

# Weekly News

## Friday 23rd February 2024



### Star of the week & achievements!

Our stars this week are Sarah, Alesha, Annabelle and Charlotte! Also pictured are our poets who will be having their poems published in a book very soon, well done everyone!



### PTA Purchases

Our PTA has purchased 6 new laptops for school as well as almost 60 new reading book sets. We are very thankful to our PTA who are always busy fundraising for us. PTA are always happy to have new members and if you are interested in joining get in touch with Tracey Rouke or any of the other PTA members!



### Ballycastle Credit Union Easter Competition

You may have already seen our Facebook post about the Easter basket competition that Ballycastle CU is running. All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning is to make a lodgement or open an account before Easter!

If you don't currently save with the CU but you would like to start please get in touch with the school office for an application form.

### Table Tennis

We have had a great start to our table tennis course this week! Frank came into school on Thursday and the P6/7 & P5 classes were able to participate! They had great fun and we are looking forward to more sessions in the coming weeks! Frank also comes into school regularly each term to lead a sports session block and we think he is fantastic as do the pupils who participate. If you would like to sign your child up to one of his after school clubs please let us know!



### Penny Wars

Our Penny Wars are well under way and at the minute our P6/7 class seem to be doing particularly well! There is still plenty of time for all classes to catch up so get collecting and send in your spare coppers!

### Staff Development

While the children were off for the first couple of days at half term the staff definitely were not! We were all busy training and making sure we can pass our new knowledge onto the pupils! We had great fun training together.



### Football Semi-final & final—league cup tournament

Our football team have played amazingly well and this year have got all the way to the cup finals! This is a big achievement as it is the first time we have qualified to play for the cup!

We need you all to come out in force and support us on the day of the matches!

If possible please make yourself available and come cheer us on in Coleraine on 6th March—grounds open at 1pm.

If you can help with transport on the day please let us know.

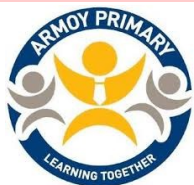
### Architects of change

'Architects of Change' typically involves a 6-week programme aimed at Primary 7 pupils in Northern Ireland which looks at issues of sustainability and how young people can address their ideas on how they can better improve their schools, communities, environments, as well collecting insights into a younger perspective on how the communities should be developed now and into the future. Our P6/7 class will be taking part!

### Eco Council Update

We have been busy getting our polytunnel ready for spring! We have received a load of soil and are ready to get planting! Many thanks to the McNeill family for delivering the load of soil.

Pupils will also be getting involved with the 'Big Spring Clean' which will be taking place in the village on 1st March—perhaps we will see you there too!



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### PANTS assembly

Mrs Leeke led assembly on Friday (designated teacher) and gave a PANTS talk to all the children. See the poster below for details.



## Autism and Fussy Eating

Join our session on fussy eating and autism, led by Dr Kirsty Porter a Children's Dietitian from Nutrition4kidsNI. Discover practical strategies to help master fussy eating including mealtime challenges, sensory eating and food acceptance tips.

When: Thursday 29th February, on Zoom

Time: 10am-11.30am

To book a place call free

0808 8020 400

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Limited places are available in the session advertised above so early booking is recommended.

### Book week & World Book Day

We have sent a separate message out on Seesaw for upcoming plans—please make sure to read the message there from Mrs Kane our literacy co-ordinator.

### Dates for your diary

26th February—Final payment due for Ballyhome Residential

New clubs start w/b 26 February—see the sheet sent home or school website for details

Football tournament—final match: 6<sup>th</sup> March at Rugby Avenue, Coleraine

12th April—Ballyhome Residential Information meeting for parents at 2pm