

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/carer,

I hope you have had a good week.

Term 3 is disappearing fast as we reach the middle of May, with just 6 full weeks left of school - there's lots to pack in to those 6 (and a bit) weeks!

Just a few new items of info at the top of this week's update, along with some important repeated information and the usual photos, giving an insight in to this week at school...

REMINDER...



School is closed on:

***Monday 25th May** for the late May bank holiday*

***Tuesday 26th May** for a staff development day on TransformEd.*



PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT - CAN YOU HELP?



In order to enhance our children's experiences in the playgrounds, we'd love your help in providing the following items:

- Old dress up costumes and props (plastic mics etc) for our outdoor stage area.

- Scooters and trikes etc that are no longer used but are in good condition and could be used in the playground

If you can donate any of the above, you can drop off via reception.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS...

QUIZ NIGHT...



Friday 29th May sees the return of our ever popular quiz night.

Tickets are now available at the cost of £10 per person in the Shop section on SchoolMoney.

It would be great to see the Morrow Hall full that evening.

SUMMER FAIR - CRAFTERS WANTED...

Our Summer Fair is scheduled to take place on **Friday 5th June from 5.30pm - 7.30pm**. If you would like to set up a stall, please see the contact information on the image below...



SPORTS DAY INFORMATION...



Sports Day is scheduled for **Tuesday 2nd June**, with each year group running a few races at the times listed below. Hopefully as many mums, dads, grannies, grandas (and whoever else!) can make it to cheer the children on in their races.

P1 - 9.00 - 9.30

P2 - 9.30 - 10.00

P3 - 10.00-10.30

P4 - 11.00-11.30

P5 - 11.30-12.00

P6 - 12.00-12.30

P7 - 12.30-1.00

Please note in the event of poor weather, we will run a contingency sports day on Thursday 4th June at the times noted above. If the weather is also poor on the Thursday, year group races will be run in the hall. In the unlikely event of this happening, unfortunately space would not allow parents to attend.

PURCHASING OF UNIFORM/PE KIT FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR...

At this time of the school year, thoughts begin to turn to uniform for the new school year. Please see the following points which reflect the **recent legally binding guidance published by the Department of Education:** (guidelines can be found at <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/school-uniforms-guidelines>)

- School jumpers and cardigans with the Gilnahirk crest can be purchased via SchoolMoney (in the Shop section). Depending on size, prices vary from £14.50 to £17.00 for the jumpers and £15.00 to £17.50 for the cardigans.
- Please note, we operate the uniform sales to break even - no profit is made for the school.
- As per the recent guidance, there is no obligation on you to purchase the school crested jumpers/cardigans. Plain grey cardigans and jumpers can be purchased from a range of outlets.
- As school is the only official stockists for school ties, they must be purchased from the online shop on SchoolMoney at a cost of £3.50 for junior ties (elasticated) and £4.00 for senior ties.
- As with previous years, grey trousers and skirts can be purchased at a range of outlets - we do not sell these from school.
- School PE kits for P4-7 (quarter zip and sports T-shirt) will once again be available to purchase and further information will be provided about this later in the term. In keeping with the guidance, we cannot insist that you purchase the PE kit but parents who have purchased them in the past report good quality, durability and value for money - if you buy large, there is no reason why a PE kit cannot last two years.
- If you choose not to purchase the PE kit, you will be advised later in the term about the alternative.

- P1-3 children will continue with existing PE kit arrangements.

P5-7 HOUSE COMPETITION .

Our 4 Houses at Key Stage 2 are...



1 - SCRABO



2 - STORMONT



3 - LAGAN



RESULTS FOR APRIL...

The points for April are in...

1st place - Scrabo with 770 points

2nd place - Stormont with 630 points

3rd place - Lagan with 580 points

4th place - Donard with 500 points

OVERALL CURRENT HOUSE PLACINGS...

Overall placings are as follows...

1st Place - Scrabo with 1150 points

2nd Place - Stormont with 920 points

3rd Place - Lagan with 860 points

4th Place - Donard with 730 points

GILLY'S GILNAHIRK VALUES...



Don't forget our Gilly's Gilnahirk Value for this month is PERSEVERANCE...

SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK...



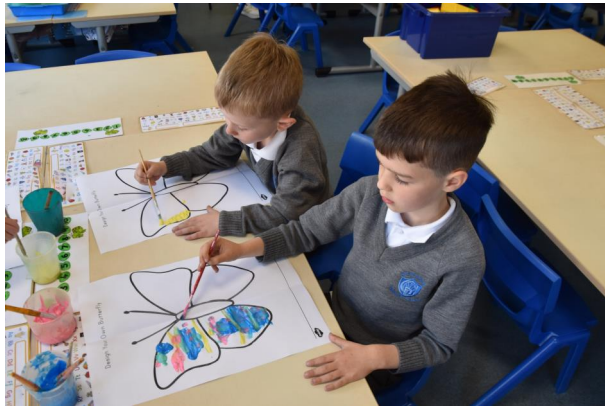
P1 BUILD A ZOO...



