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Welcome to the **Twenty-First** issue of The Bridge Newsletter, packed with photos and stories!

A Message From the Principal, Mr Carswell

Our Carbon Footprint

On the 6th of March a man called Shane from the FSC (Field Studies Council) visited our Yr6 class. He talked about our carbon footprint and how we could decrease the amount of carbon we release into our planet.



First, Shane started with a quiz. We had to circulate and ask people in our class if they did anything to help the environment. The way to win was to fill all the boxes with someone's name; I managed to fill in all the boxes.

Then we had to spot the types of fuel that are needed for things that we use in our daily life. This was quite difficult.

Finally we saw how big our carbon footprint was. Luckily no one had the Godzilla Stomp, the largest footprint of all! Most of us, including me, got 'Bare Feet', which was the lowest of them all. It was really fun and everyone enjoyed it. My favourite part was finding out how much carbon everyone released. Some of my friends used lots, whilst others, just a little.

After the workshop I was persuaded to help the environment by having a compost bin, using less electricity and doing everything I can to help the environment. Why don't you do this too and decrease the carbon released in our planet?

Every little helps.

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Visit from the Doctor

Dr Logan and his helper Mr Bones visited our Yr1 class on Tuesday the 25th of January. He showed us all the instruments he uses to do check ups when we are unwell. Lots of boys and girls volunteered to have their eyes, ears and throats examined. Everyone was in good health! We asked lots of questions and Dr Logan said we were so



good at listening and taking turns he gave us all a special sticker. We had lots of fun. Thank you, Dr Logan and Mr Bones.

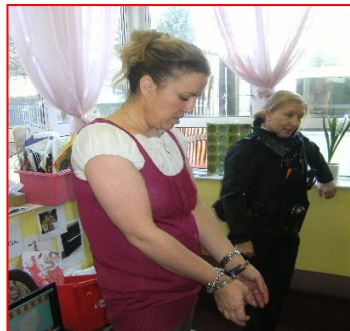


Yr1 Mrs O'Neill

The Police Visit to the Nursery



The nursery children had a visit by the police who came with their police van. It was very exciting.



Constable Mohammad and Constable Isobel talked to us about stranger danger and let us dress up in their uniform. We even got to handcuff Ms Ward.

She looks sorry for being so bold!



We all got to sit in the van and pretend we had been arrested...



We tried to look very sad to show we were sorry

How To Make An Alien



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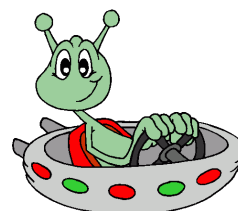
Does it look like an alien?

What we need:

- Play dough
- Pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Feathers

Steps:

1. Pick play dough.
2. Make its body.
3. Put on eyes.
4. Add hair.
5. Put on antennae.
6. Give it a name.



Yr1 O'Neill

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The Play Park!!!!



On Friday we all went to the play park as the "spring sun" was shining! Mrs McNamee took us and Miss Cara and Miss Ciara came too! First we lined up near the green fence and Mrs McNamee talked to us about playing safely and making the right choices so everyone would have fun!

Then we all ran to play! Some of us started playing on the big yellow climbing frame and others wanted to go down the slide really fast! Four of us went on the spinning top and got dizzy! There are tricycles to ride and one of them doesn't have pedals.....you have to move it with your hands, it's really tricky!

Finally when it was time to go. We had to tidy up and line up with our partners and go back to class. We were exhausted and really thirsty. We hope the sun shines lots this spring and summer so we can go to the play park lots!!

Yr1 Mrs McNamee



Mrs. Lundy's class enjoyed our space topic. We particularly enjoyed discussing the inflatable planets and learning many facts about them.



We now know that Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon and that Jupiter is the biggest planet, and Saturn is the planet that has rings around it. The sun is a star. It was a really interesting topic!

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Shrove Tuesday

We made pancakes at school!!



Miss McDermott showed us the ingredients and utensils. The topping was lemon juice and sugar. The first thing that was put in the bowl was flour,

then eggs. She told us to add milk to the batter so that it is smooth. There were 6 ingredients. There were 4 utensils. I got a pancake. It was delicious!

Mary Yr2 McD

Vet visit - February 2017



We have been learning all about The Vet. We were

so lucky and had a visit from a real vet from Cedar Grove! Mr Hetherington came and visited all the Yr2s. We learned lots about animals and how they get sick. He told us how he can make them well again.

We looked at X-Rays. There was a dog called Bruno. He swallowed a ball. The vet had to give Bruno an operation. There was a cat with a broken tail. But the vet made it better. I loved seeing the vet. I wish I could be a vet.

