

# Termly Newsletter

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## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE WITH KEY STAGE 2

We dropped into the Primary Six and Primary Seven classroom to find out what they have been getting up to recently. Next term we will be catching up with some of the pupils in Primary Four and Primary Five.



It was brilliant to welcome all our pupils back to school before the Easter break! All pupils, parents and carers had worked tremendously hard with online learning during the lockdown – well done everyone! It was great to see everyone back in their classrooms and settled back into school life and school routines.



One of the home learning activities that our P6 and P7 pupils enjoyed the most was the Young Enterprise programme. It was great to see pupils learn about topics such as trade, imports, exports and the importance of 'buying local!' It was great to see so many of our pupils enter the local Young Enterprise *Moypark Challenge* Competition!

### Home Learning

We were delighted that the *Controlled Schools' Support Council* (CSSC) for NI recently did a magazine article on Remote Learning at Dunclug Primary School. Well done to all the pupils, parents and staff for your hard work. Lovely to see it being recognised and celebrated at a national level.



This term's topic in P6/P7 is '*Journey Through Our Community!*' We will be learning all about Ballymena and the wider locality, whilst considering how these places have changed over the centuries. We will be studying both the physical and social characteristics and how this has shaped the way of life for the people living there.



## COMMUNITY SPORTS NETWORK

We were delighted to recently give a free sports pack to all our pupils thanks to the Northern Health & Social Care Trust and Community Sports Network. Each pupil also received a set of Fit 4 Fun activity cards so they can create games and continue P.E. at home. If your child did not receive a pack due to being absent, please contact Mrs McCarroll at the school office.



## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

As we missed last year's Easter Service, (due to the first Covid lockdown), we were determined to not let Easter 2021 pass without a celebratory event! Several pupils, staff, governors, student teachers and friends of the school got together to record some poetry and hymns at Ballyloughan Church. The response online was incredible – one hymn recording was viewed over 9000 times and the school received messages of encouragement from across the UK and Ireland. It can still be accessed on our school's Youtube channel. Thanks again to Ballyloughan Church and a huge thanks and massive well done to everyone who took part!



## SCHOOL FOOTBALL KIT LAUNCH



Huge thanks to Howdens, Ballymena for sponsoring our lovely new football kit! We look forward to seeing our school football team wear it to future tournaments!



## HOME LEARNING AWARD



Congratulations to Erinn Ward (P5), who won last term's home learning award, kindly donated by Mrs Havelin, one of our classroom assistants.



We are delighted that our school building work is now complete. We cannot wait until the restrictions are lifted so you can see it! Our next project is the refurbishment of our upstairs areas (this is badly needed!) and we plan to complete this over the summer.

A special warm welcome to our new families that have joined us this term. We look forward to getting to know you and your family. It has been incredible to see our school community grow so much this term. There are still places available in most year groups.

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## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

**Bank Holiday (school closed)** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Staff Training Day (no pupils)** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Bank Holiday (school closed)** – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May





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