



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 hope you have had a good week.

Here is our latest update...

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.
- P7 children will stay in school as normal.
- Packed lunches/dinners will happen as normal - just slightly earlier each day to accommodate the early finish for children.
- There are no after school activities Monday 9th - Thursday 12th. Coding will take place as normal on Friday 13th

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 can be found in the 'Shop' section.

OTHER UPCOMING PARENTS ASSOCIATION EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR...

SMARTIES TUBES...



On **Monday 16th March**, children will receive a tube of smarties (alternatives will be provided children with dairy intolerance/allergy).

After eating the Smarties, please try and fill the tubes with coins and return by Friday 27th March - remember, every little helps!

CASH FOR CLOBBER...

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Clothing Recycling.
The easy way to
generate cash
for your School.

we weigh. we pay.



ACCEPTED ITEMS	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
CLOTHING – Menswear, ladieswear, <u>childrenswear</u> . Paired shoes (tie laces to keep them paired) Bags Hats & Scarves Ties Belts Curtains Bed Linen (sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)	No BRIC 'a' BRAC No Dirty/Wet Clothing No single shoes No Bedding/cushions No Mats/Carpets



Cash for Clobber collections can be donated on **Friday 17th April** - first week back after the Easter break. This is a chance to have that long awaited Spring clean, whilst raising funds for the school. See image above for accepted items and items that are not accepted.

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.

SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK...



P1 BALL GAMES...

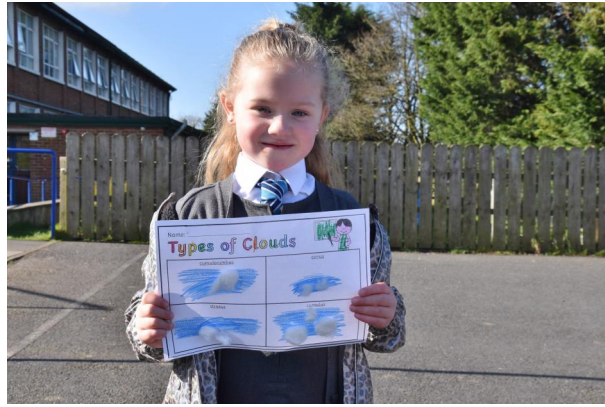




P2 CLOUD SPOTTERS...















P3 MATHLETICS CERTIFICATES...







P3 PE...







P3 TURTLES...







P4 ENJOYING THE BREAKTIME SUNSHINE...







P5 HAVE A BRAIN BREAK...

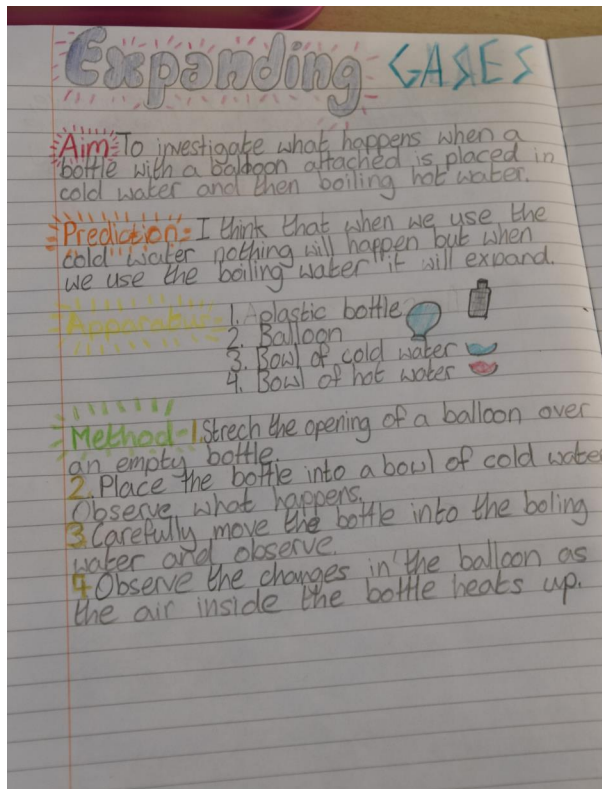




P7 EXPANDING GASES EXPERIMENT...