The vet looks after lots of animals. The vet looks after baby animals as well. We need to give them food and water and they also need a walk. We asked questions. I liked it when the vet came.

By Mae & Athirah Yr2 O'H



Seanan and Shravya helped the vet put a bandage on the dog's paw. The dog was a great patient and he let us play with him.



We used a stethoscope. It listens to animals heart beat. I had a go. It was beating quite fast. I think he was nervous in front of us.

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How to Plant a Seed



1. Get a plant pot.



2. Fill the pot with soil.



3. Make a hole in the soil.



4. Drop a seed in the hole.



5. Cover the seed with soil.



6. Give the seed

By Yr2 Shankelton.

Confirmation 2014



On Tuesday 4th March, all the P7's went to St. Bride's Parish Church for our Confirmation ceremony. We sang "God's Chosen People" as Bishop Farquhar walked down the aisle with Father O 'Donnell, Canon Mc Closkey and our visiting priest, Father Nick. The Bishop spoke to us about having and keeping our dreams. It was an inspirational talk.

When the anointing of the Chrism started, we stood forward to the Bishop with our sponsor and he sealed us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The ceremony was full of beautiful hymns including Spirit Anthem and Cloud's Veil, accompanied by our many talented musicians. We had trumpets, flutes, and harps to mention but a few, it was beautiful!

It was a very special day for all of us.



Lucy Yr7Kennedy

Saint Patrick's Day



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On Friday 14th March,
Mrs Cowan's class
had a Ceili in the classroom.
First we made Shamrock buns
using green icing to decorate them.
Then we tapped our feet and clapped our
hands as we listened to some traditional Irish music.
After that, we took turns to dance to the music.
Some children were Irish dancing!!
Finally, we ate our buns.
We had great fun on St Patrick's Day!



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On the 22nd January 2012, my class and Miss Roger's class went on a school trip to Castle Ward in Co. Down, to see what it was like to be an evacuee.

It was a very long journey, I was so glad to get there. When we got off the bus we met Albert. We said hello to the rest of the leaders. Their names were Sadie, Agnes and Polly. Everyone got into groups and started their activities, I was in Agnes's group.

First Agnes told us the jobs she had to do in the morning. She told us about the time her tractor broke down. After that Agnes showed us how to make a pot of pieces of paper. We put in the soil and put in the seeds and wrote our names.

Next we played with the toys that John and Margaret played with, they were very old. A few minutes later Albert came in and took us to the big house. First we went to Margaret and John's bedroom. When we had finished that we went to see Polly in the kitchen. Polly told us how to make wheaten bread. She showed us the things Margaret and John liked to eat - parsnip jam, potato scone, carrot cookies and vinegar cake. We found out how many dolly mixtures and boiled sweets Margaret and John had in one week.

Albert came in and took us to a big hall and we sang 'Run Rabbit'. Finally Albert said it was lunchtime, everyone gave a big cheer! I was starving, I was glad to have my lunch. it was yummy!

Before we went back to the bus we said goodbye the leaders and we sang a song. I was tired when I got back because it had been a long day...but it was EPIC!!!

Olivia Yr4 McD



On Wednesday 5th February our class went on a trip to a museum all about World War II. The museum building was beside St. Anne's Cathedral which was the only building left standing in the area after the Belfast Blitz in 1939. The door to the museum was opened by an actual evacuee who is 90 now!

First we ate our lunch and after that we watched a



shocking slideshow about the air raids. We learned some interesting facts like when war was declared and that a lemonade stall was used to contain water instead of lemonade.

It was fun to explore the museum and look at different objects. I really enjoyed it, however I think it could have been a full day trip.



By Niamh, Yr4 O'Hare

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Poem about Weather

Weather, weather don't bring clouds,
Clouds bring rain, we can't go out.

Weather weather bring the sun.
We'll play outside and have lots of fun.

Weather, weather, bring the snow,
I like making snowman as you know.

Weather, weather don't bring ice
slipping on it wouldn't be nice.

Yr3 G

The Blizzard

Narrative Writing

On the way home dad was lost in a blizzard. First dad was driving in his car. Next dad got lost in a blizzard. Then dad shouted for help but no one could hear him. After that dad tried to phone for help but there was no signal. Finally dad beeped his horn and Ollie heard him. Ollie was then able to show dad the way home.

In the end dad said thank you to Ollie. On their way home Dad and Ollie stopped to get some hot chocolate. Dad was happy that Ollie had found him because he had been very scared in the blizzard.

