

# Weekly News Friday 7th November

STARS OF THE WEEK: Congratulations to this week's stars: Lisa, Eva, Gracie & Blake. Tori was awarded her first 200 key words!! We also awarded the Value of Honesty to : Abbey, Sarah, Charlie & Olivia.



Well done to Kaiden, Chloe, Daniel and Angus on their achievement in Mathletics too.





#### **Reading Together**

Our PTA recently supplied funds to school to purchase a new scheme of fully decodable books. These will be used to support children's reading development in our Reading Together programme.

#### **Talk Boost**

Pupils in P1 & 2 are getting specialist teaching from staff to develop their talking & listening skills. I'm sure they are using their skills with parents!

## **Table Tennis**

It is fantastic to once again welcome Frank Shirley into school! He will be working with P6/7 to teach Table Tennis skills. We will once again take part in the interschools competition later in the year.

#### **Coleraine Festival**

We are offering pupils the opportunity to enter the Speech & Drama festival which is held later in the year. Please let Mrs Steele know if your child would like to compete.

#### **Ballycastle High School**

Pupils recently enjoyed participating in Literacy and Numeracy workshops working collaboratively with local primary schools. They had a great experience!

## **Poppy Appeal**

Pupils are welcome to purchase items from the Royal British Legion. An act of remembrance will be observed in school.

#### **Being Well Doing Well**

We are looking forward to enhancing our Health & Well being support within the school and would appreciate your views. Please use the QR code provided to give us feedback.



## **WALK WHEEL CYCLE TRUST**

## (formerly Sustrans)

We welcomed Johnny Mc Crystal in to introduce the Active Travel programme to the children. He inspired us about the exciting events that we will take part in this year.

Our first event will be Bring Your Own Wheels on Monday 10th November . All pupils are encourage to travel actively. Our P1/2 class will have the opportunity to take part in a scooter skills session. \*\*Pupils are to come to school in their PE kit.\*\*

#### **P4/5 Shared Education**

On Thursday our P4/5 class met with St Olcan's pupils and took part in activities.

#### **Line Dancing**

We had a great turnout for our first evening and lots of fun was had! Everyone is welcome to join us again next week.

## **School Meals Service**

We would like to welcome Laura Dunigan to the school meals service. She will work alongside Rosie to serve school meals.

## **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.

## **PTA**

PTA would like every family to please provide one food item for a Christmas Hamper if possible. Please send your items into school from Monday. 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.

<u>PTA CHRISTMAS EVENT</u>: This will be a Christmas Movie night on Wednesday 3rd December 6PM—8PM.

Tickets for this event are £2.50 per child, and will be available to purchase on ParentPay nearer the time.

Festive snacks will be provided.

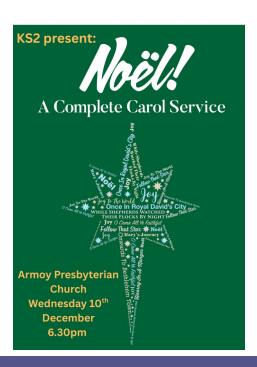
More details to follow.



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.

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.



