

# STRANMILLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mrs McLaughlin & Mrs Wilson

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



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### *Reminders*



The Travelling Book Fair will be in school next week, 3rd—7th October. You will have received an electronic version of the leaflet and the children will have an opportunity to browse a selection of books and stationery in school.

Please note payment is by cash or cheque only sent to the class teacher. Cheques can be made payable to “Stranmillis Primary School.” Your support will be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you*

### *PTA Annual General Meeting*

This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm in the school staffroom and will be the first face to face meeting in almost 2 years. Stranmillis has a very active PTA but needs new members to continue raising much needed funds for the school

This year's trustees will be elected as well as a representative from each class - mainly to communicate information re. events and fundraisers. If you're interested, please come along and put yourself forward.

If you can't make the meeting but are keen to help out (we especially need volunteers to help organise and co-ordinate the Halloween disco) please email us at [stranpta@gmail.com](mailto:stranpta@gmail.com).

## P1

From Monday 3 October our P1 pupils will be staying in school until 2:00 pm daily. Please take note of the new pick up time.



## CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

Congratulations to the twenty boys and girls who made the cross country squad. Their names are as follows:

**Girls' Squad:** Beibhinn Bourke, Sophie Wylie, Lauren Kirkpatrick, Rachael Kirkpatrick, Ava Carson, Cora Magee, Evgenia Dultsev, Erin Finlay, Isabella McConachie and Hannah Rose Leonard.

**Boys' Squad:** Adam Hanna, Theo Spence, Jake Smyth, Daniel Clarke, Conn Moriarty, Ryan Buchanan, Joseph Curran, James Leonard, Jack Dolliver and Paul Lowry.

For parents who like to attend the races, Athletics NI have released the dates of our three qualifying races:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Thanks

Mr Arneill

## *Congratulations!*



***Valentina gained High Distinction in the Royal Academy of Dance Entry Level Examination. A fantastic achievement Valentina!***

***Last week Emelia was 'Judo Player of the Week' and Luke was 'Player of the Match.'***



We will begin to send tweets this week about some of the events and activities which are taking place in school. If you haven't already, please follow us:

**@StranmillisPS**

### Photographer

Please remember that the photographer will be visiting school on **Thursday 6 October**. She will be photographing the children in their birthday groups. The photographs will be collated to form our school calendar; these will be on sale at the school fair in December.

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

### Value of the Month

During September we have been getting to know the children; they are polite, respectful and shown excellent manners. Next month we will encourage our children to be kind and considerate towards other children and adults. Our value for October is **'Cooperation'**.



Watch out for more on this in next week's newsletter!



As you are aware, we are teaming up with Sustrans this year, to encourage our children to choose more active ways of travelling to school. Last Friday, all pupils from P1-P7 enjoyed an assembly by Iain Sneddon, our local Sustrans Active Travel Officer.

There are a number of exciting events planned over the next few weeks:

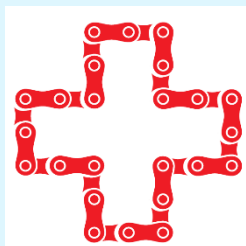
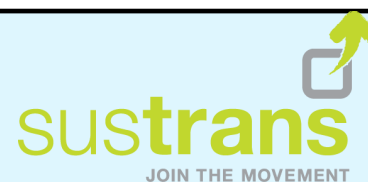
- **Dr Bike visit on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Initially, this will be open to pupils in P6 and P7, but we hope to give all pupils opportunity to avail of this service later in the year.
- **Cycle to School Week** will take place between **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. During this week, we are encouraging our pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school on at least one of the days. If you don't live close to the school, you might like to "Park and Stride", which involves parking a distance away from the school and walking or scooting the rest of the way.
- **"Ditch the Stabilisers"** sessions will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. This will be open to P2 pupils.
- **"Cycle Skills"** sessions will also take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** and will initially be open to P4 pupils.

For further information about these events, or to sign your child up to Dr Bike or one of the sessions on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, please see the sign-up sheets attached to this bulletin.

*\* Please note that while some of the initiatives are only open to certain year groups, we hope to offer these sessions to other year groups during the year. If we are over subscribed for any sessions, we will endeavour to arrange additional sessions so every child has the opportunity to take part.*

Thank you for your support.

Mr Arneill



## Sustrans Active Travel Programme Free Bicycle Health Check

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 30<sup>th</sup> September** 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 form and bring their bike to school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Arneill & Mrs King  
School Champions



Iain Sneddon  
Sustrans Active Travel Officer

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PLEASE NOTE – ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD IS IN PRIMARY 6 OR 7

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

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

I consent to a bicycle check by Sustrans officer Iain Sneddon on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

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

Please return to Mr Arneill in Room 12



## Cycling Skills

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our involvement in the Sustrans Active School Travel programme, we will be offering cycling skills sessions for Primary 4 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.

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### SUSTRANS – CYCLE SKILLS CONSENT FORM – only complete if your child is in Primary 4

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

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October



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 2 pupils. These sessions will be led by Iain Sneddon, our Sustrans Active Travel Officer.

**For each child to take part, 1 parent/carers 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.

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### 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.**

**Please return to Mr Arneill in Room 12**



P6 star pupils



P3 star pupils



P7 star pupils



P4 star pupils



P2 star pupils



P1 star pupils



P5 star pupils

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## Last Call for Christmas Gift Orders!

If you wish to purchase some gifts and haven't yet placed your order, please return the artwork with your order to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Payment should be made to the PTA through the link below which can be copied and pasted into your browser.

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stranpta>

**Christmas Cards**  
Our high quality Christmas Cards come in packs of 12 with envelopes and have smudge free inners.

**Notepads**  
Notepads are supplied in packs of 2 and include 100 blank pages per Notepad.

**Thank You Cards**  
With pre-printed inners, these are perfect for even the most reluctant writers! Cards come in packs of 8.

**Wrapping Paper & Gift Tags**  
Our Wrapping Paper and Gift Tag set comes in packs of 4 and is great for giving your presents a unique personal touch!

**Christmas 2022**

**Mugs**  
Our 11oz Mugs are dish washer safe, and are perfect for your morning cuppa!

**Coasters**  
The high gloss wooden Coasters are 9cm x 9cm and are ideal for sitting underneath your new Christmas mug!

**Cushions**  
Everyone loves a Chrimbo Cushion! Printed on soft white 27.5cm x 27.5cm cushions.

**Join Us For Christmas FUNdraising**

COMMUNITY NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note that neither the services advertised below nor those providing them, have been checked or verified by the school.

# Inner South Belfast Support Group



- Parents, Carers (pre & post diagnosis) & Professionals sharing experiences and information
- Invaluable peer support
- Develop strategies and learn new skills
- Facilitation by parent Volunteers

## Join us at our Support Group

**Date:** Tuesday 27th September 2022

**Time:** 7.30pm-9.00pm

**Venue:** Cutters Warf  
Lockview Road,  
Belfast BT9 5FJ

For more information:

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