Ollie Yr3 McIlroy



Dear Autumn

Time to go!
Beat it! Get out!
Time to let fluffy flakes
But deadly flakes fall

I am Queen of winter!
Never get in my way!
And if you do!
I'll freeze your heart!

I bring chaos
to the roads!
I freeze the
ponds and rivers!

But at the end
I'll be defeated by the
spring magi!
Take your bow Autumn!
Get lost!
It's over now I am
The

BOSS!

By Lauren Yr4 McD

I am Winter

Dear Autumn
It's time to go, beat it!
Say goodbye! Get lost!
It's time for shocking conditions.

Go hibernate, your time is up!
Now the Master strikes again
Bringing blizzards as I blow!

I am Winter,
Master of the Seasons!

The black knight fights
The leaves off all the trees.
While I blast lots of snow,
Breathing ice round the roads.

I shall have your throne
And your palace of colours.

But my grip will slip,
And ice will go, when the Spring springs again.

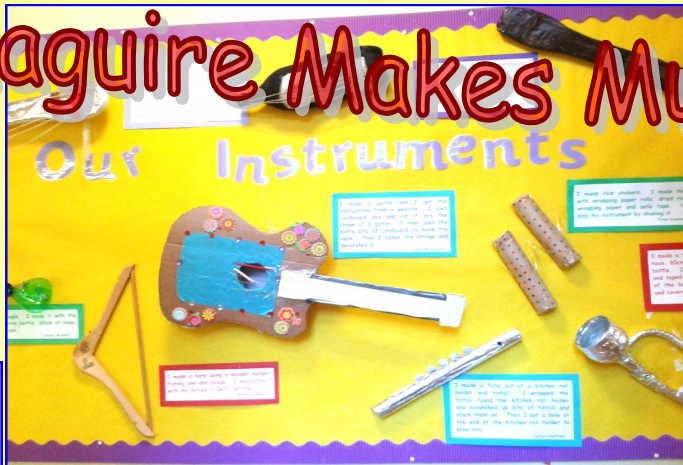
So Autumn it's your time to go,
My gift is better than yours,
So go away,
It's time for snow!

By Pearse Yr4 McD

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Yr5 Maguire Makes Music

Our class is learning about sound. We experimented with different instruments to find out how they made sound. Then we got to make our own instruments.



I made a harp using a wooden hanger. I put holes in the frame and threaded through fishing line for the strings and secured it with beads. I decorated it with my initials in Celtic writing. When you pluck the strings it makes a sound like a harp.

By Eimear Yr5 Mrs Maguire

Our Music Morning



On Tuesday 25th March at 9:30am Mrs Gray's class and Mrs. Toal participated in a Music Morning led by Mrs. Eames at the School of Music in Castle High School. We were joined by four other local schools.

For the songs The Drunken Sailor and O Sinner Man I played the tune of the songs on the xylophone with Karen, Matt and Aoife. I also played a steady beat on the claves for Dem Bones and the tambour for the Best Band in the Land. In addition we composed a sound grid. It was based on pictures we were given about a dog stealing sausages and was then caught by a dog warden. For this I trickled up and down the xylophone to represent the chase.

We had the chance to see the other schools perform their compositions. The school that really stood out was Fleming Fulton. They used special buttons and instruments to play music, we all really enjoyed watching and listening to them.

After the fun time we had, we were given an extra surprise by being taken

back to school on a vintage double-decker bus. We all sat on the top level and lots of fun driving through Belfast. I had a great time at the music morning.

By Faiz Mohd Faisal



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Ulster Hall-Our Belfast



By
Edward & Chakshu -Yr5 Mr. Duffin

On 27th March 2014 our class went to the Ulster Hall to learn about our beautiful city, Belfast. Jan and Keith met us at the door and introduced themselves to us.

We walked inside the Ulster hall and went through the café, mmm...the food smelled yummy! On our way upstairs we saw photos of some famous people from Belfast.

Next we were brought into a room full of chairs with pen and paper under each one. Jan asked 10 questions, true or false, about Belfast city-our class scored really high! Following that we each picked something we loved about Belfast and we all came up with different ideas. We were given a map of Belfast and asked to find 3 places that we had visited in our lives.

Finally we explored the main hall and learned lots of interesting facts about the people and the city of Belfast. We never imagined that Belfast had so many secrets and exciting things to offer us!



Our class Yr6 Miss Maguire learnt about smoking and how it can affect you. We learnt it can affect your lungs especially but overall your body and your appearance. We also found out what is inside a cigarette we looked and we found that it can contain aretone, arsenic, tar methanol and lots of other harmful chemicals.

We had to design a comic strip about how smoking will change in the future. It was important that the comic strip was colourful and imaginative.



