



# NEWSLETTER

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Stranmillis Primary School  
**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**  
Weds, 22nd October  
6:15pm to 7:30pm (Nursery - P3)  
7:45pm to 9:00pm (P4 - P7)  
Tickets on sale Thurs 16th - Fri 17th Oct  
In the playground and at [stranpla.com](http://stranpla.com).  
Children £5.00 or 3 for £12 (adults go free)

Neon lighting    Halloween toy market    Popcorn machine  
Disco    Spooky stories    Halloween games    Pumpkin Racing    Spooky crafts    ORTO Pizza  
and much more!



**CONNECT**  
TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED

**BE ACTIVE**  
DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR HOOD

**TAKE NOTICE**  
REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY

**KEEP LEARNING**  
EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF

**Give**  
Your time, your words, your presence

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY TICKETS FOR THE HALLOWEEN PARTY, OR YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT ON THE NIGHT, VISIT [WWW.STRANPTA.COM](http://WWW.STRANPTA.COM)

One of our 5 ways to well-being is to GIVE. To that end, we are having a harvest collection for Storehouse. They have asked if Stranmillis pupils could donate sugar, pasta and/or tinned tomatoes. These items should be brought in and given to class teachers on Monday 20 or Tuesday 21 October. This will be greatly appreciated and will have a big impact. It is good for the children to be able to help others in the community. Thank you!

THIS  
WEEK'S  
STAR  
PUPILS

P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



# Congratulations



Luca won a trophy for football.



Scarlett won a medal for camogie.



Jack and Luke were both awarded 'Player of the Week' at their basketball club.



Squash success! Georgie won an U11 squash tournament and Sofia was 2<sup>nd</sup>. James also won an U11 squash tournament and Alexa got a medal for participation.



Matilda was 'Player of the Week' at Rosario FC.



Michael won a medal for Gaelic football.



Sienna was 'Player of the Week' at Harlequins Hockey Club.

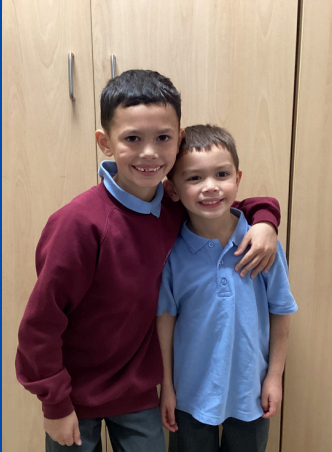


Bonnie won two medals for Irish dancing.



Luke's team won all their matches in Gaelic football.

# Congratulations



Cillian and Shea both got 'Player of the Match' in recent football matches for their teams at Rosario FC.



Ka Him won two silvers and a bronze for his club at a swimming gala.



Niamh was 'Gymnast of the Month'.



Emma won a medal for taking part in a Playball match.



Lucy and her pony Meeko competed at the Interschools Showjumping competition and came 8th in the 50cm class after jumping a clear round.



Lily was 'Star of the Week' at speech and drama.

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY



Last week, P4-P7 pupils had a harvest assembly. It was a great opportunity to focus on our school value of 'thankfulness', when we think of how fortunate we are to have food to eat and clean water to drink. We had a fun challenge to name some of the less well-known vegetables Mr Arneill found in Sainsbury's! P4 and P5 pupils won the challenge!

# Football Reports



We kicked off our football season last week with a bang as we travelled across Belfast to face Glenwood Primary School in a thrilling pre-season friendly. With 17 P7s involved, the fixture lived up to expectations as we secured a cumulative draw, with our teams scoring 3-1 and 1-3 respectively. It was a very encouraging start to his season as both of our teams showed off impressive levels of skill, whilst demonstrating our core values of respect towards their opponents and co-operation as they worked together to achieve their results. A special mention to hat trick scorer Eimhin, and Luke who scored an excellent goal in the final minutes of the match. We are looking forward to building on this strong start as we begin our cup runs this month.



