

GILNAHIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE



Our School Motto:

'Today's Learning for Tomorrow's World'

Our School Vision Statement...

At Gilnahirk Primary School, we seek to provide a happy and caring learning environment for each child. We hope that by helping them realise their potential, celebrating their achievements, respecting their differences and encouraging mutual respect, we will foster self esteem and provide a solid foundation for their future.

Dear parent,

I trust you are well.

We have reached the end of another month and it's good to see a bit more daylight in the mornings and evenings. It has even stopped raining for a while, so that's nice too.

At the top of this week's update, you will find some new information regarding an upcoming Parents' Association event - please do consider signing up.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENT - GUINOT FACIAL MASSAGE WORKSHOP...



Date: **Friday 13th March**

Time: **7.30pm - 9.00pm**

Details: Debbie from Guinot, based in Kings Square, will provide a demonstration on a Guinot massage routine that can be followed at home. All participants will receive a goody bag to take home. We will also have some nibbles and BYO.

Ticket price: **£20**

Tickets can be bought via SchoolMoney. Link to payment will be sent this afternoon (Friday 27th February)

P1-6 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (MONDAY 9 MARCH - THURSDAY 12 MARCH)

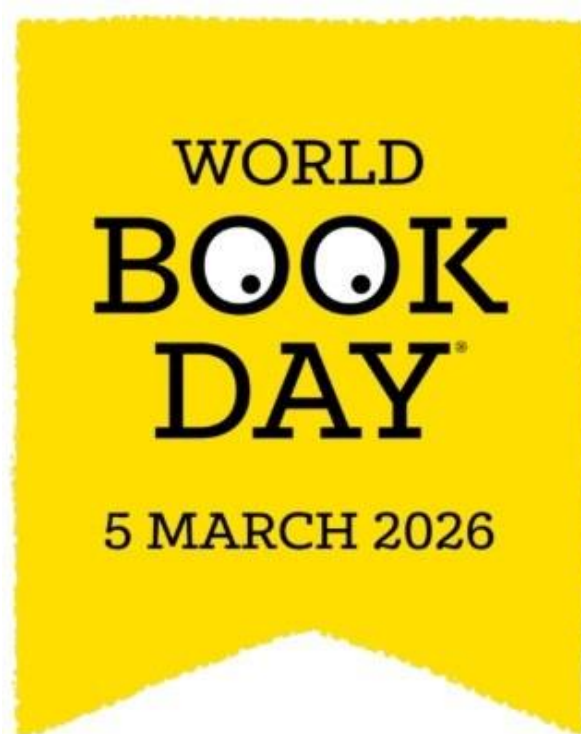


Please see below for information on our second round of P1-6 Parent-Teacher interviews:

- Date: **Monday 9th March - Thursday 12th March.**
- P1-6 children will **finish at 1.15pm** each of those days to accommodate the interviews.
- Packed lunches/dinners will happen as normal - just slightly earlier each day to accommodate the early finish for children.

Almost all of you (90%) have signed up for an interview. The portal is now closed for bookings. If you have not yet booked a slot, you will be given one by your child's class teacher - please check school bag/homework diary for this.

WORLD BOOK DAY (THURS 5 MARCH)...



World Book Day is **Thursday 5 March**. To mark the occasion, we will do the following:

- Whole school writing on the book 'The Day the Crayons quit'.
- Reading Buddies session 4.
- Book swaps/Book donations (some classes).
- Other relevant WBD activities, live lessons etc.

CAR PARK SITUATION - THANK YOU...



On behalf of the governors, I want to thank you for your cooperation with the new regulations around access to the school car park. We acknowledge that this decision has required some of you to amend pick up arrangements, but the school grounds are now much safer for all of our children, which is the driving force behind this decision.

Mr. Campbell will continue to be a visible presence at the gate - please respect the fact that he is simply carrying out the wishes of the Board of Governors.

REMINDER - EXTRA STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS...



The Department of Education has allocated two additional staff development days to schools to train staff in TransformEd, the DE project to reform the NI Curriculum.

I am now in a position to confirm that these two dates will be:

- **Tuesday 17th March** (St Patrick's day)
- **Tuesday 26th May** - to tie in with the late May bank holiday.

School will be closed to children on both of the above dates.

MESSAGE FROM ASTORIA WRAPAROUND CARE...



Join our wraparound team...

