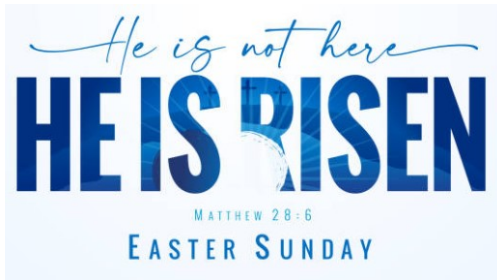


Killylea Primary School



Newsletter *April 2022*

OUTDOOR LEARNING RESOURCE

On Wednesday 10th March we welcomed our special guests to the launch of our joint EA/KPS Outdoor Learning Resource. You can see all our videos here:

<https://www.supporting-learning.com/featured-modules/Outdoor-Learning>

Our P1-P3 pupils showcased their outdoor learning and pupils in P4-7 put a smile on our guests' faces with the song "Happiness".

We received lovely positive feedback:

"I really enjoyed my visit and was greatly impressed. It certainly lived up to, and indeed surpassed my expectations!"

"The joy in learning and teaching was clear and evident for all. Something very special."

Barry Mulholland, Chair of EA

"What a brilliant day! The staff and pupils are simply amazing!"

Chris, EATV

"Thank you for inviting me to your wonderful school. Your children were epic", Anthony

Bradley, EA Link Officer

"Outstanding work. This will benefit not only teachers in NI but throughout the world!"

G Savage, Principal, Lisnadill PS



Extra– Curricular Activities - Summer Term

MONDAY	2-3pm 3-4pm	Healthy Kids P1-3 Tag Rugby Healthy Kids P4-7 tag Rugby
TUESDAY	2-3pm 3-4pm	Woodland Club P1-3 Bushcraft Club P4-7
WEDNESDAY	2-3pm 3-4pm	Outdoor Craft P1-3 Outdoor Craft P4-7 Brainboxes P6
THURSDAY	2-3pm 3-4pm	Football P1-3 Football P4-7
FRIDAY	2-3pm 3-4pm	Team Games P1-3 Team Games P4-7



HOCKEY

- ⇒ Starting Wed 27th April to 15th June for P1-P3 for 8 weeks.
- ⇒ Cost is covered by School Fund.
- ⇒ **Your child will need a gum shield and shinguards.** No pupil can participate without these. Hockey sticks provided.



SWIMMING

Our pupils in P4-P7 enjoyed swimming last term. We would however suggest a couple of pointers for parents for next year. It is helpful if your child has been swimming before either lessons or just a few sessions in the pool with parents. Your child also needs to be able to manage getting dried and dressed quickly so use bath-time as the perfect opportunity to practice—especially for girls with long hair. Several pupils brought turban type towels which were great for this!

SPONSORED WALK

Thank you for the magnificent total of £1379 that was raised in our sponsored walk. This is used to offset the pupil costs of our Healthy Kids programme next year. The Inspectorate have recently evaluated the impact of Healthy Kids in PE and were very impressed as are we and our pupils! You just have to see the smiling, a little red, faces when then finish their sessions to know they have enjoyed it!

The highest fundraisers were Maria Murray, Elsa Warnock and Sandra Cresswell. Congratulations!



CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION

Time for another clear out. Ditch those winter woollies!

Please leave donations into school by **TUESDAY 26TH APRIL.**

The money raised will be in aid of Ukraine.

Pupils voted to donate our last collection amount of £196 to Ukraine also.

POLICY REVIEW

This term the following policies have been reviewed by pupils, parents, staff and governors and are available to view on our website at:

<https://www.killyleaps.com/key-information/policies/>

- ***Child Protection Policy***
- ***Uniform Policy***
- ***Intimate Care Policy***
- ***Drugs Education Policy***
- ***Homework Policy***



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO UKRAINE THROUGH PARENT PAY—we have collected £325. P6/7 sold key rings and window flags at Sainsburys and at the school gate and raised £256. Along with our last Cash4 clobber collection and £50 raised through the sale of name tags, our total raised so far for Ukraine stands at £827! Thank you all!

LEARNING SUPPORT

This year, all our classroom assistants have been trained in Reading Partnership by our co-ordinator, Vi Lockhart, and more recently, in the Motor Sensory Programme by our co-ordinator, Lorna Gillespie.

Both of these programmes have a significant impact on pupil's performance in the classroom. In the first cohort of Reading Partnership, on average, pupils improved their reading age by 1

year and 5 months in the space of 10 weeks.

In our motor sensory group, the pupils have improved concentration and listening skills as well as fine motor skills impacting on handwriting.



WELL DONE TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!

PTA NEWS

Our first face to face event in over 2 years, our Treasure Hunt and BBQ was a great success and a lovely community event. A total of £431 was raised although our main aim was just to meet socially. Congratulations to the winner of the £50 Digby's voucher—Dympna Reid and thanks to the PTA for all their hard work.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 26th April at 7pm to plan for our Fun Night and Auction on 17th June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

APRIL

- Mon 25th - School resumes including Breakfast Club
- P4/5 Trip to Shannaghmore [be in school for 8.30am]
- Tues 26th - Cash for Clobber collection for Ukraine
- PTA Meeting 7pm
- Wed 27th - P1-3 Hockey starts [gum shields/ shin guards needed]
- Thurs 28th - P1 placement notification

MAY

- Mon 2nd - **BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Thurs 5th - ELECTION—SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Sat 21 - Post primary placements notification
- 23-27th - ASSESSMENT WEEK
- 31st - In school transition day 1[pupils will meet next yr teacher]

JUNE

- Wed 1st - School Jubilee Celebrations**
- Thurs 2 & Fri 3 - QUEEN'S JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAYS—school closed
- Tues 7th - Transition Day 2
- Fri 10th - Wellbeing Day in school
- Tues 14th - P1 Induction Day, 2.15pm / Transition Day 3
- Fri 17th - PTA Fun Night and Auction
- Mon 20th - P6/7 Water Sports day
- Tues 21st - Transition Day 4
- Thurs 23 - P7 Camp out
- Mon 27 - Water Day
- Thurs 30 - Last day of term—Closing at 11am.

easter blessings