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Notes for your Diary



- **Parental Consultations** will take place this week from **13 - 16 March**.
- **School will be closed** this week on **Thursday 16 March** for an Exceptional Closure and for **St. Patrick's Day** on **Friday 17 March**.
- The next meeting of the **PTA** is on **Wednesday 22 March** at **7.00pm** in **Room 12**. Please come along and share your ideas!

Stranmillis PS Parent Teacher Association Presents

Quiz Night

Fri 24th March 2023

Venue: Belfast Boat Club
Time: 7pm until late
Tickets: £10, available at stranpta.com/quiz

16 teams of 6 will battle it out to be crowned the 'Stranmillis PS Quiz Champions'. Reserve your team table by booking together or book individually and we'll assign you to a team.



Please consider buying a ticket for the PTA Quiz or organising a team of 6-8 people to take part. We would love to see each class represented at this event. It is a great opportunity to have a good laugh, enjoy a quiz, meet other parents, and maybe even win a prize or two! Please let your class rep know which parents can make it from your class!

Visit www.stranpta.com to sign up

HOCKEY GOLD!



Last week the girls' hockey team finished in joint 1st place in the Belfast qualifiers for the McCloy Cup. This is a fantastic achievement for the school and the first time we have achieved gold medals in this competition.

Stranmillis Team 1 played four group matches, winning all four matches. They scored ten goals (Cora Magee 5, Gabby Curran 3 and Rachael Kirkpatrick 2). The team didn't concede a single goal in victories over Victoria Prep, Penrhyn, MCB and Cairnshill. In the final match, they defeated Ards Model 2-0, thanks to goals from Gabby Curran and Rachael Kirkpatrick. This victory earns the team a place in the NI finals later in the month.

Stranmillis Team 2 played four matches, drawing two and losing two. They played really well, and a special mention must go to our GK Lauren Kirkpatrick, who pulled off some superb saves.

Twenty-four girls attended hockey club on Fridays over the last two months, and they worked hard to improve their skills. Last Friday all the girls enjoyed friendly matches against Victoria and MCB. Well done to all the girls who attended hockey club and I hope they keep practising and improving their hockey skills!



LAST
WEEK'S
STAR
PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



WORLD BOOK DAY

Stranmillis Primary celebrated World Book Day on Monday 6th March. School was populated by many strange characters, including a very large dinosaur! A number of classes were taught by characters from Enid Blyton's Famous Five books! The classroom doors added to the sense of wonder, with some children and teachers even matching their door. We had a visit from the amazing author Babita Sharma, who inspired some classes to write their own books. We also had a talk from a member of staff from No Alibis book shop, thrilling the children with stories, and inspiring them to get reading. Thanks to all the parents for their help with costumes. We all had a wonderful day, celebrating the joy of books!





Cycling Skills

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our involvement in the Sustrans Active School Travel programme, we will be offering cycling skills sessions for Primary 3 and Primary 5 pupils, which will be led by Iain Sneddon our Sustrans Active Travel Officer.

The session will take place outdoors on the school playground and focus on fun skills games (aimed at improving co-ordination, balance and awareness). Pupils need to be able to ride a bike to take part in the session.

All pupils will be required to wear a helmet in order to take part. Please make sure the helmet fits well and adjust straps at home beforehand if necessary. Opting out of wearing a helmet must have written parent/guardian permission provided to Sustrans.

Your child must bring a safe and roadworthy bike. The Sustrans officer is trained to check bikes. If a bike is deemed unsafe, then the trainee will not be able to participate in the training. Please see checklist below.

SUSTRANS – CYCLE SKILLS CONSENT FORM – only complete if your child is in Primary 3 or Primary 5.

Child's Name: _____

Are there any medical conditions or other issues the Sustrans Active Travel Officer should be aware of?

I give consent for the above child to take part in Sustrans' cycle skills session

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Please return to Mr Arneill in Room 12



Ditch the Stabilisers
Thursday 23rd March 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Has your child got a bike but not quite mastered riding it without the stabilisers yet? We can help! As part of our involvement in the **Sustrans Active School Travel Programme**, we will be offering free ‘Ditch the Stabilisers’ sessions for **Primary 1, 2 or 3 pupils**. These sessions will be led by Iain Sneddon, our Sustrans Active Travel Officer.

For each child to take part, 1 parent/carer must attend the session to help with their learning. Places are limited per session and the school will confirm which time slot to come along to. **One session will be from 8.50-9.50am and one session will be from 1.00-1.50pm.**

All pupils will be required to wear a helmet in order to take part. Please make sure the helmet fits well and adjust straps at home beforehand if necessary. Opting out of wearing a helmet must have written parent/guardian permission provided to Sustrans.

Your child must bring a safe bike. The Sustrans officer is trained to check bikes. If a bike is deemed unsafe, then the pupil will not be able to participate in the session. Please see checklist below.

SUSTRANS – DITCH THE STABILISERS CONSENT FORM

Child’s Name: _____

Are there any medical conditions or other issues the Sustrans Active Travel Officer should be aware of?