Are you passionate about working with children? Do you want to make a difference before and after the school day? Come and join our dedicated Wraparound Care team!

Positions Available:

- Breakfast club staff (8.00-8.40)
- After school club staff (1.30/2 - 5.00/5.30)

What we offer:

- Flexible hours to fit your schedule
- A friendly and supportive team environment
- Opportunities for professional development
- Rewarding work, making a real difference for children and families

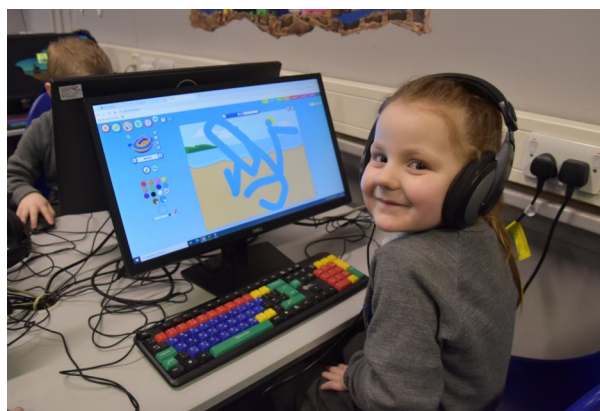
Who we're looking for:

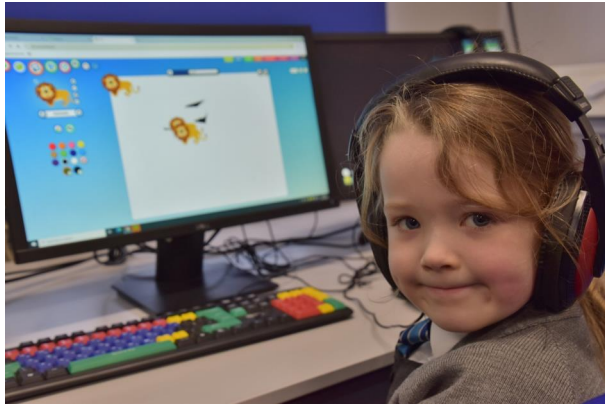
- Enthusiastic and reliable individuals

If you think this is for you, speak directly to Sinead or Cathy or email astoriawraparound@outlook.com

SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK...

P1 USING 'JUST2EASY' TO DRAW PICTURES...





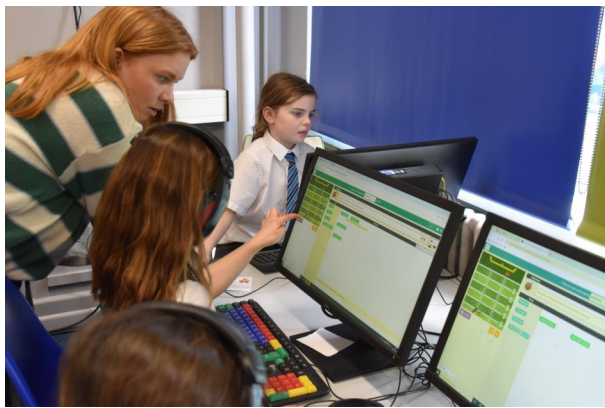
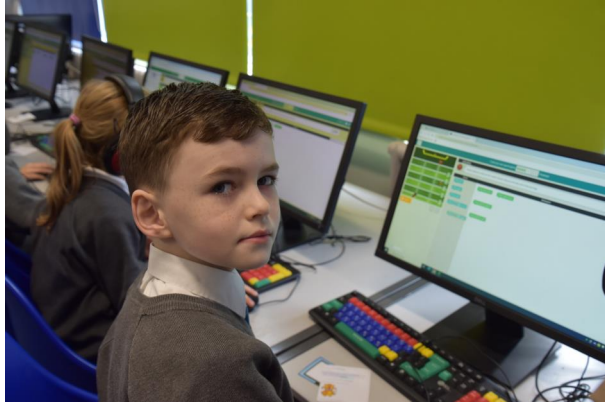
P2 DESK PETS...