At length we signed cards which were handed out by our teacher which read 'I am an official SMOKEBUSTER!'

Overall we learnt

DON'T SMOKE!

Getting Creative with Year 5F!



This term Year 5F have been lucky enough to have enjoyed the help of local artist **Anne Harrigan**. Anne helped us to create amazing clay sculptures for World Book Day which was on Thursday 6th March. We chose a favourite character from our reading books and using some pretty clever techniques we managed to create their faces in clay!

Anne showed us how to start our pieces by making a thumb bowl. Then we added some features by scoring



the clay, applying some 'slip' and pressing the different pieces together. We allowed the models to dry and then we used colourful paint to decorate the faces and PVA glue to glaze them!

Ask our class to show you some of our models!

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James' Magical Science and Engineering Show



Wednesday 12th February was a wet and dreary morning. We remember it well as we were off to the Assembly Hall at the University of Ulster. We were going to see some science experiments and hopefully learn something to help us in our Primary 6 year.

We discovered a lot of new facts, witnessed wonderful experiments and developed an extended science vocabulary. We watched a rocket being launched, balloons being blown up in unusual ways and liquids changing colours. Would you believe it - we even saw a straw being turned

into a musical instrument, and science explained it all to us.

So that wet and dreary morning turned out to be an exiting and fun experience. We discovered that science is both interesting and important. Science teaches us about the world around us. Some of us in Year 6Y may become the scientists or engineers of the future.

Watch out everyone - here we come!



By Yr6 Young

Cumman na Bunscoil Quiz 2014



On Wednesday 12th March 2014, two teams from St Brides P.S were entered into the Annual Cumman na Bunscoil Quiz in St Peter's P.S, Belfast. The quiz covered various aspects of Irish culture, including Irish history, geography, famous people and politics. One team consisted of Eoin, Garret, Kate and Meera. They finished joint 3rd with a score of 21 so that meant that they had to do four extra questions and with 4/4 they came 3rd. Our team was, Josef, Shane, James and Niamh, we scored 36 points out of a possible 48 and finished first overall. We then went to the Ulster Finals in Irvinstown, Fermanagh on Tuesday 25th March and came 5th out of the 35 schools who where there. We are extremely proud of our achievement!



Shane & Josef Yr7K

My Rainforest Animal Report



The Toucan

is a type of bird which lives on its own until it mates. It is massively colourful, but actually blends into its surroundings! They have very distinct colours and sizes. Its bill is very large and can be over half its body size! Its neck is short and stubby but is very powerful. Their wings are very short so it is incapable of flying long distances. The toucan's toes are in pairs and some face inwards. This helps it balance and to defend himself. The male and female are identical in colour and in size.

The toucan lives in tropical rainforests such as Southern Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean region. It loves the rainforest as it can camouflage itself from predators. It is mostly found in the understorey and canopy. Here it lays eggs, mates and finds food. It does not go down to the forest floor.

Toucans have a 6 inch tongue, which is useful for eating lots of insects at a time. They prey on lots of things but only a few things hunt them! For example, a human and a big cat. The toucan protects itself by using its bill or calling out to family or members of its group. Amazingly, there are forty different species of Toucan, though the most widely recognised would be the Toco Toucan. Females lay two to four eggs each year. It is surprising but people actually keep them as pets.

I loved writing about the Toucan as they really fascinate me!

By Rosa Yr7 McGivern

Young Enterprise in Full Swing!



Year 5 have been involved in the **Young Enterprise** scheme which came to visit the school on Tuesday 8th April. We had expert guidance from Young Enterprise representative Jeanine. She showed us how different parts of cities are built up and why businesses choose to set up in different areas around a city. We made some 3D buildings and even created a city of our own.

Part of the morning involved creating our very own restaurant business. When we had come up with a name we had to decide the type of food the restaurant would sell and even the décor! We finished the day with each group giving a special presentation to everyone that took part. It was very exciting to think about planning and running our very own businesses.



**Ask us about our
restaurants
we'd love to tell you more!**



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Yr1 World Book Day Winners



Martha Donal James Barra

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Yr2 World Book Day Winners



Maral Oliver Niamh Conor

P3 World Book Day Winners



Ciaran Jack Xiaofan Ollie

On Thursday 6 March, Yr1,Yr2 and Yr3 children went to the hall for a special assembly on World Book Day. First Mrs O'Prey told a story about how books can cheer you up when you're lonely, worried or sad. Next the children watched a Power Point of the story of The Sun and The Wind that Faolan Conlon had produced. Finally Mrs O'Prey thanked everyone for their competition entries. The Yr1's and Yr2's drew their favourite character. The Yr3's completed a book review. The winners were delighted to receive their certificates and prizes. All the children enjoyed the assembly.

