



Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mrs McLaughlin & Mrs Wilson



Value of the Month

During April 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 April:

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



Notes for your Diary

Wednesday 19 April

PTA Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Staffroom or join us via zoom.

Thursday 20 April

P6 Parent Meeting

3:15 p.m.

Mrs McKay's Classroom

Thursday 20 April

P7 Business Task - sales event
for all pupils

Lots to buy from 50p to £3.50

P7 Play 2023



Are you in a position to sponsor our P7 play?

If so please contact Mrs Wilson or Mr Arneill

**via email: info@stranmillis.belfast.ni.sch.uk
or on 90381164**

The P7 Play is a highlight of our school calendar. It takes place in Stranmillis College Theatre, and all our pupils are involved. We are looking for a local business that might be interested in sponsoring the event to offset some of the costs. In return for your support, we could offer the following:

- **Your business logo on the programme and tickets**
- **Your business logo, website and social media information on all communications about the event, including those on our Twitter feed**
- **A free advertisement in our school magazine**
- **Four free tickets to the event for your staff**
- **The gratitude of all our P7 pupils and the school staff!**

Thank you!



Summer Term Events 2023

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| Thursday 20 April | P6 Parents Meeting: Transfer Procedure: 3:15 p.m. |
| Mon 24 – Thurs 27 April | Edinburgh Trip: P7 |
| Wed 26 – Fri 28 April | Ganaway Trip: P6 |
| Monday 1 May | May Day Closure |
| Monday 8 May | Bank Holiday for the Coronation |
| Week of 15 May | Book Fair |
| Thursday 18 May | School Closure: Council Elections |
| Friday 19 May | Sports Day (children go home at 12:00 noon) |
| Tuesday 23 May | Transport Museum Trip: P2 |
| Thursday 25 May | Funtastics Trip: P1, Ulster Folk Museum Trip: P3 |
| Monday 29 May | Spring Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 30 May | School Exceptional Closure |
| Thurs 8 & Fri 9 June | P7 Play; Stranmillis College Theatre; 7:00p.m. |
| Saturday 10 June | PTA Culture Day |
| Monday 12 June | Belfast Activity Centre Trip: P5 (both classes) |
| Tuesday 13 June | Belfast Activity Centre Trip: P4 (both classes) |
| Wed 14 & Thurs 15 June | Belfast Activity Centre Trip: P6 (1 day for each class) |
| Saturday 17 June | PTA Informal Formal |
| Monday 19 June | Hullabaloo Visit to Nursery |
| Mon 19 & Tues 20 June | Belfast Activity Centre Trip: P7 (1 day for each class) |
| Friday 23 June | P7 Leavers Assembly: 9:30a.m. |
| Monday 26 June | Reports sent home |
| Friday 30 June | Term ends at 12 noon |

Summer term!

GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM REACH THE NI SEMI FINALS



Congratulations to the girls' hockey team on reaching the semi-finals of the McCloy Cup. This is the furthest a team from Stranmillis has ever got in this competition, so it was a fantastic achievement.

After qualifying for the finals as Belfast group winners back in February, the team were optimistic that they could go far in the competition. They had a challenging eight match group stage, in which they won four, drew two and lost two matches. The team finished in 3rd place on 14 points, to set up a quarter final match against Methody Prep. This was easily their best performance of the season, and they dominated the game from the first minute, and won the game 3-0. This set up a semi final against the eventual winners, Warringstown. The girls worked hard but lost the game 2-0. However, they were delighted to finish as one of the top four teams in the competition, something which took a lot of effort and commitment.

The girls really improved their skills during the season and developed their knowledge of tactics and formation. They played every match in a competitive but sporting manner, and we are very proud of their achievements. Well done to all the girls involved.

Congratulations

Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 28 February two of our netball teams travelled to Stranmillis University College for a netball tournament. Team A played 3 matches, had two wins and one loss. Team B played 2 matches, had one draw and one loss.

Well done to all of the girls involved in the netball club this year for the commitment they have shown to the team. I hope they continue to enjoy playing netball next year as they move to their new schools!



Squad:

Madeleine Mifsud, Eva Flannery, Mia Scannell, Hannah Dolan, Sophie Wylie,
Rachael Kirkpatrick, Elena Brown, Lucy McNeill, Lily Sharma, Charlotte McAvoy,
Emma Johnston, Evelyn Lindsay, Charlotte McCullagh, Amelia McGarry,
Etain Hickey O'Rawe, Sonakshi Shukla, Anna Williams & Erin McKenna

Congratulations

BELFAST CHAMPIONS!