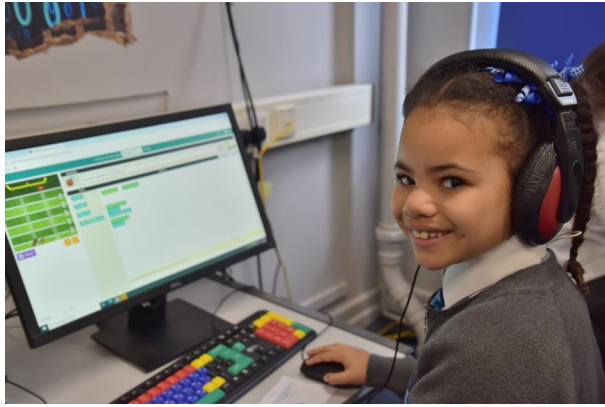




P4 CODERS...







P4 FUN IN P.E...







P5 HULA HOOP FRACTIONS...



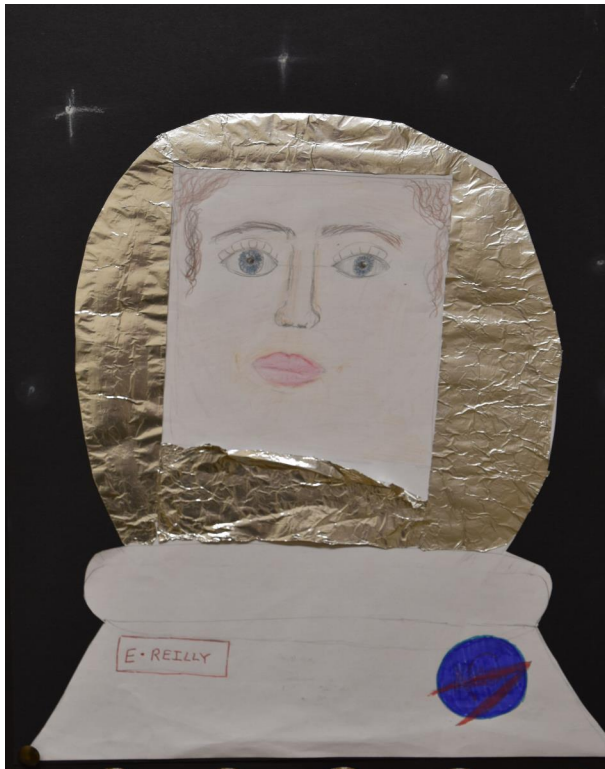