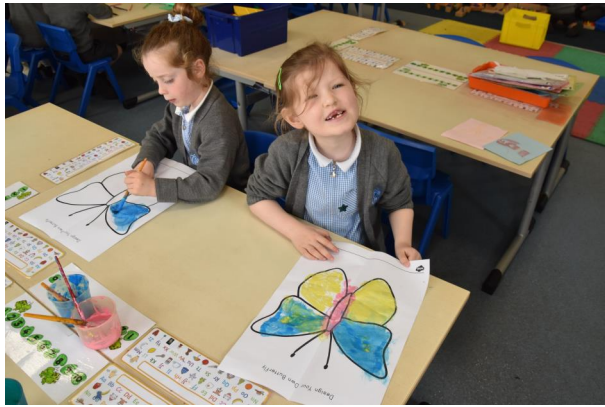




P1 DESIGNING BUTTERFLIES...







P1 OUTDOOR PLAY...







P1 TREASURE HUNT...









P2 MODEL HOUSES...





P3 MINI BEAST CLASSIFICATION...







P4 SHOPPING BASKET...







P5 ESTIMATING AND WEIGHING...



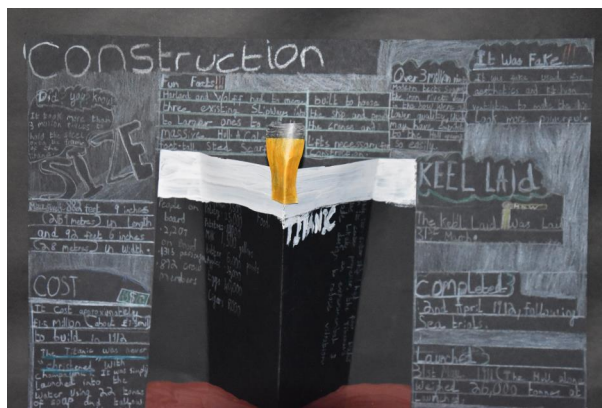
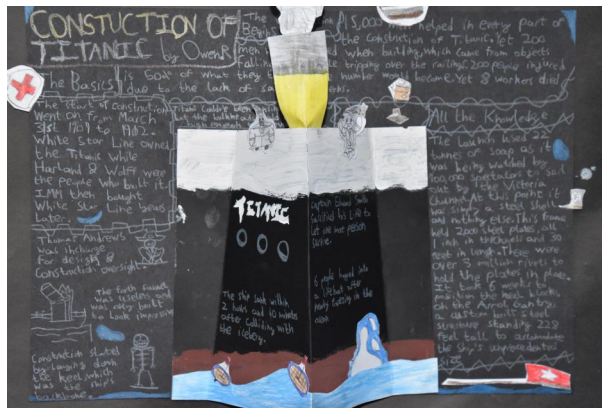
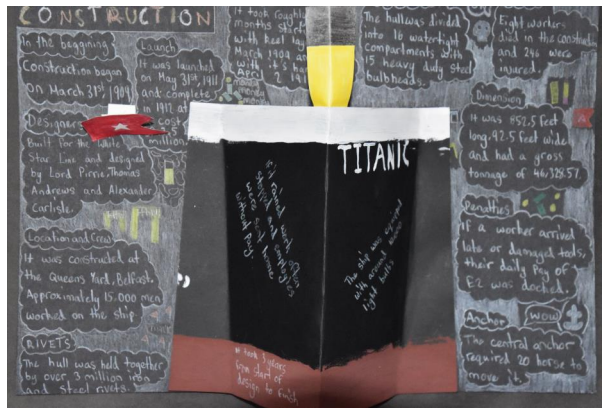
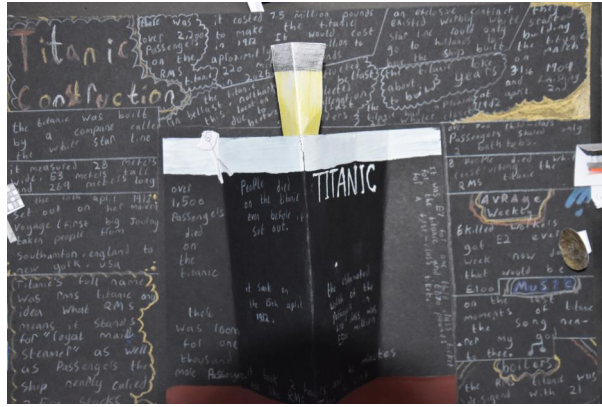






P7 TITANIC CONSTRUCTION FACTS...





