

# GILNAHIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE



## Our School Motto:

*'Today's Learning for Tomorrow's World'*

## Our School Vision Statement...

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*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.*

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Dear parent/carer,

We've reached the end of May - just one month to go before the end of the school year!

Not much by way of new info this week but it's always good to have a read through to make sure you're up to speed with everything.

## 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.

### IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ORDERING UNIFORM FROM SCHOOL...

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*If you are ordering jumpers, cardigans, ties and other items from school, you should do so through the Shop section on SchoolMoney by **Friday 10 July**. If you order later than this date, we cannot guarantee that you will have the item or items in time for the new school year, due to staff shortages over the summer break.*

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### MILK ORDERS FOR FIRST HALF TERM OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR...



If you wish your child to take milk in school, this is a reminder that milk orders for September-October 2026 should be placed on SchoolMoney by **19th June 2026**. Orders placed after that time will not be processed.

## 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...



Our Summer Fair is planned for **Friday 5th June from 5.30pm - 7.30pm**. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible. There will be lots of stalls, food and other attractions.

## 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

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*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.*

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## GILLY'S GILNAHIRK VALUES...





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

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## **SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK...**



## **P6 SCIENCE FAIR...**

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*Some fantastic projects in this week's P6 Science fair!*

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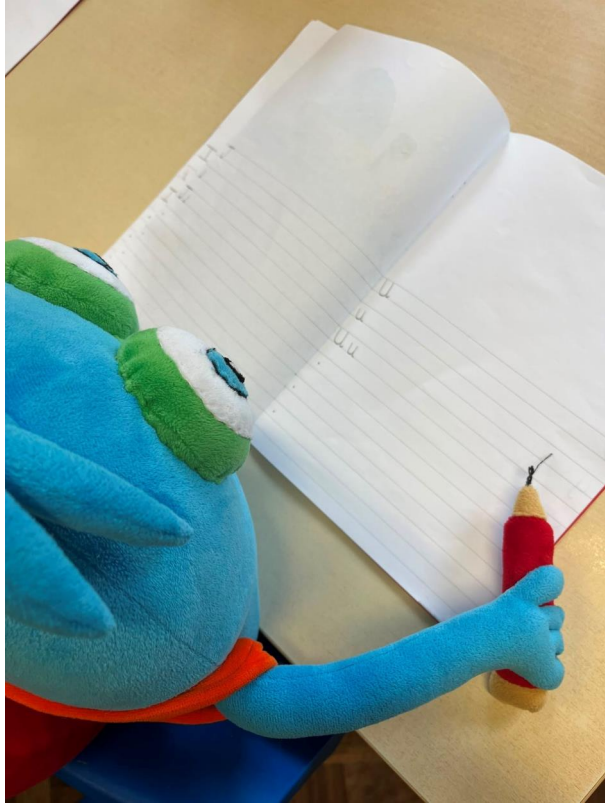


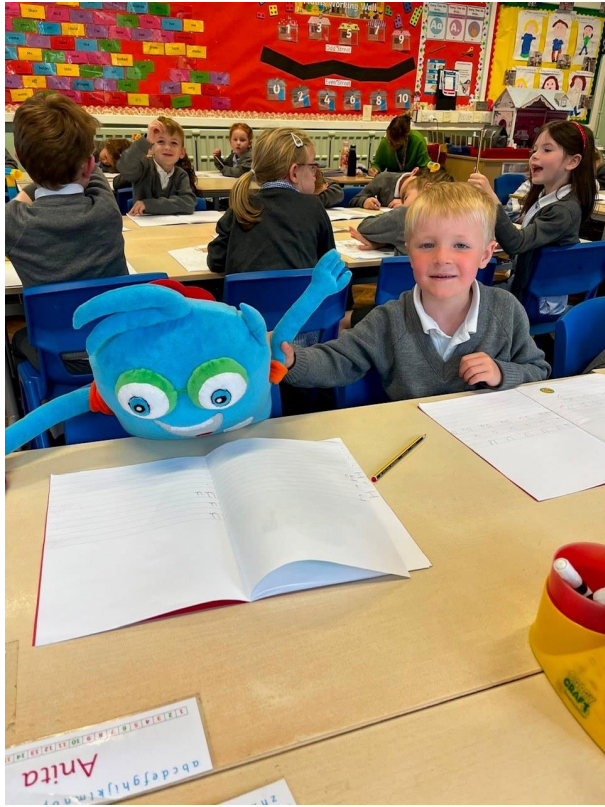
P2 LOVED HAVING GILLY IN THEIR CLASSROOM THIS WEEK...













**ANOTHER VISIT FROM GEORGIE...**

**Georgie called in to school again this week...**













**P3 MINI BEAST DRESS UP DAY...**









### BOYS' FOOTBALL...

Our boys' football squad had their last outing of the season at the annual Moneyrea Primary Invitational event...







THE GILNAHIRK GALLERY OF GREATNESS...



1 - Lexi and Evie in P3 have been working so hard at their punctuation. Great work, girls!