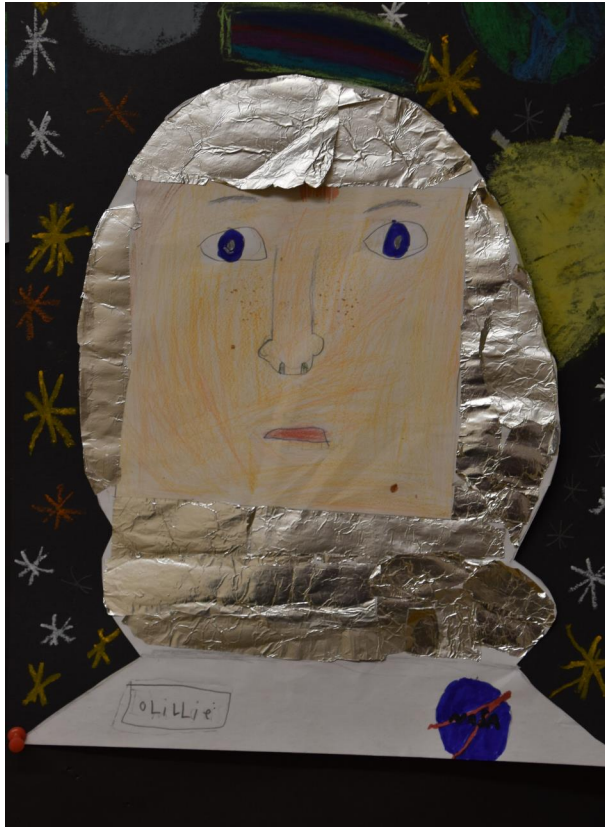


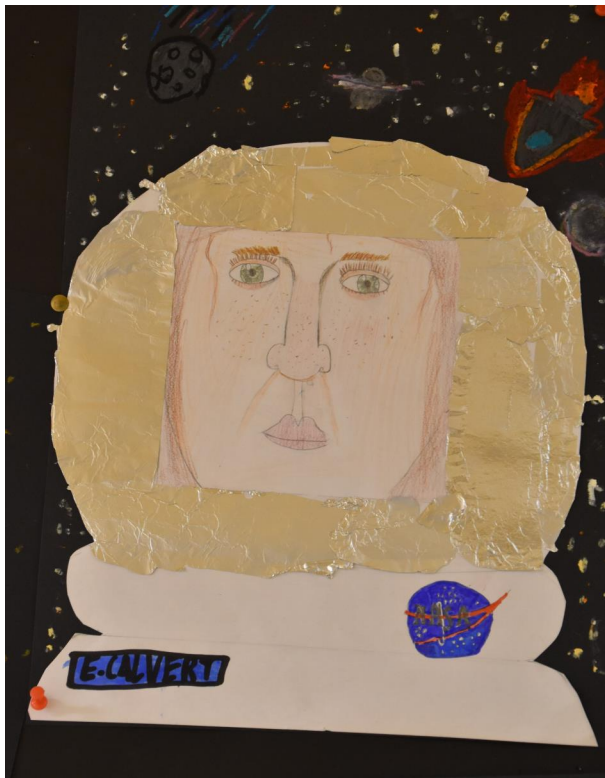
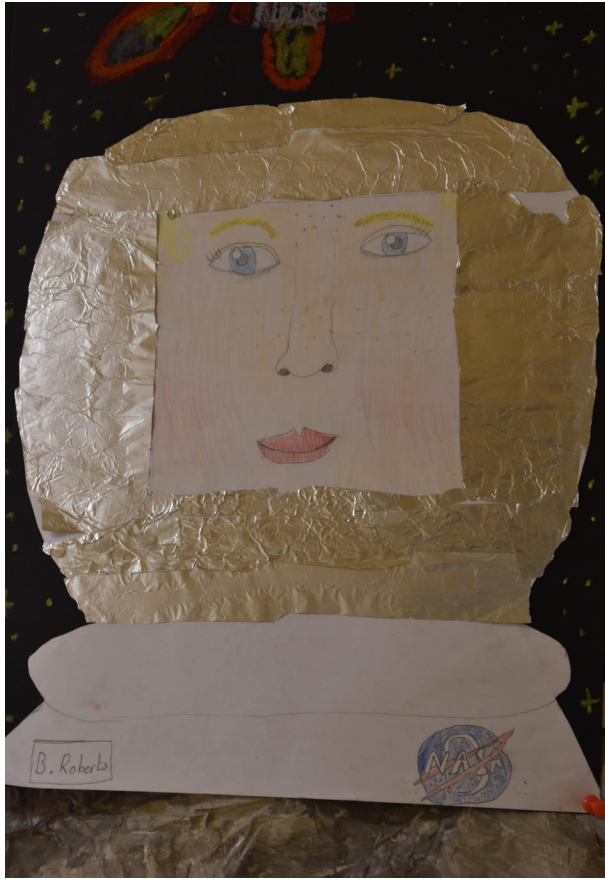


