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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mrs McLaughlin &amp; Mrs Wilson



**Girls' Cup Final - Stranmillis 9 - 0 St Teresa's**

A huge congratulations to our girls, who put in a highly dominant display against a well organised St Teresa's side to become inaugural champions of the BPSFA U11 Cup, securing our place in the history books!

Our front three of Rachael, Maya and Beibhinn all showed wonderful attacking prowess, scoring goals ranging from long range efforts to tap ins thanks to some smart offensive positioning.

Midfield maestro Lauren showed no signs that she had just played 30 minutes in the mixed final, putting in her usual showing as she pulled the strings, this time in the centre of the park.

A special shoutout has to be given to defensive duo Gabby and Cora, who worked brilliantly together in partnership, to secure a clean sheet against a very dangerous opposition attack. Erin, who functioned as our goalkeeper for the first half, did a great job when needed, pulling off some impressive saves throughout the match.

Our subs Emilia, Caitlin and Zara were superb when called upon, fitting into a range of roles and giving our team the depth needed to pull off such an important victory. All the girls should be very proud of this well-deserved win to cap off a very successful season.

# CUP SUCCESS!



## Cyril Murray Cup Final - Stranmillis 2 - 2 Holy Cross

The final of the Cyril Murray saw us take on Holy Cross PS in what promised to be a tough, yet exciting fixture to finish off our competitive 7 a side season. The match ended in a 2-2 draw, meaning we share the cup with Holy Cross.

As expected, the first five minutes were characterised by crunching tackles and speculative efforts peppering both goals as both teams got to grips with each other. Just as the initial nerves settled, our striker, James, capitalised on a mistake from the opposition keeper by expertly flicking the ball into the back of the net. I imagine that long after this match the opposition defenders will be having nightmares about James and the rest of our front line as they never gave them a moment's peace, constantly pressing and winning the ball in key areas.

The midfield proved to be a key battleground in this match, as Daniel, reminiscent of a young Steven Gerrard, bounced back and forth between boxes. One moment he could be seen making a goal-saving tackle in our goal area and in the blink of an eye he would be playing defence splitting passes to our forwards. This excellent performance was topped off by a spectacular solo goal.

Well done to our wide players, Theo and Lauren, who had to balance attack with defence. Their tireless work rate and effort allowed us to transition seamlessly up and down the field. Both players demonstrated an impressive level of both skill and stamina in what was one of the most challenging positions on the pitch.

Our result would not have been possible without a rock-solid defensive performance from Conal, Asher and Ryan. Always remaining calm and composed both on and off the ball, all three boys put in last ditch tackles to ensure that our goal remained well protected. Lastly, our goalkeeper, Benjamin, deserves to be highlighted for his contribution. Whether facing shots coming towards the near post, far post, top right or top left, he always seemed to be in the correct position to pull off a fantastic save. His performance was crucial in ensuring that we only conceded two.

This historic result was very well earned by the team, and is the product of hard work, determination and resilience throughout the entire season.

# Congratulations



Conor Hunter was runner up in the Under 9 Wallace Park Tennis Tournament at the weekend. Well done Conor!

## Notes for your Diary



### WORLD BOOK DAY

MARCH 2023

We will be marking World Book Day on Monday 6 March. Pupils and staff will be dressing up as a character from a book. There will be lots of fun activities on the day. More details to follow!

## PTA

There will be a meeting of the PTA at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22 February in the staffroom. If you would like to join remotely, a link will be sent closer to the time. We would love to see a representative from each class at the meeting.

### SAVE THE DATE

- QUIZ NIGHT AT THE BOAT CLUB  
FRIDAY 24TH MARCH
- INFORMAL FORMAL - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE  
AT THE CROWNE PLAZA - **NOTE NEW DATE**



## SUSTRANS



**BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY ASSEMBLY - MONDAY  
27TH FEBRUARY**  
**DR. BIKE FOR P1-P5 - FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**



**Friday 24th February - Dr Bike session for all pupils in P1-P5 who would like a free bicycle check! Please complete the form and return to Mr Arneill in Room 12.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the ongoing partnership between Sustrans Active School Travel Programme and Stranmillis Primary School, we are happy to be able to offer pupils the chance to take part in a free Bicycle Health Check known as Dr Bike!

Iain Sneddon, the school's Active Travel Officer, will be at the school on Friday 24th February 2023 to give bikes a general health check.

A typical check involves pumping up tyres and checking brakes, handlebars, saddle and pedals. If there is time, small adjustments will be made, but this is not a substitute for a full service. A photo note will be sent to the school identifying anything on the bike that needs urgent attention.

To take part, all you need to do is complete the attached from and bring their bike to school on Friday 24th February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Arneill & Mrs King  
School Champions  
Officer

Iain Sneddon  
Sustrans Active Travel

PLEASE NOTE – ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD IS IN PRIMARY 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to a bicycle check by Sustrans officer Iain Sneddon on Friday 24th February 2023

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Mr Arneill in Room 12

