



BIRCHES PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

April, May and June 2015

Cancer Focus Monday 13 April

A representative from Cancer Focus will be coming out to school on Monday 13 April to show children in P1 and P2 a DVD encouraging them to make healthy eating choices. 'Genevieve' the goat, their mascot, will be coming out to make this a fun and enjoyable talk.

Girl's Football Fun Event Wednesday 15 April

P6 and P7 girls will be taking part in the FIFA Live Your goals Road Show in the Mid Ulster Sports Arena in Cookstown.



All Set Dance Programme – first date on Wednesday 15 April

Children from P5 will be taking part in the All Set Dance programme with St Mary's Primary School, Maghery.

These are the provisional dates:

Session 1	15 April	Maghery Community Centre
Session 2	22 April	Birches - individual
Session 3	29 April	Birches with St Mary's
Session 4	6 May	Birches - individual
Session 5	13 May	Maghery Community Centre
Session 6	20 May	Birches with St Mary's at Milltown
Final Performance @ 1.15-2pm at Milltown (local communities, families & extended families welcome to attend)		

PDMU – Drug Awareness – first session Thursday 16 April

Jeannie Graham, from 'Portadown Temperance Council' will be working with children from P6 and P7 on areas linked to Drug Awareness.



Rugby Competition Friday 17 April

The rugby team will be taking part in a competition at Portadown Rugby Club on Friday 17 April.

Girls Hockey Tournament - Friday 17 April

The Tri County Hockey Tournament will be at Royal School Dungannon. Further information will follow shortly.

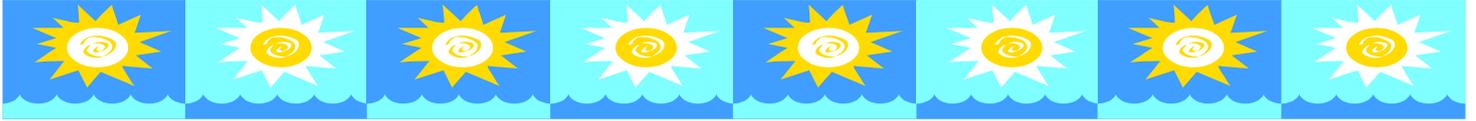


Speedwell – PEERS Project – Wednesday 22 April

Our P6 and P7 children have been selected to work with members from the Speedwell Team at Parkanaur and children from St. Mary's Primary School Pomeroy on an environmental project. Further information will be sent home with the P6 and P7 children.

Tri-County Mini-Soccer Fun Day - Friday 24 April

The Tri County Mini-Soccer Tournament will be take place at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena.



P6/P7 Swimming Lessons – Friday 24 April

Children from P6 and P7 will have 4 additional swimming lessons to prepare them for the swimming gala. These will take place on Friday afternoons and will be 20 minutes sessions at £1.05 per session.

Bank Holidays– Monday 4 May and Monday 25 May

The school will be closed on Monday 4 May and 25 May.

School Closure – Elections – Thursday 7 May

The school will be closed on Thursday 7 May due to elections which are taking place in the school.

Birds of Prey – Wednesday 13 May

On Wednesday 13 May, Mr Ian Patterson will bring several birds of prey to show the children. This is a practical session where they will learn more about Birds of Prey, their habitats and see them in flight. We would be grateful if you could send a donation of £1.00 to help cover costs.

Swimming Gala – Tuesday 19 May

The swimming gala will take place on Tuesday 19 May.



School Photographer – P1 and P7 Photograph – Wednesday 20 May

The School Photographer is coming on Wednesday 20 May to take the P7 leaver photograph and P1 whole class group. Any child who missed their school photograph earlier this year will also be able to get their photograph taken.

Richmount Cup Football Tournament

Boys – Wednesday 20 May

Girls – Wednesday 27 May

Music Evening – Thursday 21 May

Our music evening will take place in Milltown Parish Hall on Thursday 21 May at 7pm.

P6 and P7 Trip to the Share Centre - Thursday 4 June

On Thursday 4 June children from P6 and P7 will be offered the opportunity to take part in a day of activities at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea.

Sports Day - Tuesday 2 June and Tuesday 9 June



Sports day has been provisionally arranged for children from P1 to P3 on **Tuesday 2 June** at 10.00am, weather permitting.

Sports day for P4 – P7 has been provisionally arranged for **Tuesday 9 June** at 10.00am, weather permitting.

Children are to wear their PE uniform.

Everyone welcome – Don't forget to bring your running shoes!!

Neill Buckley Football Competition – Wednesday 10 June

The football team will take part in the annual football competition at Loughall Country Park. The children will leave at approximately 9.30am and will be back in time for the school bus. They will need to bring a packed lunch with them.



Tennis Tournament - Friday 12 June

The tennis team will take part in a competition at Tandragee Primary School on Friday 12 June.

The children will leave at 9.30am and will be home in time for the school bus.



They will need to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water.



Prize Day – Thursday 25 June

Prize Day will take place on **Thursday 25 June** at 10.00am.

Final Assembly – Friday 27 June

The final assembly will take place on **Friday 27 June**. Normal school hours

Monday 29 June – School closes at 11.45am for children from P1-P3 and 11.55am for P4-P7.

The school bus will leave at 12pm for children who normally travel on the bus.

There will be no school dinners.

Tuesday 30 June – School closes at 10.45am for children from P1-P3 and 10.55am for P4-P7.

The school bus will leave at 11am for children who normally travel on the bus.

There will be no school dinners.

School Uniform

Please ensure children’s names are on all sweatshirts and clothes which are removed to change for P.E. Could any girls wearing summer dresses please bring a polo shirt to add to their PE kit.

Sainsbury’s Tokens

We are collecting Sainsbury’s Tokens in school. If possible please send the tokens into school in bundles of 10. Thank you.

After School Activities These activities will take place after school from 2.35pm until 3.30pm.

Monday	Music and Drama	P3 - P7
Tuesday	IFA Football	P4 - P7 £1.50 per session
Wednesday	Eco Team	Members only
	Cycling Proficiency	P7
	Basketball	P5 + P6
Thursday	Dance	P5 - P7
	<i>(Dance starts on 23 April)</i>	