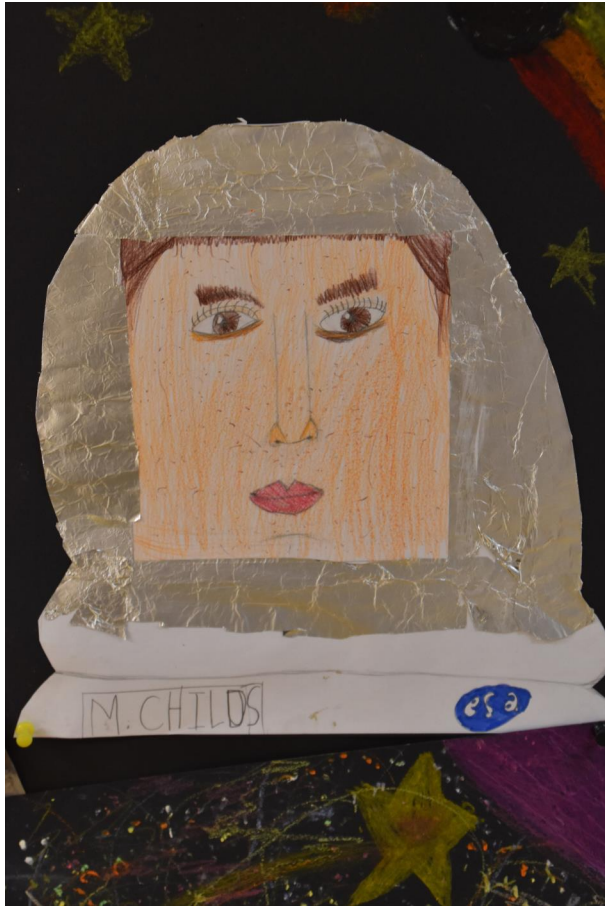


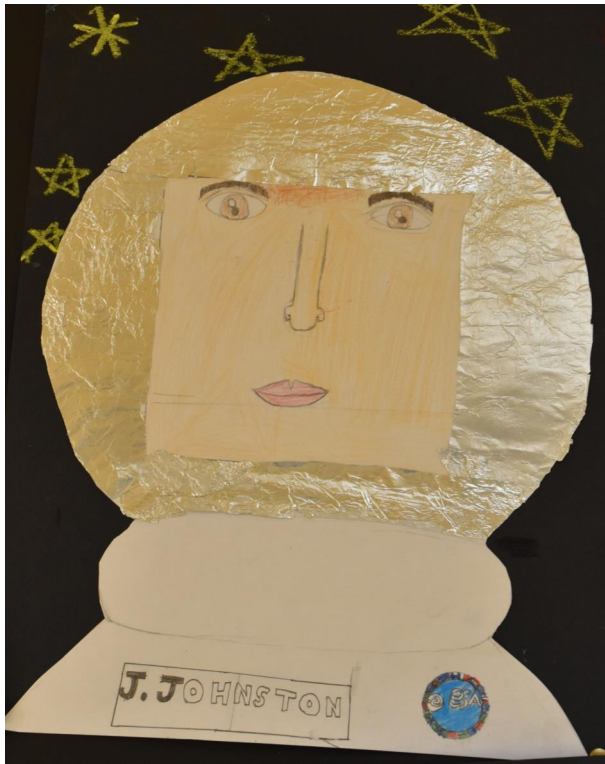
P6 ONE SMALL STEP..











P7 CRAZY CUSTARD EXPERIMENT...









1 - P7H/D with their 'Crazy Custard' write ups...

P7 FAMOUS PEOPLE PRESENTATIONS...

From pioneering singer-songwriter David Bowie to the 'Belfast Boy' George Best, to girls' education activist Malala Yousafzai, P7 gave presentations of all sorts of famous people this week...

Michael Jackson
American singer-songwriter and dancer



Harlow Luna White
British equestrian influencer



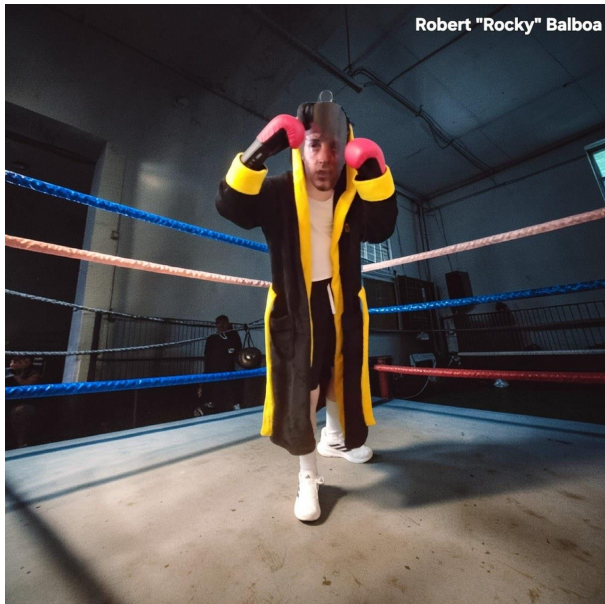
Malala Yousafzai
Pakistani education activist