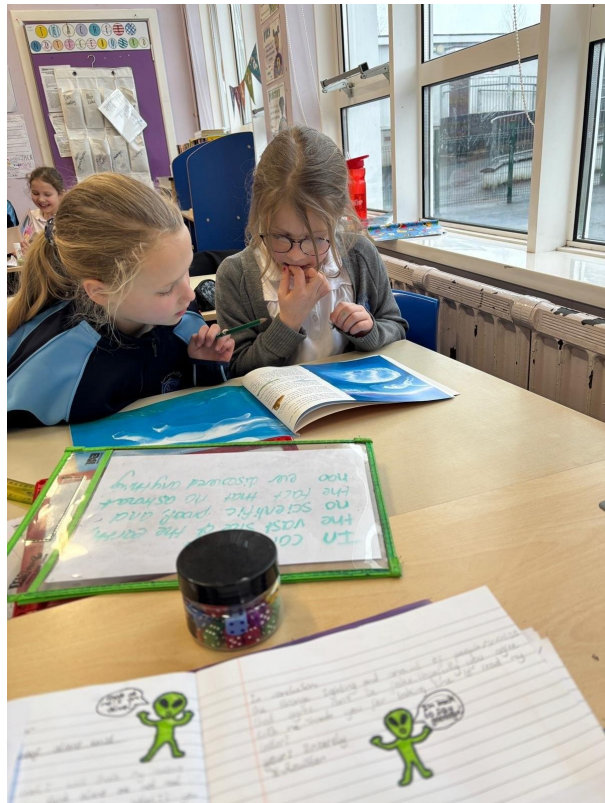
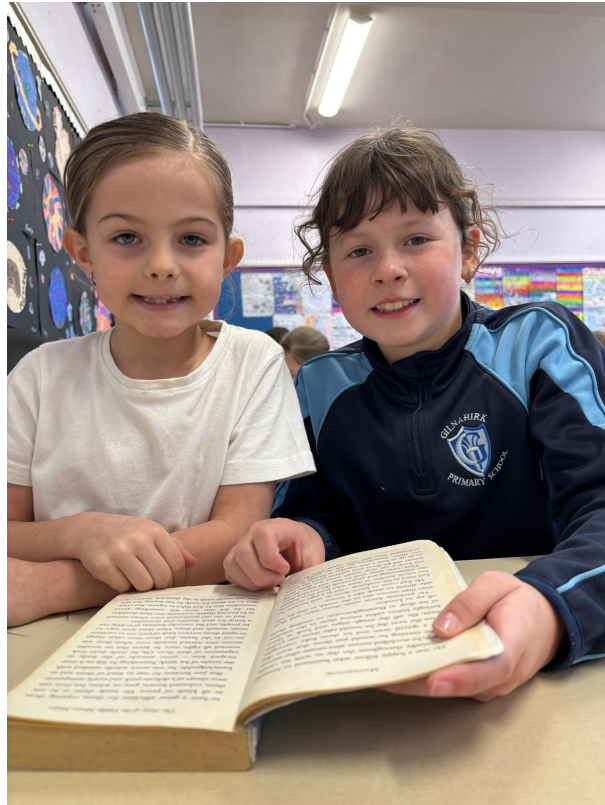