Our opening fixture in the BPSFA 7-a-side Cup saw us travel to Avoniel for a tough encounter against Victoria Park Primary School. From the first whistle, both teams showed attacking intent, trading shots in a fast-paced and competitive start. We went into half-time with a 2-1 lead, thanks to two well-taken goals from James and Eimhin, and a series of vital saves from Cillian between the posts that kept us ahead. Wide players Isaac and Conor were instrumental throughout, putting in tireless shifts both offensively and defensively to keep the pressure on. In the second half, our confidence grew. Max, Daniel, and Oliver put in an excellent defensive shift, effectively shutting down Victoria Park's attacking threats. This allowed Eimhin to notch his second goal of the game, followed by Hugo with a superb strike into the roof of the net. Luke capped off our performance with a great finish at the back post in the last moments of the match. A fantastic team effort and a well-deserved win to kick off our 7-a-side cup campaign!



## HALLOWEEN HAMPERS

Tickets £5 each

<http://stranpta.com/halloween>

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Full of tricks and treats to enjoy over the mid-term break, including snacks, toys, decorations, stickers, and a Halloween cup to use again and again!

Allergen details: suitable for vegetarians; crisps contain **gluten**



Please help support our friends at **Fane Street Primary School** with any new or gently used

<b>Coats</b>	<b>Hats</b>	<b>Gloves</b>	<b>Scarves</b>
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A drop box will be available in the school foyer the week of November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS 2025 – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

1. MONDAY 13 OCTOBER – You will receive your child’s Christmas card design and the order details.
2. Please complete the order form if you would like to order cards or other items.
3. Go to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stranpta/> and pay for your order. The online payment system will be live for one week only, from Monday 13 - Monday 20 October.



- WHEN YOU GO TO THE PTA PAYMENT PAGE, PLEASE ORDER **EXACTLY** WHAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN ON YOUR ORDER FORM.
- PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE PAYMENT PROCESS FOR EACH CHILD – THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. **DO NOT PAY ONLINE FOR SEVERAL CHILDREN AT A TIME.**
- **SEND YOUR ORDER FORM BACK TO YOUR CHILD’S CLASS TEACHER ONCE YOU HAVE PAID ONLINE. DON’T SEND MONEY BACK TO SCHOOL.**
- THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL IS MONDAY 20 OCTOBER.

**PTA Calendar Photographs**

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 15 October to take photos for the PTA calendar.



**PTA Meeting**

Please join us on Wednesday 15 October at 7.00pm in Room 12 for our next meeting. This is a great way to meet other parents, and to make a positive contribution to school life.




**SMARTPHONE MEETING**

**Parents - Let's Talk about Smartphones**

**Practical Tips - Phone Options and Controls - See Alternatives in Person - Local School Policies - Preparing Children - Discussion**

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 8.30pm	Stranmillis PS Assembly Hall

Please let us know you're coming through scanning this QR or visiting <https://bit.ly/sps-smartphones>



# COMMUNITY NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note that neither the services advertised on the remaining pages nor those providing them, have been checked or verified by the school.



**Halloween**  
**TENNIS CAMP**

**27TH-31ST OCT**

WEEKLY PRICES  
9AM-11.30AM OR 12.30PM-3PM

HALF DAY MEMBER WEEKLY PRICE £75  
HALF DAY NON-MEMBER WEEKLY PRICE £85  
MEMBER FULL DAY WEEKLY PRICE £135  
NON-MEMBER FULL DAY WEEKLY PRICE £155

BOOK NOW AT

[www.belfastboatclub.com](http://www.belfastboatclub.com)

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**NAOMH BRID** Halloween Camp **AGES 6-13**  
**2025**  
 28th - 30th October  
 10am - 2pm Musgrave Park  
 Book now on Klubfunder  
[www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/St\\_Brigids\\_GAC/](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/St_Brigids_GAC/)

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## Netball



# GALAXY

- Passing
- Footwork
- Spatial awareness
- Attacking/defending
- Tactical game-play and awareness
- "Learn through game play" principle

## Hockey



- Drills in control and passing
- Dribbling and ball mastery
- Technique in shooting and finishing
- Principles in attacking and defending
- Tactical game-play and awareness
- "Learn through game play" principle

## Sports



- Varied programme of sports each day
- Improve all round sporting skills
- Fun sports sessions and matches
- "Learn through game play" principle
- Includes; Football, Unihoc, Dodgeball, Tennis, Basketball, Golf, Tag Rugby & more

## GALAXY HALLOWEEN HALF-TERM

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Victoria College  
Belfast

Hillsborough  
Village Centre

£125  
per week  
£30  
per day

**Netball**  
**Hockey**

**Sports**

8 years-14 years

4 years- 12 years

**9am-3pm**  
(early drop 8am-9am)

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