George Best
Northern Irish footballer



Robert "Rocky" Balboa



Ellen MacArthur
Retired sailor





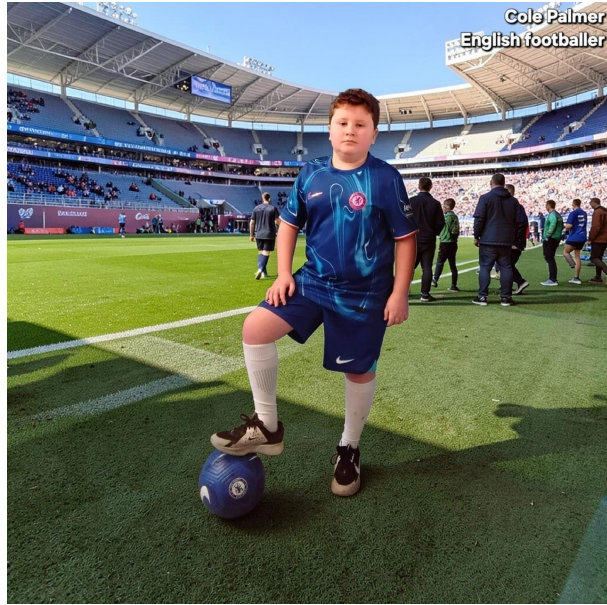
David Bowie
English singer-songwriter and actor



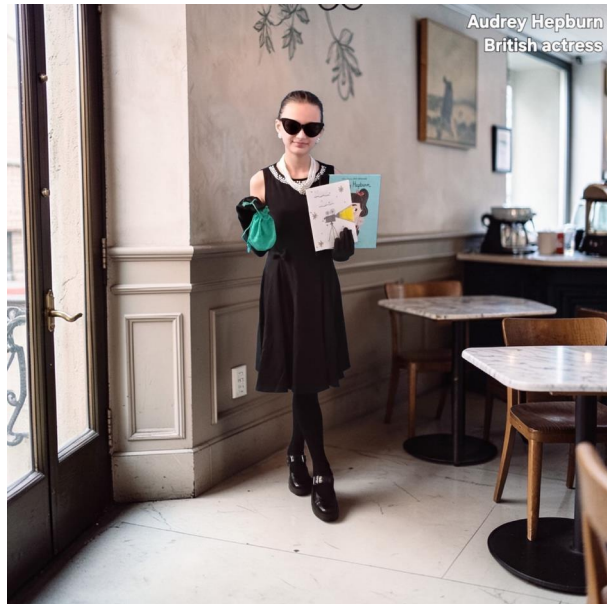
Enid Blyton
English children's writer



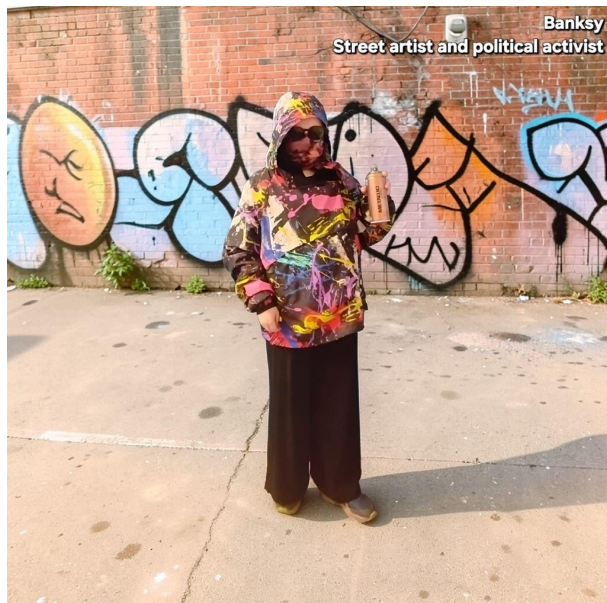
Katie Mullan International Hockey Player
Olympian
World Cup Silver Medalist