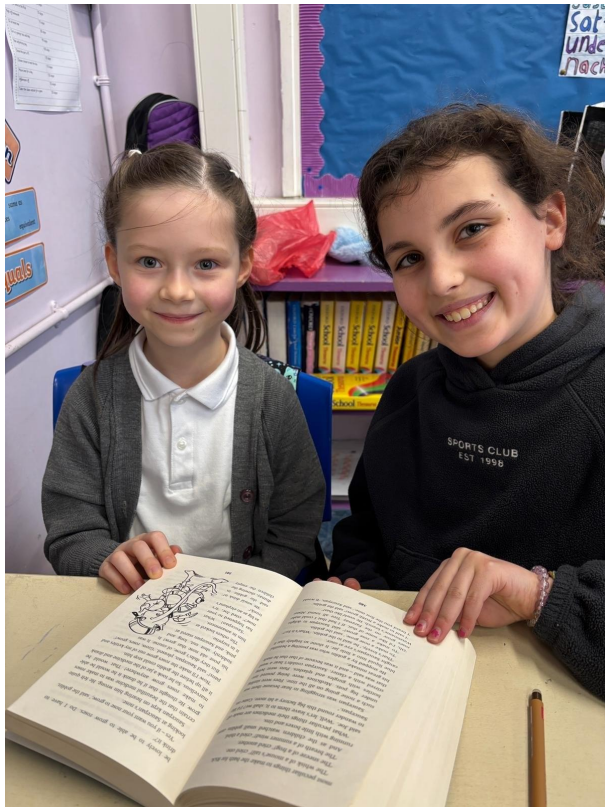
READING BUDDIES ON WORLD BOOK DAY...



