

Weekly News

Friday 26th January, 2024

Dear Parents,

SEAG Transfer Test Results

This weekend is a significant one for our Primary 7 children as many of them receive their SEAG Transfer Test results. We are so fortunate to have so many excellent schools in the Ballymena area and know that our wonderful children have the potential to thrive and flourish wherever they go! We are enormously proud of every P7 child for all their hard work and effort! We wish them all the best!



High 5 Friday

We had our first 'High 5 Friday' today! The children were given 5 extra minutes of play time as a reward for all the efforts put into bringing healthy breaks to school Monday to Thursday. Extra play time is always well received!



[Ulster Hockey Blitz Tournament](#)

Two teams of girls headed off this morning to the Joey Dunlop Centre in Ballymoney for a fun and friendly blitz tournament. It was brilliant to play highly competitive matches against many local teams including Ballykeel, Clough, Moorfields, Kells and Connor and Gracehill, as well as schools from the Ballymoney area. Our girls showed excellent skills in passing and tackling, and they worked so well as a team. This tournament has given them great confidence for going into future tournaments and matches. Well done girls!



[P1 Admissions for September 2024](#)

P1 admissions window is now closed. Please ensure any supporting documents to go along with your application are uploaded by Wednesday 31st January. We are excited to welcome a new group of P1 children into The Diamond family in September 2024.

[MMD Multi Sport After School Club](#)

Places have now all been allocated for this after school club and the booking form is closed. Mo is really looking forward to coming to school to run the multi-sport programme starting this Tuesday 29th January.

- P1 to P3 children will change into their trainers at 2pm as they do for PE and can be collected from the P3 mobile at 3pm.
- P4 - P7 children should bring a change of clothes and trainers to change into at the end of the day for the 3-4pm multi-sport programme.

Shine Bright Wear Bright!



On **Friday 9th February**, we are having a '**SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT**' day at The Diamond. We would like our children and staff to come into school wearing something bright, something fluorescent or something colourful. We look forward to this special day as we mark and celebrate Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Head Lice

I have been notified of a case of head lice in school. Head lice are very common in children. Please be vigilant in screening your child's hair and keeping long hair tied back to prevent further spread. You can receive further advice and treatment from your local pharmacy or on the NHS website.

Key Dates

January 2024	Activity
Sat 27th	P7 SEAG Results issued
Mon 29th	After School Choir
Tues 30th	MMD Multi Sport After School Programme 2-3pm: P1-P3 3-4pm: P4-P7
Wed 31st	Coaching for Christ - P2 and P4/5 After School Netball Club starts back After School Football with Coaching for Christ

February 2024	Activity
Mon 5 th	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week After School Choir
Tues 6 th	Safer Internet Day MMD Multi Sport After School Programme 2-3pm: P1-P3 3-4pm: P4-P7

Wed 7 th	After School Hockey Club After School Football with Coaching for Christ
Thurs 8 th	Dairy Council visit to P5 and P6
Fri 9 th	SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT Day
Mon 12 th	Half Term School Holiday
Tues 13 th	Half Term School Holiday
Wed 14 th	Half Term School Holiday
Thurs 15 th	Half Term School Holiday
Fri 16 th	Half Term School Holiday

Many thanks,

L Boyd