Cole Palmer
English footballer



Audrey Hepburn
British actress

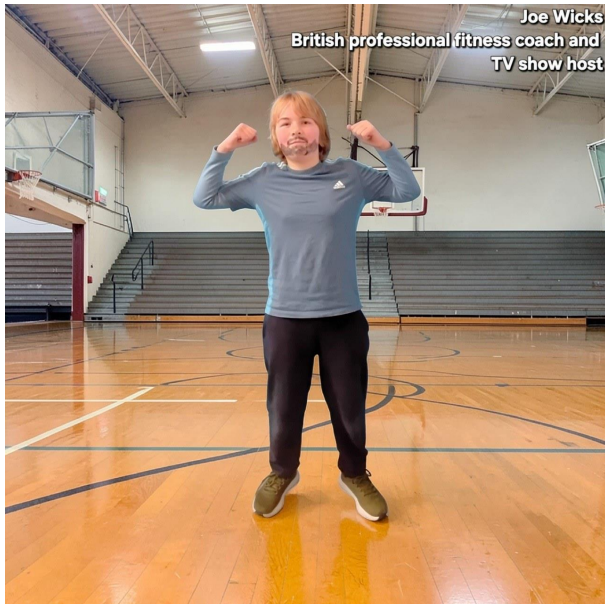


Banksy
Street artist and political activist

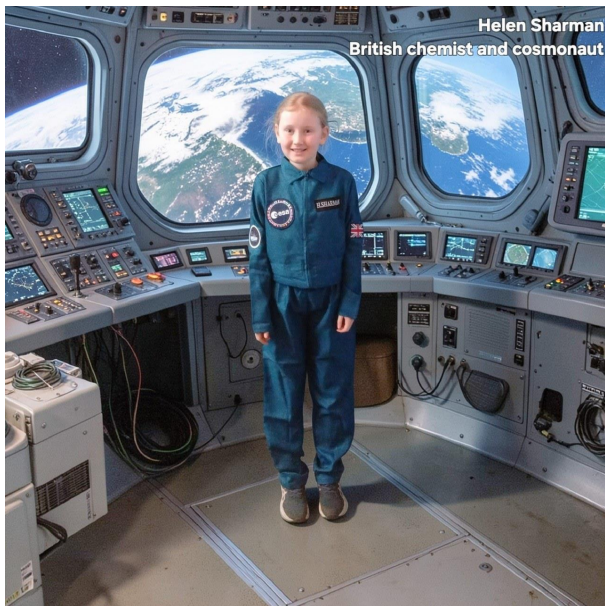
Olivia Rodrigo
American singer-songwriter



Joe Wicks
British professional fitness coach and
TV show host



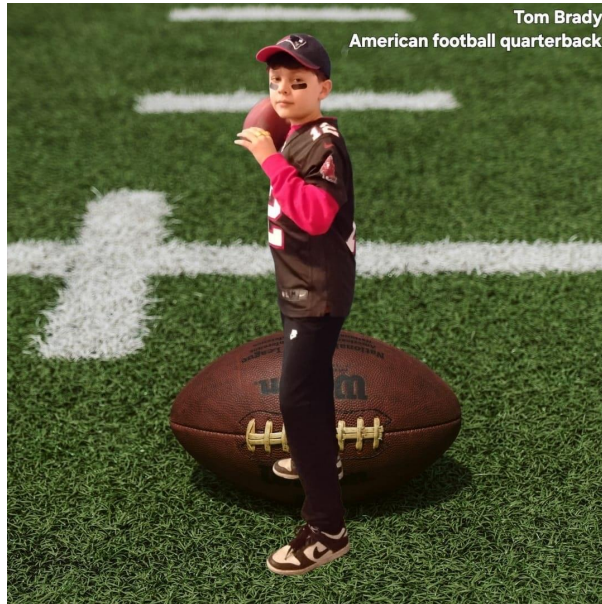
Helen Sharman
British chemist and cosmonaut