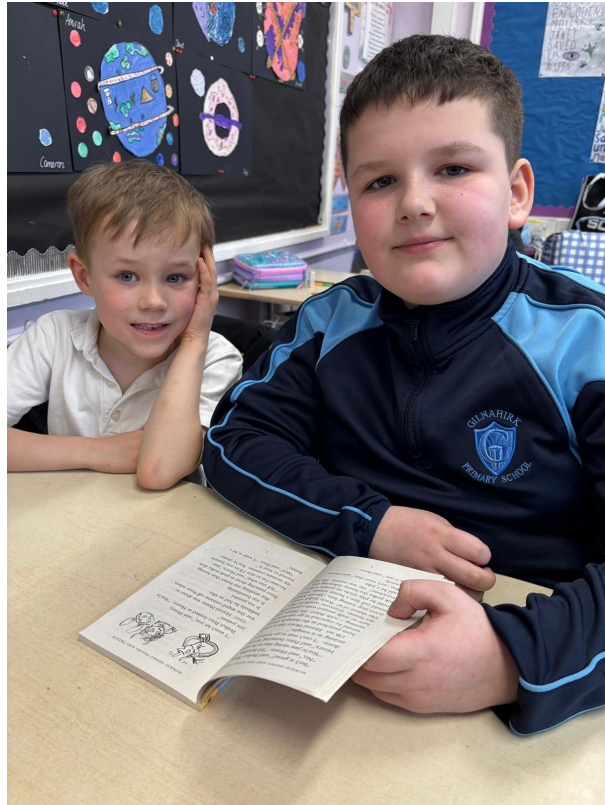














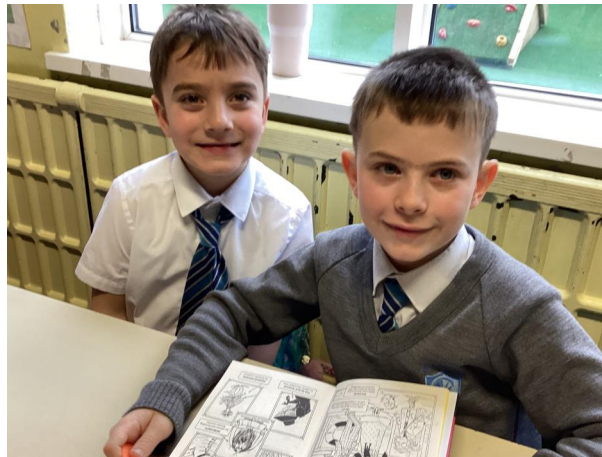








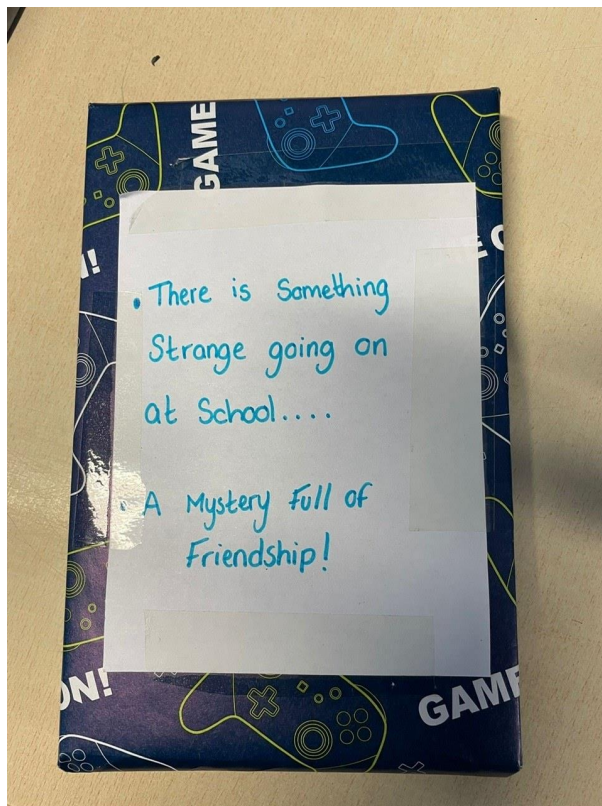








MYSTERY BOOK SWAPS ON WORLD BOOK DAY..





PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY TALK FOR P5-7...





FOOTBALL UPDATE...

Another local derby this week, with a fixture against Braniel PS. After a cagey start from both teams, and the score locked at 1-1 at half time, Gilnahirk pulled away in the second half with a goal fest, resulting in a convincing 8-2 victory.

David McNeill and Leo Millar with 2 goals each, and goals from David Rice, Otis Lillie, Lucas Shepherd and Joshua Simpson, who scored a 'worldie' from an impossible angle. A great performance from the whole team.







ART CLUB...

Art Club enjoyed some watercolour painting and abstract art this week...



GILLY'S GILNAHIRK VALUES...



We gave out certificates in Assembly for DETERMINATION and introduced our Gilly's Gilnahirk value for March - ASPIRATION



1 - P1-4 Determination certificates.



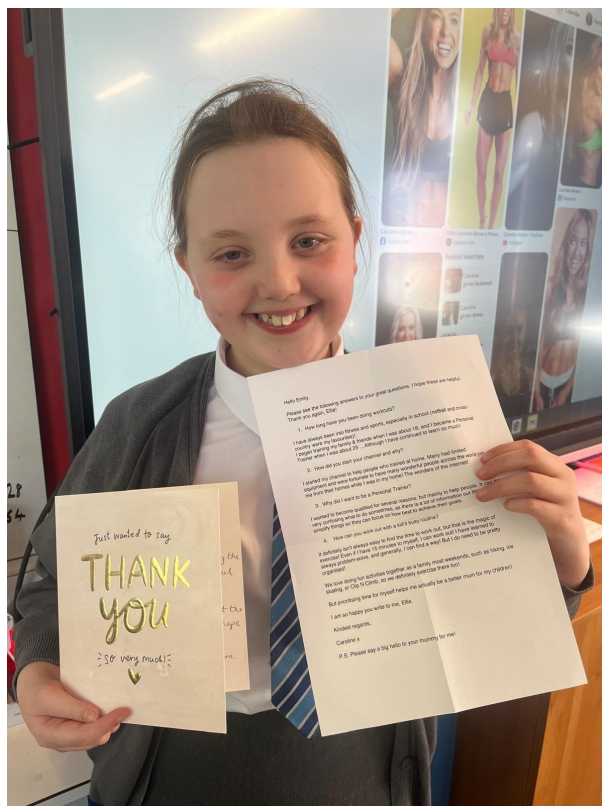
2 - P5-7 Determination certificates.

THE GILNAHIRK GALLERY OF GREATNESS...