Well done to our Girls 5 Aside team for winning the Belfast Shield. Remaining undefeated throughout two days of matches against some very impressive teams, our girls showed a superb mix of skill and teamwork to win their second tournament of the season.

Congratulations

Earth Day 2023

On Thursday 30 March we celebrated Earth Day! We took part in lots of eco-activities on the day and classes had a special visit from Belfast City Council's waste education officers that week. Included are photos of some of the activities our pupils enjoyed.

Pupils collected used bottle tops to create colourful pictures.



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Earth Day 2023

Homebase on the Boucher Road very generously donated compost and sunflower seeds for all classes to do some planting. We recycled plastic pots for this activity and pupils took their seeds home to grow!



Earth Day 2023

Belfast City Council visited our school to deliver a variety of waste education programmes. We took part in Mr Rat's recycling trail, Sophie's rubbish story, environmental games and an environmental trail. A huge thank you to George and Mary from Belfast City Council for their visit!



Other activities included an Earth Hour Switch Off where classes refrained from using electric devices for one hour in the school day, a No-Waste lunch to raise awareness of single use plastic packaging and we ordered a battery box for our school foyer where batteries can be safely disposed. A huge well done to everyone for getting involved in a very worthy cause!

LAST
WEEK OF
TERM
STAR
PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7

Congratulations



Joseph, Edward, Ryan, Benjamin & Theo were in Bognor Regis at the weekend competing for Harlequins in Leicester Tigers Annual U11 tournament. 32 teams throughout the UK were competing and the boys played really well finishing in 7th place which was a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations



Ryan won the cup for outstanding football at Glentoran, 2013 year.

Anna won the 'Junior Club Tennis Championship' at The Boat Club.

Emelie achieved 'Best Player' in basketball.

James was awarded 'The Bloomfield Shield' in 1st Drumbeg BB for being most helpful.

Well done to everyone!

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YOUTH CRICKET

Summer 2023



REGISTER

Registration is online only.

<https://www.teamfeepay.com/s/LLXS0qY>

ONLINE:

Shane Dadswell – Head Coach

COACHING STAFF:

Ani Chore, Shane Getkate, Cian Robertson, Cade Carmichael - Coaches

Boys Programme

| | DAY AGE GROUP | LOCATION | TIME | COST |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Monday | U11 (P6/P7) | Osborne | 5.30pm – 7pm | £140 |
| Monday | U11 Softball / New Member | Osborne | 5.30pm – 7pm | £100 |
| Monday | U15 (Y10/Y11) | Osborne | 6.45pm – | £140 |
| Wednesday | U13 (Y8/Y9) | Osborne | 8.15pm | £140 |
| Sunday | U9 (P2-P5) | Shaw's Bridge | 6.30pm – 8pm 10am – 11.15pm | £100 |

Girls Programme

All girls will train with the appropriate boys age group (which can be up to 2 years below boys age group as per NCU rules). Year 8s & above can also train with the senior ladies team on a Monday night.

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Middletown Centre for Autism

Welcome to:

AUTISM AND THE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Parents

Location: St Joseph's Primary School
8 Knockbracken Drive, Carryduff,
Belfast BT8 8EX
Time: 9.30am

- **Tuesday, 18th April 2023**
Autism, Learning Style and Visual Teaching Methods
- **Tuesday, 25th April 2023m**
Autism and Communication
- **Tuesday, 2nd May 2023**
Autism and Understanding Anxiety
- **Tuesday, 9th May 2023**
Autism and Sensory Processing

Professionals

Location: St Joseph's Primary School
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Time: 3.15pm

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Unfortunately, only those who have booked a place from the Centre website, www.middletownautism.com can be admitted.

Admittance will be from 15 minutes before the beginning of each session.

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Speech and Language Support

- Stuttering and Cluttering, how to support a child who stammers
- Glue Ear, listening and supporting language development



Come join Parentline's FREE session on how parents can support their child's speech, language and communication development

When: Thursday 20th April 2023

11am to 12.30pm, via Zoom

For more information or to book a place call free 0808 8020 400



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The Speech and Language Toolbox - tips for developing communication in early years



Come join Parentline's FREE session on how parents can support their child's speech, language and communication development

**When: Thursday 27th April 2023
11am to 12.30pm, via Zoom**

**For more information or to book a place
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