

Gracehill Primary School News

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Primary 7 News

Our P7 pupils will be informed on Saturday by email of their post-primary school for September. Should there be any issues tomorrow morning, please phone the Education Authority on **028 9598 5595** or email postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

It is customary for P7 classes to finish term slightly earlier than the remainder of school. Our P7s will finish their Primary School experience on Wednesday 26 June.

P6 SEAG Registration

The registration process for parents opened on Monday 20 May 2024 for P6 parents to apply to sit the assessments this coming Autumn. Parents should consult the SEAG website for details <https://seagni.co.uk/>

Sports Day

Hopefully on Wednesday 22nd May the sun will have his hat on for Sports Day! We are planning to hold this event in our beautiful Village Square and parents are welcome to spectate, support and encourage every pupil. There will be designated areas at each event that we kindly ask parents to watch from. Timings will be as follows:

P1 and P2 from 9:00am

P3 and P4 from 11:00am

P5, P6 and P7 from 1:00pm

Pupils should wear school polo shirt/plain white polo shirt with shorts/leggings and trainers (no school uniform required) to school on Tuesday 21st May (for a practice) and on Wednesday 22nd May for Sports Day.

Homework

I am very impressed with our children's attitude to their learning both in school and at home. Homework completion throughout the school year has been to a very high standard and we really appreciate the support of parents in making this possible. We will be finishing written homework at the end of May. From Monday 3rd June, we will be continuing with spellings, tables and reading for the first two weeks of June. We would encourage families to use the time usually given to completion of homework to enjoy quality family time together and to make the most of any good weather! Primary 6 will have their own arrangements.

PTA News

Summer Disco

Summer is coming and it is time for the children to get those dancing shoes on again. We are in the process of arranging a summer disco. Please keep your eyes peeled on our social media platforms, over the next few days, for more information.

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### **Child Protection Procedures for Parents**

If you, as a parent, have a concern about your child's safety, you may speak to the Designated Teacher, for Child Protection and Safeguarding, Mrs A Cousley, telephone (028 25643482). If you feel that this might be inappropriate, you may speak to the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Cameron or Mrs Kennedy in the Nursery Unit. If you are still concerned you may contact the Principal, Mr McCombe or Vice Principal Mrs Rowe, or write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, c/o Gracehill Primary School. At any time, you may talk to a social worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333 or the Regional Emergency Social Work Service on 02895 049999 – 5pm-9am Monday to Thursday, 5pm to 9am Friday to Monday. 24 hour cover over public holidays and 365 days per year. Our designated Governor for Child Protection and Safeguarding is Mr R Hall.

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Absence notification to School

On Day 1 of pupil absence – email khunter100@c2kni.net with the following details:

- Child's name
 - Child's teacher
 - Reason for absence
 - Estimated return to school
- A follow up email is only required if the reason for absence changes, such as a diagnosis from the GP
 - Karen's email is monitored from 9am to 1pm



Almac's Frances Walden and Professor Tom Moody, one of our parents, came to talk to the P7s about all things Science this week. The children learned about all the very exciting career opportunities that are available and were treated to some fascinating practical experiments.

Almac have very kindly sponsored 'Science in a Box' for the last few years. The P7 pupils get to explore our main body systems and make simple models, such as lungs from straws & balloons.





Coffee Morning and Craft Fair



10am-2pm Saturday

18th May

The Old Shop Gracehill

Proceeds for Christian Aid
Week



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**Summer
Sessions**
15TH JULY - 17TH AUGUST

ROCK OUT // Band Workshop

Ages 7-11yrs 5 Aug, 1 pm - 3 pm £60 per wk

TEENS 22nd Jul and/or 12th Aug, 1 pm - 3 pm £60 per wk

MUSIC MAKERS // Intro to Music workshop

Ages 7 - 11 29th Jul 10 am, - 1 pm or 12th Aug, 1 pm - 4 pm.

£70 per wk (**£60 SAVE £10** when you book before 7th June)

KEYNOTES // Beginner Piano workshop

Ages 5+ Available Tues - Thurs from 15 July // £50 for 5 wks

GUITAR & UKE CLUB // Beginner Workshops

Ages 7+ Available Tues - Thurs. from 15 July // £50 for 5 wks

MUSIC LESSONS // 1-2-1 Piano, Guitar, Singing & more

Weekly lessons available, 15 July - 17th Aug. **SAVE £10** when you book 5 lessons

Available Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, throughout Summer

MUSIC THEORY - Grades 1 - 5

22nd July, Grade 1 // 29th July, Grade 2 // 5th August, Grade 3 // 12th August, Grade 4 //
29th July or 12 August, Grade 5 // Prices from £75-90. Please contact us re: higher grades

POP UP SING // 2 hour vocal worksop // Theme SWIFTY or DISNEY



Find us @
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above Red Star Music, opposite

Tower Centre Car park

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E: info@ballymena

schoolofmusic.co.uk

SIGN UP TODAY

SUMMER JAM is back!

Come and join in the fun this year during one of our Awesome Activity packed weeks!

From Sports to Music Lessons and Water Fights to Science experiments. Don't forget that we have a Bouncy Castle EVERY DAY!

Running from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday FOR ONLY £99 ! That's less than £20 a day !

Talk about Cheap Childcare!

Follow the link below to sign up today for one of our weeks in Ballymena 15th-19th July or 5th-9th August, Belfast 29th July - 2nd August then and Antrim 12th-16th August.

Summer Jam 2024 - General Admission Ticket (music-rooms.com)

<https://music-rooms.com/product/summer-jam-2024-general-admission-ticket/>

We hope to see you there!

The Ballymena weeks (15th-19th July or 5th-9th August) are being held here in Gracehill PS!