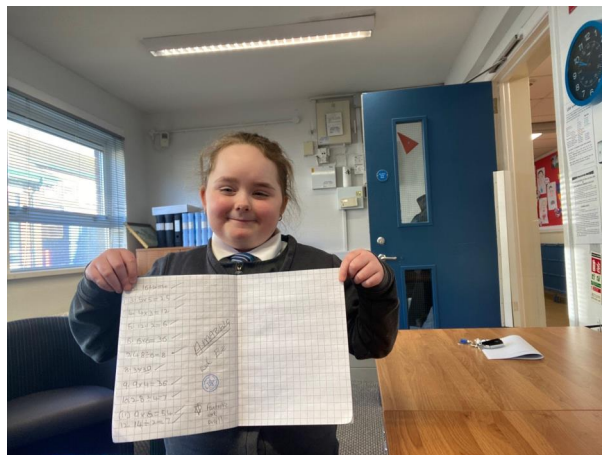
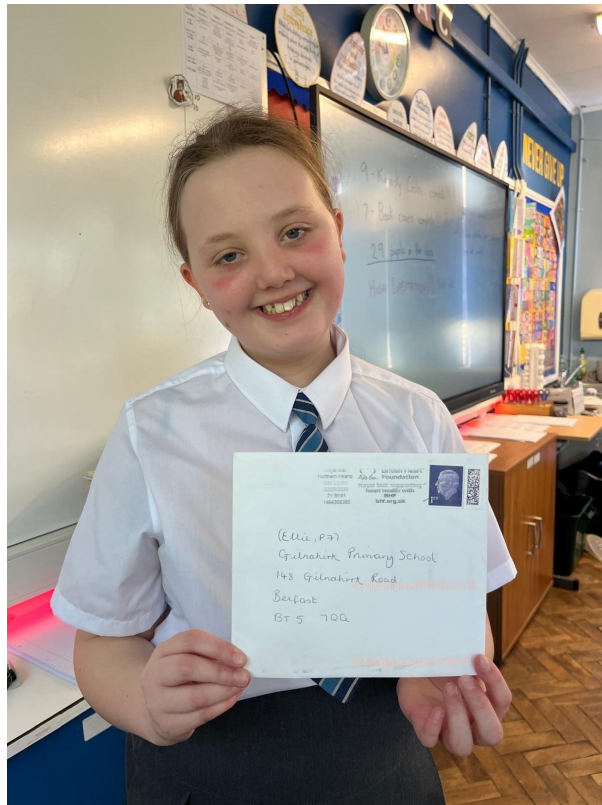




3 - Great work from Nona, Jessica, Sorcha, Daniel and Owais at the start of their new topic, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.



4 - Ellie received a reply from Caroline Girvan, the Northern Irish personal trainer and Youtube influencer.



5 - Evie in P5 produced amazing work in her Friday progress. Super work, Evie!



6 - Some brilliant sounding out work from Florence, Nellie, Reuben, Reed and Jack. Well done, everyone!

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

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THE
CHANGING LIVES
INITIATIVE
FLOURISH & THRIVE



Free Workshop For
Parents and Caregivers

Thinking outside the box

How Different Brains Learn
& Grow

Raising a child who learns differently brings both joys and challenges. This workshop helps parents understand how children's brains grow and adapt, with simple strategies to support learning at home.

Whether your child has a diagnosis, is waiting, or you're just beginning to wonder, this session offers knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies you can use straight away.

In this workshop you can expect:

- ✓ Parent-friendly information on how children's brains learn
- ✓ Everyday strategies to support your child
- ✓ A focus on strengths as well as challenges

Event Details:

📅 10TH MARCH 2026

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM

📺 ONLINE 

🕒 7:30PM - 8:30PM

📺 ONLINE 



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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

Parent LineNI

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.


Easter Sports Camps


Strathearn School, Belfast, BT4 2AU

Hockey Camp

Week 1 & Week 2

Sports Camp

Week 1 & Week 2

Netball Camp

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


Football Camp



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 9th March - Thursday 12th March** - P1-P6 parent teacher interviews.
- **Wednesday 25th 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

D Corbett

Principal.

