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Eco Team update

This week the Eco team have been thinking about biodiversity. They have installed bee barns, bird houses, bird feeders, hedgehog hotels and bug hotels around the grounds and will be keeping an eye to see what they attract over the coming weeks. They have also been preparing for some gardening and will be planting the rainbow garden from next week.



New P1s

If you know anyone who has received their letter of acceptance for a place with us next year, please remind them that they need to go on to the EA one hub to accept their place. Please also make them feel very welcome to our school family!



PFA

A huge thank you to our PFA who gave up their Saturday morning to do a bag pack at Tesco in Newtownards. They raised another £358.90 for the school funds. They have also been working away behind the scenes to arrange a Yummy Mummy Night for next Friday. This was a brilliant event when we ran it before. A time for you ladies to get together, without the children, and enjoy a bit of pampering, a bit of a spread and a bit of craic! Mrs Atcheson and the team always make sure it is well worth attending. So get your ticket booked and we'll see you there. Tickets are available from Mrs Porter in the office until Tuesday afternoon. After that you will have missed your chance!



The photographer is coming to school on Wednesday next week. If you wish to have family photographs taken, please come to the assembly hall from 8.20am. After that, all children will have their photograph taken and sent home for you to consider. If you wish to purchase the photos, follow the instruction on the packet and if not, just return them to school. We will also be taking the P1 and P7 class photos for our school display and updating some of our school signage. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform on Wednesday.



To mark this historic event, the children will be taking part in a special day on Friday

5th May. They will start the day with an assembly led by the choir singing their Coronation song. They will each be presented with a certificate, a book, and a commemorative badge as a keepsake. They may come to school in smart outfits, royal colours or party dresses on Friday, the choice is theirs. During the morning, there will be some games fit for a king. We are hoping to be able to open our adventure playground on the day – although that is dependent on the grounds being completed so we haven't mentioned it to the children yet!

We plan to have a picnic lunch at 1pm on the school lawn. Children having school dinners can have their lunch first and then join the picnic for the social event. All other children should bring their own picnic lunch. If the weather is dry, parents and families are invited to join us. Just bring your picnic blanket and whatever food you wish to enjoy. Children can sit in family groups for their picnic. Don't worry if you can't make it, the children will still have fun with their friends.

Coming Up

- 1st May – **School closed** – Bank Holiday
- 3rd May – School photograph day
 - Football team trials
- 5th May – Kings Coronation Party Day
- 8th May – **School Closed** – Kings Coronation
- 12th May – Ditch the Stabilisers
- 15th May – Glasonry tournament
- 17th May – Portavogie tournament
- 18th May – **School closed** – polling station
- 25th May – Shorts n Shades non-uniform day
 - Parents meeting for residential trip
- 26th May – **School closed** – half term long
- 29th May – **School closed** – Bank holiday
- 31st May – Sports Day (weather permitting)
- 1st June – House team challenge day
- 7th – 9th June – Greenhill residential trip
- 16th June – Prize Giving Assembly
 - PFA Summer Fair
- 21st June – School Play
- 23rd June – House Team celebration day
- 28th June – P7 Leavers assembly and last day
- 29th June – transition day
- 30th June – half day and end of term