I give consent for the above child to take part in Sustrans’ Ditch the Stabilisers session

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Which session suits best? Circle as appropriate. **8.50-9.50am 1.00-1.50pm.**

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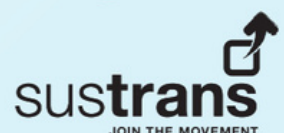
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Rainbow Raffle

We need your donations to create an exciting range of rainbow raffle baskets for the children

The Rainbow Raffle is a new idea from one of our parents and we think the children will love it!

To enable us to create raffle baskets for each class, we need donations of items that cover all colours of the rainbow. We have allocated a different colour to each year group below and ask that you kindly drop items to your classroom on 15th March.

Raffle baskets will be put together with your kind donations and the draw will take place on Friday 31 March.

Tickets for the raffle will be available online soon and information will be shared through the normal communication channels. Thanks in advance for your support.



The PTA is excited to welcome spring with a colourful start to the season! Join us in a bit of fun to create Rainbow Raffle baskets for each classroom.

Kindly drop in new fun, delicious, or interesting things in your classroom on **March 15** in your class assigned colour!

P7 RED
P6 ORANGE
P5 YELLOW
P4 GREEN
P3 BLUE
P2 PINK
P1 PURPLE
NURSERY WHITE

Baskets will be presented to each class before the Easter break, with the raffle draw on Friday, March 31.

RAINBOW RAFFLE IDEAS

P7 - RED	SNACKS: Maltesers, McVities Digestives, Ready Salted Crisps, Family Circle Biscuits, Skittles, Celebrations, Bourneville Chocolate, Red Lindt Truffles, PomBears, Munchies, Salted Pringles, Kit Kat, Strawberry Jam, Coke Zero HOME: Red Toilettries, Red Candle, Red Book, Red Hat TOYS: Red Bus, Red Train, Red Dragon, Red Teddy, Red Doll
P6 - ORANGE	SNACKS: Chocolate Orange, Haribo Tangfastics, Fudge, Revels, Toffee Crisp, Orange Clubs, Mini Cheddars, Doritos, Reeses, Marmalade, Fanta, Orange Squash HOME: Orange Coffee Mug, Orange Toilettries, Orange Candle, Orange Book, Orange Hat, Orange Stationary TOYS: Orange Car, Orange Robot, Orange Dinosaur, Ginger Cat
P5 - YELLOW	SNACKS: Cadbury Flakes, Cadbury Caramel, Toblerone, Skips, Custard, Quavers, Jelly Babies, Jelly Tots, Sweet and Salty Popcorn, Lemon Fanta HOME: Yellow Coffee Mug, Yellow Water Bottle, Yellow Toilettries, Yellow Book, Yellow Hat TOYS: Yellow Taxi Car, Yellow Doll, Yellow Robot, Bowser, Bath Duck, Yellow Transformer, Minion, Bumblebee
P4 - GREEN	SNACKS: Sour Cream Pringles, Mint Chocolates, Mint Aero, Matchmakers, After Eights, Fruit Pastilles, Green Lollies, Apple Juice, Sprite HOME: Green Coffee Mug, Green Water Bottle, Green Toilettries, Green Candle, Green Book, Green Hat TOYS: Green Car, Green Teddy, Green Doll, Green Robot, Green Dinosaur, Lizard, Alligator, Alien
P3 - BLUE	SNACKS: Oreos, Rox's Chocolates, Extra Peppermint Gum, Salted Popcorn, Hobnobs, Blue Lindt Truffles, Bounty, Cheese and Onion Crisps, Crispy M&Ms, Blue Easter Egg HOME: Blue Water Bottle, Blue Toilettries, Blue Candle, Blue Book, Blue Hat, Blue Nail Polish TOYS: Blue Car, Blue Teddy, Blue Doll, Blue Robot, Blue Football, Blue Fridge
P2 - PINK	SNACKS: Haribo Charmallows, Prawn Cocktail Crisps, Sweet Popcorn, Raspberry Laces, Pink Wafers, Strawberry Fruiteella, Loveheart Sweets, Fruit Mentos, Pink Lindt Truffles, Luscade HOME: Pink Toilettries, Pink Candle, Pink Book, Pink Nail Polish, Pink Stationary, Pink Gloves, Pink Bath Bombs TOYS: Pink Teddy, Pink Doll, Pink Unicorn
P1 - PURPLE	SNACKS: Cadbury Dairy Milk, Quality Street, Chocolate Fingers, Parma Violet Sweets, Heroes Chocolates, Milka Chocolate Bar, Purple Lollies, Cadbury's Hot Chocolate, Ribena, Purple Squash HOME: Purple Toilettries, Purple Socks, Purple Candle, Purple Book, Purple Gloves TOYS: Purple Doll, Purple Car, Purple Card Game, Alien Slime
NURSERY - WHITE	SNACKS: Kinder Bueno, Milky Bar, Kit Kat White, Lindt White Truffles, Salt and Vinegar Crisps, Marshmallows, Toblerone White HOME: White Coffee Mug, Clear Water Bottle, White Toilettries, White Socks, White Candle, White Book, White Hat, TOYS: White Airplane, White Rabbit, White Tiger, White Owl, White Dragon, Robot