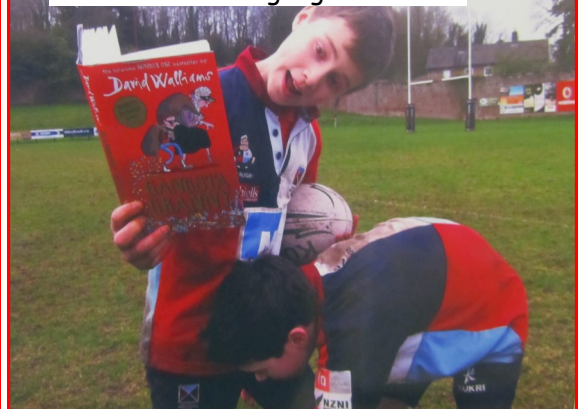
By Yr3 O'Prey



Everyone in Yr.7 was asked to make a bookmark for World Book Day. We were able to decorate it in whatever way we wanted to. The slogan I chose was "Leap into A Good Book" with a frog jumping into a book. I also stuck on a few glittery butterflies. I was really excited when they announced that I won and I am very proud of the certificate that I received.

By Aoife Yr7 Granleese

Cristian tackling a good book



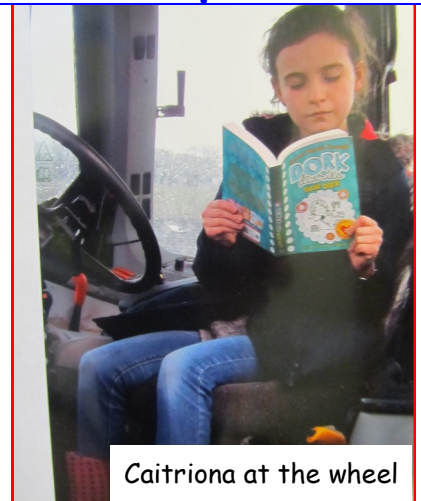
The Year 6 pupils read their books in unusual places..



Suke in a shaded spot



Theresa in a quiet place



Caitriona at the wheel

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To celebrate World Book Day 2014, the pupils of KS2 were assigned different tasks. The Year 5 pupils decorated a potato as a book character, the Year 6 pupils submitted a photograph of themselves reading a book in an unusual place and the Year 7 pupils designed a bookmark as part of the 'National Book Tokens Competition'.

Congratulations to everyone for taking part this year. The winners in KS2 were:

Year 5- Maya, Mani, Owen, Betsy

Year 6- Rory, Cristian, Evie, Rebecca

Year 7- Aoife, Christine, Orlaith, Katy



The Year 4 pupils had to complete a book review. The winners are:
Dara , Iya , Oliwia , Lucy



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Belfast Primary School South Heat Cross Country Champions



The school cross country teams qualified for the Belfast Primary School Cross Country Finals on the 3rd April. We have been training, along with our coaches Mrs Kennedy and Mr Duffin, every Friday since Christmas. We have trained in all weather conditions, at school and in Musgrave Park (our parents can vouch for this!!) and we have worked very hard. The squad was recently reduced to 22 members, eleven girls and eleven boys and on Tuesday 11th March, this squad competed in the South Belfast heats. Fortunately both teams achieved great success and now go forward to the Belfast finals. The boy's team finished first and the girls finished second.

Lauren & Katy Yr7K



Running is a sport for everyone. It's a great way to get fit and have fun. This year I joined the cross country team and I really enjoyed it. The St Bride's girls and boys cross country teams both did well in the south east Belfast races and qualified for the Belfast final. The final was on the 3rd of April in Ormeau Park. We were all really nervous before the race. We had to run 1.2km and the teams that were there had all qualified in their local races so the standard was very high. It was really hard but somehow I won the race. It was an amazing feeling. I couldn't believe it. The boy's team had four people who came top ten; Now we are really looking forward to the Northern Ireland finals

Paul Carty Yr 7 G

All County Finals 2014



On the 4th of March 2014, the 5-a-side hurling team went to play some matches in Andersonstown Leisure Centre. We played 3 teams, which also got in to the county finals. We won one, drew one and lost one. Overall, we came second. Mr Duffin was happy with our performances and so were we!

By Ronan and Liam Yr7 McGivern



Our School Website

Don't forget to check out our school website at www.stbridesps.org.uk. Here you can keep up-to-date with the latest news and events currently happening in and around the school. You can also view photographs of our pupils on Educational visits and even download pupils work.

By Mr Murray ICT coordinator