## 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](mailto:dcorbett546@c2kni.net)*

**East Belfast Community Development Agency**

**COMMUNITY DAY & OPTIONAL BUS TOUR**

**EXPLORE EAST**

**FREE!**

**SATURDAY 30TH MAY**  
**1-4PM, CS LEWIS SQUARE**  
FOR EVERYONE LIVING, WORKING & VOLUNTEERING IN EAST BELFAST

Illustration of a street scene with buildings labeled 'STRAND' and 'HOPE', a bus, a dog, and a plane.

**MUSIC, FUN, FOOD & INFORMATION STALLS**  
TO BOOK BUS TOUR EMAIL [ASHLEIGH@EBCDA.ORG](mailto:ASHLEIGH@EBCDA.ORG)

**PEACEPLUS**  
Northern Ireland - Ireland  
Co-funded by the European Union and UK Government

**Belfast City Council**

The Belfast Local Community Action Plan is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

This is a local event as part of the Community Empowerment Programme (CEP), delivered in partnership with NICVA & a network of Community Partners from across Belfast

# GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community  
blood donation session!

## VENUE

Orangefield Presbyterian Church  
Belfast

## DATE & TIME

Wednesday 03 June  
12:30 - 19:30

Northern Ireland needs 1200  
blood donations per week.

That's 1 every 8 minutes.



[www.NIBTS.org](http://www.NIBTS.org)

Northern Ireland  
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# ARE YOU



# WE NEED YOU!

GIVE  BLOOD  
Save Lives

Book online today  
[www.NIBTS.org](http://www.NIBTS.org)

New parent workshop



Together with Settled Petals



## Toilet Training for Children of Nursery/School Age

Monday 1st June, 10.30am-12noon, online via Zoom

Is your little one about to start Nursery or School in September? Perhaps they are already at school but still experiencing issues around toileting.

At this workshop we will explore some reasons which may be impacting them and respectful strategies to support them.



Call NOW to book your place  
0808 8020 400



# Joseph

AND THE AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOURED DREAMCOAT

by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

## SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL

A week-long singing school for children

Ages 5-15 | £200

27 - 31 July, 9am - 4pm (daily)

Strathearn Prep School

# Joseph AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOURED DREAMCOAT

Ages 5–8 Songbirds Course | Ages 9–15 Junior Course

Monday 27 – Friday 31 July, 9am – 4pm daily

Strathearn Prep School

157 Belmont Church Road, Belfast BT4 2TD

The Ulster Consort Foundation is very excited to present Strathearn Preparatory School as the venue for the Children's Summer Singing School 2026! Children, ages 5–15, will receive expert daily tuition provided by some of Northern Ireland's leading musicians, whilst having great fun preparing music for a grand finale concert on the final evening. Strathearn Prep provides a fantastic location for a week of music-making, and is ideal for easy drop off and pick up by parents/guardians.

Cost: £200, which includes:

- all musical tuition
- daily lunch box
- all snacks
- group activities and crafts
- a branded top

To book please scan this QR code  
or visit [ulsterconsort.org](http://ulsterconsort.org)



Grand Finale Concert for family and friends  
Friday 31 July, 5pm

[ulsterconsort.org](http://ulsterconsort.org)



## ULSTER BRONCOS

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

**TRY MASTERS RUGBY LEAGUE**

Strictly Social. Strictly Fun.

A modified version of the sport for the older player.

- Players aged 35+
- 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.

No prior Rugby League  
experience necessary.

Get in touch!

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[www.rli.ie/masters](http://www.rli.ie/masters)

[www.rugbyleague.com/get-involved/play/masters](http://www.rugbyleague.com/get-involved/play/masters)



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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](mailto: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

**BOOST HOCKEY ACADEMY**

# SUMMER HOCKEY CAMPS

## BELFAST | LISBURN

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

**BOOK ONLINE AT [BOOSTHOCKEYACADEMY.COM](http://BOOSTHOCKEYACADEMY.COM)**

## SUMMER 2026 MULTISPORT & FOOTBALL CAMPS

**RISING STAR SPORTS**

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

**TIME:** 9am - 2pm • **PRICE:** 5 day camps **£70**  
✓ 5 day camps **£70** • Day rate £15 • Week 1 (4 days) **£60**

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

 Sarah Steen-Calderwood: 07885243386  
 dramaramaperformingarts@gmail.com  
 facebook.com/dramaramaperformingarts

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED SUMMER OF PERFORMANCE!

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



BOOK NOW

Join us for our 11th 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

**WEEK 1 July 17<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> | WEEK 2 August 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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!**



07919371505      www.clayfulminds.co.uk  
rebekah@clayfulminds.co.uk      clayful.rebekah



# SCHOOL OF PROGRAMMING

Code Clock School of Programming @ dmurphy  
15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

**10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Check out our website for further details > [www.codeclock.co.uk](http://www.codeclock.co.uk)




## MAIN DATES FOR TERM 3...



- **Friday 29 May** - Parents' Association quiz night - 8pm
- **Tuesday 2 June** - Sports Day
- **Friday 5 June** - Summer Fair (5.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **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

**D Corbett**

Principal.

