AND GAMBLING HARM AWARENESS SESSION FOR PARENTS, CARERS, AND GUARDIANS



Come and join Ygam's online awareness session to develop your understanding of gaming and gambling, enabling you to have conversations with your children about the potential harms.

DATE: WED 29TH APRIL

TIME: 7-8.30PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

CALL 0808 8020 400



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THE MALONE HOTEL
PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

— AT THE MALONE HOTEL —

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

12:00PM – 4:00PM

- BBQ** (WEATHER PERMITTING)
Kids' goujons & chips
- WELCOME DRINKS**
For adults & kids
- BALLOON MODELLING**
- MINI DISCO & GLOW STICKS**
- CRAFT TABLE**
- TREASURE HUNT**
- FACE PAINTING**
- BOUNCY CASTLE**
- BAR OPEN ALL DAY**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

£1 DONATION
to our chosen MND Charity
for face painting or
balloon modelling

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
FUN, FOOD & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT –
A PERFECT DAY OUT FOR ALL AGES!

PROUDLY SUPPORTING
MN Association

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INSTONIANS

— CRICKET CLUB —

U9 BLAST SESSIONS 2026

Fun. Skills. Confidence. Cricket.

Give your child the perfect introduction to cricket in a high-energy, supportive environment!

PROGRAM DETAILS



DATES: 17 April - 26 June 2026 (10 Weeks)



TIME: Every Friday | 18:15 - 19:30



LOCATION: Shaw's Bridge, 123 Milltown Road, Belfast, BT8 4XP



AGE GROUP: Under 9s (All abilities welcome)

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Fun, game-based learning
- ✓ Qualified coaching
- ✓ Skill development & teamwork
- ✓ Confidence building
- ✓ Safe & inclusive environment



PRICE

£100 per child

Limited spaces available

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INSTONIANS C.C.

YOUTH SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAMME

Location: Shaws Bridge Nets (NOT Osborne)
Starts Week of 13th April
Register for the right age group!

TRAINING SCHEDULE

MONDAY	U11 : 17:30 – 19:00 U13 : 18:45 – 20:15
TUESDAY	U15 : 17:15 – 18:45
WEDNESDAY	Girls – Diamonds: 17:30 – 19:00
FRIDAY	U9 : 18:15 – 19:30

REGISTER NOW!

Sign up online:
club.spond.com/landing/courses/instonianscc/EB3F9527DDE487D84938874C54EDD7

