

Weekly News Friday 14th November

STARS OF THE WEEK: Congratulations to this week's stars: Kerri, Jake, Emily & Zarah. Well done everyone.



Board of Governors

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our outgoing chairman Mr Mark O' Donnell. He has provided unwavering support to the school community during his time as chairman. During the reconstitution process last term he agreed to remain to assist with the handover. He is succeeded by Rev Gary Glasgow.

SEAG

Best wishes to those P7 pupils who are sitting the first SEAG paper on Saturday. We had a special breakfast treat on Friday morning in school to help them relax and unwind the nerves before the big day. We know they are all amazing!

Special thanks to Miss Newman helping the children prepare for these tests.

PTA

PTA would like every family to please provide one food item for a Christmas Hamper if possible. Please send your items into school at your earliest convenience. All items should be brought in by 25th November.

Each family will receive a raffle sheet if you wish to sell squares. Any sheets or money should be returned by the 9th December, before our nativity when we will draw the winners.

We really appreciate all help and donations towards PTA, this is a great way to raise funds to put back into school again, to provide much needed supplies and facilities, not only for our current pupils, but for those who will benefit from these resources for years to come.

Ballymoney High School

P6/7 children are being offered the opportunity to view the new Acorns unit at BHS. This specialist provision setting supports pupils with communication and social skills, If you'd like your child to view the facilities please let Mrs Steele know and she will arrange this.

SAFEGUARDING

There have been a few changes made to our Safeguarding policy, please read this carefully and familiarise yourself with this.

COATS

Could we please ask that all children bring a warm coat with them to school. We are coming into the winter months and the children are still outside at break time and lunch time if it is dry, but they will still need a coat to keep them warm.

PTA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT—3rd December 6pm—8pm

KS1 will be watching Merry Madagascar whilst KS2 will watch Arthur Christmas.

Children can wear PJ's and bring their own blanket.

Festive snacks are included.

Tickets will be available to purchase from Monday on ParentPay. Once a ticket has been bought, it will be sent home with the pupil. Tickets are £2.50 per child.

PTA Line Dancing (4th Nov—9th Dec)

Priced at £5 per session, no experience needed! Just wear comfortable clothes, bring water and be prepared to have a laugh! Everyone is welcome. Come along and bring a friend!

BEING WELL, DOING WELL

Thank you to all those who took the time to fill in this survey. We are looking forward to moving this programme forward.

OPEN NIGHT—WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER (6.30PM—7.30PM)

Please share the news and our facebook post with any one you know who may have a child due to start P1 in September 2026.

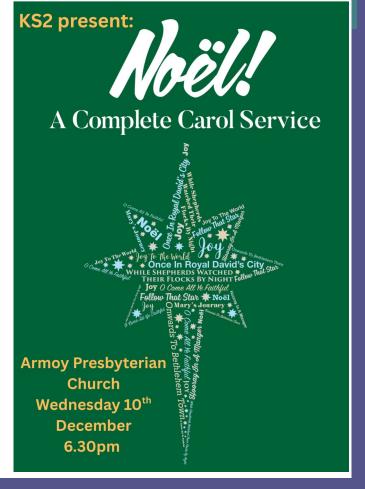


We are really looking forward to our KS1 Nativity. In the past we have charged for this, but having listened to feedback this year, there will be no charge for this event. However, any donations anyone wishes to make would be greatly appreciated. Please note that there will be an early finish for all pupils at 1.30pm.

** Please note : the whole school will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 12th December **

KS2 Carol Service— Wednesday 10th December at 6.30pm in Armoy Presbyterian Church. Children to be dropped off at the church at 6pm. Doors to the church will not open until 6.20pm.

Donations taken from this service will be given to CRISIS Homeless charity and Armoy PC.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 26th November—School open night 6.30—7.30 pm

Wednesday 3rd December—PTA Christmas Event

Wednesday 10th December—KS2 Carol Service—6.30pm Armoy Presbyterian Church

Friday 12th December—KS1 Nativity in school time 12.30-1.30pm —EARLY FINISH WHOLE SCHOOL 1.30pm

Thursday 18th December—School Pantomime Trip

Friday 19th December - End of term 1B —11am finish

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is recorded at 84.4% this is below the average for NI school whose average attendance currently stands at 94.48%. Please encourage attendance where possible. If pupils need to attend appointments they should return to class as soon as practical. Attached is the DE information about the importance of high school attendance.

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Let's Talk– simple tools for building early language TUESDAY 25TH NOV 7–8.30PM, ON ZOOM

Join Leigh, one of the Clinical Directors, and Speech and Language Therapists, at Insight Clinic for a session exploring how children learn to communicate, from first sounds to fluent conversations.

Hear Me, See Me, Know Me
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER. 7–8.30PM. ON ZOOM

A workshop for parents of children who are being assessed or are diagnosed as autistic, delivered by Elaine McGreevy– Speech & Language Therapist.

Surviving the Season: Fussy Eating & Autism Made Easier WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 7–8.30PM, ON ZOOM A session on fussy eating and autism with Dr Kirsty Porter, Children's Dietitian at Nutrition4kidsNI.

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