

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mrs McLaughlin & Mrs Wilson



## Parental Consultations 23 – 27 October 2023



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For our P1 - P6 parent consultations this month, we are offering a choice between face-to-face interviews and telephone interviews.

To help us schedule our appointment times, can you please inform your child's class teacher, via Seesaw, by **Monday 9 October** whether you would like a face-to-face interview or a telephone call. If you are requesting a telephone call, please include the number on which you would like to be contacted for your interview.

*Please note that we will be holding most of our face-to-face interviews on our Exceptional Closure Day on **Friday 27 October**. In exceptional circumstances, if you are unavailable for either type of interview between 23 – 27 October, we will endeavour to arrange a **telephone interview** at another time.*

Your child's class teacher will release their appointment times at **8.30am on Friday 13 October** through our online booking system. You will receive an email invitation to make an appointment.

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher. ***Please don't contact Ms. Cahoon in the school office as she is unable to book appointments for parents.***

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr Arneill

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WEEK'S  
STAR  
PUPILS

P2



P3



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P6



P7



## ***The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair is Coming: Volunteers Needed!***

Dear Parents,

We are excited to be hosting The Travelling Book Fair next week. 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.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Class visit timetable.

### **Tuesday 10 Oct**

9.40 – 10.10	P2 Mrs Moore
10.10 – 10.40	P4 Mr McKane
10.40 – 11.10	P2 Mrs King
11.10 – 11.40	P4 Miss Shaw

### **Thursday 12 Oct**

9.40 – 10.10	P3 Miss Robinson
10.10 -10.40	P7 Mr Arneill
10.40 – 11.10	P3 Mrs Kane/Miss Millar
11.10 – 11.40	P7 Mrs Menary

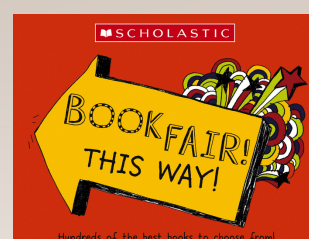
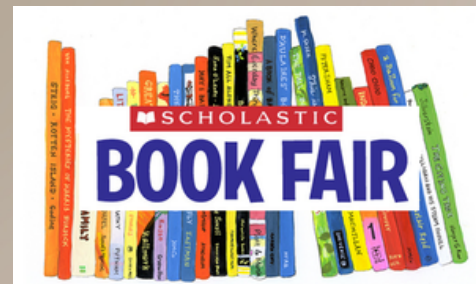
10.45 – 11.15	AM Nursery
2.15 – 2.45	PM Nursery

### **Wednesday 11 Oct**

9.40 – 10.10	P1 Mrs Hamilton
10.10 – 10.40	P5 Mrs Morton
10.40 – 11.10	P1 Mrs Hall
11.10 -11.40	P5 Mr Bell

### **Friday 13 Oct**

9.40 – 10.10	P6 Mrs McKay
10.10 – 10.40	P6 Mr Cromie





We were delighted to see so many bicycles and scooters in school last week. There were 396 journeys made on wheels by pupils during the week!

On Friday quite a crowd gathered in the YMCA carpark to cycle to school. Thank you to the YMCA for granting their carpark as a meeting point. After a brioche and a small token, the children were all ready for class. What a great start to the day!

The aim is to keep this going throughout the year so keep up the great efforts!



As we encourage our pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school, their safety has to be paramount.

Please park safely to ensure the children have a clear line of vision on their cycle, scoot or walk. Do not park on double yellow lines, corners or near entrances.

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### Childcare Issue

We are aware that a childminder in the local area is retiring, and some parents are unable to find alternative childcare providers. If any of our parents know of a reliable childcare provider in the local area where there are available spaces, please contact us at **info@stranmillis.belfast.ni.sch.uk**. We will then compile a list and share this with parents.



# CONGRATULATIONS

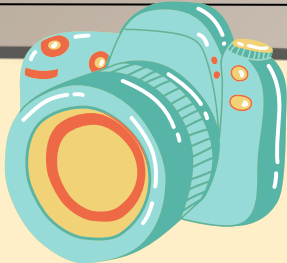

Finn & Meabh were both awarded distinction in the NEA Speech & Drama Introductory Level exam!

Max was 'Player of the Week' at Aquinas FC.

During the summer Leo enjoyed great success in tennis. He was U10 Singles Winner in the Co Antrim Championships, U10 Singles Runner Up in the Ulster Junior Hardcourt Open & he was given a medal for participating in a Gaelic tournament with his team at St Brigid's.



Well done to everyone!



The photographer will be visiting school on Thursday 12th October. She will be photographing the children in their birthday groups. The photographs will be collated to form our school calendar which will be on sale at the Christmas Fair.

**Children should come to school in their normal school uniform.**



## Value of the Month 'Cooperation'

During September we have enjoyed getting to know our children in a changed world. Pastoral care and settling back in safely has been and continues to be our key priority. Supporting our children's mental wellbeing and understanding their thoughts and feelings is so important.

The children have been learning about the importance of resilience.

Our value for October is 'Cooperation' and we will support the children to take turns, help each other and welcome others into their friendship groups.

Our reflection points:

Co-operation is everyone helping to get something done

Co-operation is working together

Co-operation is working together with patience and friendship