James Tavernier
English footballer

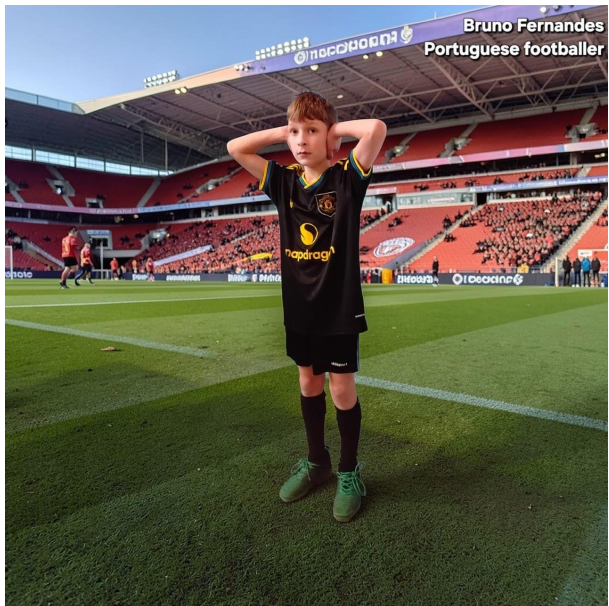


Tom Brady
American football quarterback



Frida Kahlo
Mexican painter





Claudia Winkleman
Broadcaster and writer



Millie Bobby Brown
British actress



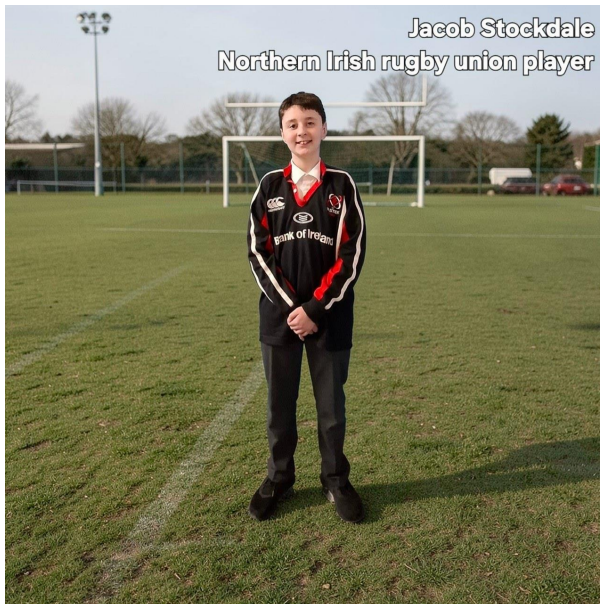
Lilah Fear
British ice dancer



**Dan Gordon, Northern Irish actor,
director and playwright**



**Jacob Stockdale
Northern Irish rugby union player**



**Zdeno Chára
Slovak former ice hockey
defenceman**





GIRLS' FOOTBALL UPDATE...

Our girls' five a side squad travelled to the Shankill Leisure Centre this week to compete in the Belfast District 5 a side tournament. The girls performed brilliantly, finishing top of their group undefeated, leading to the final against local rivals Braniel PS. After a very close encounter, the Gilnahirk girls lost by the narrowest of margins, 1-0. Hard luck girls!



2 - Back row: Ailsa, Ruby, Emily

Front row: Ellie, Robyn, Charley

GILLY'S GILNAHIRK VALUES...



Our Gilly's Gilnahirk Value for the month of February has been **DETERMINATION!**

THE GILNAHIRK GALLERY OF GREATNESS...



3 - Super Literacy in P3 from Lexi, Daniel, Corey, Irene and Corin. Well done, everyone!



4 - Brilliant reading activities in P3 from Jack, Sofia, Ema and Drew. Great work!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS...

Community Connections

If you are involved in any community linked activities and would like to promote them through our weekly update, please feel free to send to me via email

dcorbett546@c2kni.net

READING FAIR 2026

EAST SIDE LEARNING

Friday 6th March
2:00-5:00pm
Skainos Centre

Information stalls, immersive storytelling experiences, creative arts and crafts, and sensory play - perfect for children in Early Years to KS2.

New Date

Parent Workshop



Are you a parent fed-up fighting fires every day?
Do you feel caught in negative cycles with your partner and children?

You can **Bounce Back**!

Join our 3 week, practical parenting programme to support you to build calmer, more connected family relationships.

Online via Zoom, for three consecutive Mondays starting 9th March, 7-8:30pm.

Call 0808 8020 400 to book your place.

GALAXY Easter Sports Camps

Strathearn School, Belfast, BT4 2AU

Hockey Camp	Ages 8-14 yrs	Week 1 & Week 2
Sports Camp	Ages 4-12 yrs	Week 1 & Week 2
Netball Camp	Ages 8-14 yrs	Week 2 only

Week 1: Tuesday 31st March - Thursday 2nd April
Week 2: Wednesday 8th April - Friday 10th April

Hillsborough Village Centre, BT26 6AR

Sports Camp	Ages 4-12 yrs	
Football Camp	Ages 4-12 yrs	

Week 1: Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

Time: 9AM-2PM
Early Drop from 8am

£35 per day *
Multiple Day & Sibling Discounts Apply

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KEY DATES IN TERM 2...



- **Monday 2/Tuesday 3 March** - P1-6 SEN annual reviews.
- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day/Reading Buddies session 4.
- **Monday 9th March - Thursday 12th March** - P1-P6 parent teacher interviews.
- **Wednesday 18th March** - Board of Governors' meeting.
- **Friday 27th March** - last day of term 2, early finish.
- **Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April** - Easter Holidays.
- **Monday 13th April** - school resumes for term 3.

With kind regards

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Principal.