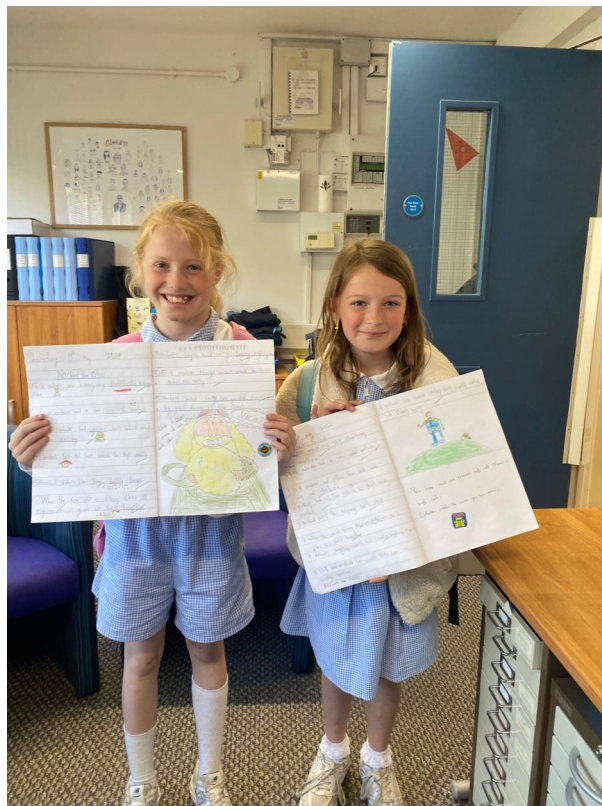


THE GILNAHIRK GALLERY OF GREATNESS...

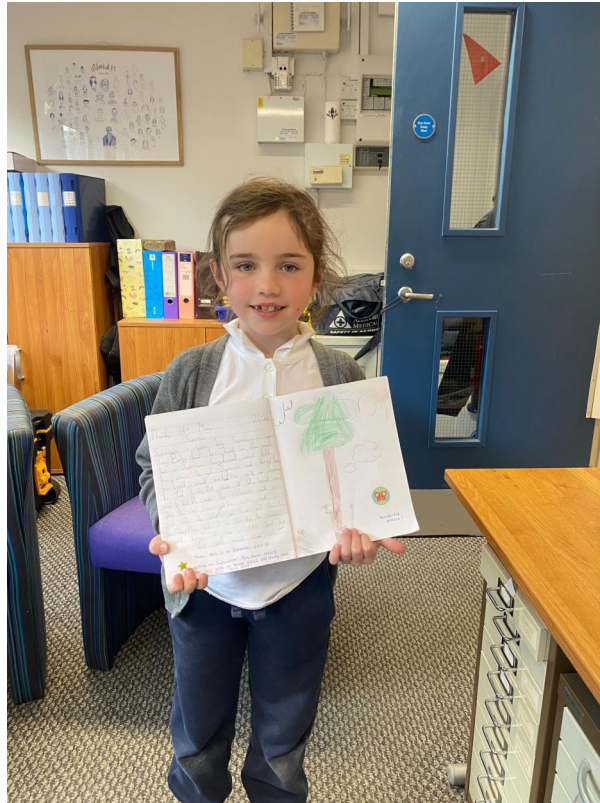




5 - Kia from P7 recently won the Belfast chess mega final in the boys' U-12 category. A fantastic achievement, Kia!



6 - Rhea and Marnie in P5 produced outstanding reading activities this week! Well done, girls!



7 - Mimi in P3 wrote a fantastic summary of the classic Julia Donaldson story 'Superworm'. Great work, Mimi!

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



ULSTER BRONCOS

Thinking of retiring or stopped playing because you're 'too old?'

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A modified version of the sport for the older player.

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- Non-competitive & safe
- No winners, leagues, or finals
- All games end in a 0-0 draw
- Great for fitness



Based out of Lisburn RFC, we're welcoming new players now.

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www.rli.ie/masters

www.rugbyleague.com/get-involved/play/masters



GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community blood donation session!

VENUE

St Mary's Church Hall
Dundonald

DATE & TIME

Friday 22 May
12:30 - 19:00

Northern Ireland needs 1200 blood donations per week.

That's 1 every 8 minutes.



www.NIBTS.org

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service



DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE AND PERFORMING ARTS FOR AGES P3 TO YEAR 14



SUMMER SCHOOL



SCAN HERE

TO ENROL
FULL AND HALF
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE

Contact
info@youthlyric.co.uk
Youth Lyric -
Charity no. 102566

GLENMACHAN CHURCH YOUTH HALLS

Glenmachan Road Belfast BT4 2NN
20-24th July - 9am to 2pm
Cost £110 per child

ANTRIM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

10 Steeple Road, Antrim, BT41 1AF
27th-31st July - 9am to 2pm
Cost £100 per child

SUMMER HOCKEY CAMPS

BELFAST | LISBURN

JULY 6 th - 10 th	£130 FULL CAMP	9AM - 5PM
JULY 20 th - 24 th	£230 TWO CAMPS	AGES 8 - 15
AUGUST 10 th - 14 th	£330 ALL CAMPS	FREE GOODY BAG
	£30 PER DAY	

BOOK ONLINE AT BOOSTHOCKEYACADEMY.COM

SUMMER 2026 MULTISPORT & FOOTBALL CAMPS

**RISING STAR
SPORTS**

<p>Week 1: 6-9 July (4 days £60) • Hillsborough Village Centre • 6-10 July Gilnahirk Primary School</p>	<p>Week 2: 20-24 July Crewe United Football Club (10am - 2pm £60)</p>
<p>Week 3: 27-31 July St Aloysius Primary School</p>	<p>Week 4: 3-7 August Hillsborough Village Centre</p>
<p>Week 5: 10-14 August Crewe United Football Club (10am - 2pm £60)</p>	<p>Week 6: 17-21 August GIRLS ONLY Crewe United Football Club (10am - 2pm £60)</p>

TIME: 9am - 2pm • **PRICE:** 5 day camps **£70**
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MULTISPORTS CAMPS WILL INCLUDE:
 FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, ROUNDERS, LASER TAG, EUROHOC

**TO BOOK A SPACE, CONTACT
 MATTHEW (COACH) ON
 07702646828**

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGED 4-12

Dramarama

Performing Arts Academy

SUMMER SCHEME 2026

📍 BELMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 34 SYDENHAM AVENUE,
 BELFAST, BT4 2DT

📅 20TH - 24TH JULY 2026

**🕒 MON - THURS: 9AM-2:30PM
 FRI: 9AM-3:30PM**

**💷 £140 PER CHILD
 £130 PER SIBLING**

TO BOOK A SPACE OR FIND OUT MORE CONTACT US

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★ JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED SUMMER OF PERFORMANCE! ★

- CONFIDENCE BUILDING
- PERFORMANCE SKILLS
- IMPROVISATION
- SCRIPT DEVSING
- DRAMA GAMES
- DANCING
- ARTS & CRAFTS



BOOK NOW

Join us for our 10th year of Dramarama Summer Scheme!

We strive to make each year our best yet! We take so much pride in spreading joy and helping our young people build their confidence and enjoy performing.

Our week-long program is open to all children aged 4-12, and will culminate in a showcase for parents & loved ones on the Friday afternoon.

Our talented coaches are passionate about making sure all our pupils have a wonderful week and get the chance to shine and grow their talent in a supportive and safe environment. From the movie stars of tomorrow, to those who want to build a bit of confidence and have a lot of fun - everyone is welcome at Dramarama!

PLACES ARE LIMITED! BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE YOU ARE NOT DISAPPOINTED!

TO BOOK, SIMPLY GET IN TOUCH VIA PHONE, TEXT, WHATSAPP, EMAIL OR FACEBOOK!





CLAYFUL MINDS

SUMMER CAMP





Early bird discount-book before May 1st!

All Out Summer! | Clay Modelling | Water Fun Days | Baking
Yoga | Indoor & Outdoor Activities | Mindfulness & Meditation

WEEK1 July 17th-21st | WEEK2 August 10th-14th

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church | Beersbridge Rd, Belfast BT5 5DW

Ages 4-12

£39.50 per day £185 per week

Sibling discount available for full week bookings

Limited Spaces Available- Book Early!



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Code Clock School of Programming @ Queen's
19th - 20th July 2025

SCHOOL OF PROGRAMMING

SUMMER CODE CAMP
HOSTED IN:
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE BUILDING

10th ANNIVERSARY

JUNIOR
Age: 7-11
6th-10th July

SENIOR
Age: 11-18
27th-31st July

★ Learn to code Using the latest Programmable Technologies.
★ All workshops delivered by qualified and experienced teachers.

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MAIN DATES FOR TERM 3...



- **w/c Monday 18th May** - PTE/PTM testing for P3-7 (week 2)
- **Monday 18 May - Thursday 21 May** - P7 residential trip to Edinburgh
- **Monday 25 May** - school closed for bank holiday
- **Tuesday 26 May** - school closed for Staff Development Day (TransformED)
- **Thursday 28 May** - Induction evening for new P1 parents (September 2026)

- **Friday 29 May** - Parents' Association quiz night
- **Tuesday 2 June** - Sports Day
- **Friday 5 June** - Summer Fair
- **Wednesday 24 June** - P7 Leavers' Party (7pm)
- **Thursday 25 June** - P7 Leavers' Service at Gilnahirk Presbyterian (7pm)
- **Tuesday 30 June** - School closes for summer break

With kind regards

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Principal.

