



**Dates for the Diary**

**December**

Sat 2	Choir – Civic Carol Service
Thurs 7	Choir – Intergenerational Project (Methodist Church)
<b>Fri 8</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner Day – school will finish @ 1.00/1.05pm.</b>
Mon 11	Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Christmas Concert (Dress Rehearsal)
Mon 11	Choir (Y7 members only) – Nursing Homes
Wed 13	Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Christmas Concert
Thurs 14	Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Christmas Concert
Thurs 14	7.30pm Board of Governors
Mon 18	Carol Service Rehearsal (9.00 – 12.00)
Mon 18	Carol Service 7.00pm
Wed 20	PTA – Christmas Event
<b>Thurs 21</b>	<b>School finishes @ 12.00 (Y1 – Y4) &amp; 12.05 (Y5 – Y7)</b>

**January**

<b>Fri 5</b>	<b>Y3 – Y7 children return to school at the normal time</b>
<b>Fri 5</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective Nursery &amp; Y1 children</b>
<b>Mon 8</b>	<b>Nursery, Y1 &amp; Y2 return to school at the normal time</b>
Thurs 18	Cross Country Event
Thurs 18	7.30 PTA
Fri 19	Diversity Day
Thurs 25	7.30pm Y6 Parents – Delamont Information Evening
Thurs 25	8.15pm Y7 Parents – Completing the Transfer Forms

**Christmas Dinner Day – Fri 8 Dec**

**If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please book as soon as possible.** Instead of wearing school uniform, the children should wear something 'Christmassy'. They could wear a Christmas jumper or even just some tinsel in their hair. Traditionally this is a great day in WPSNU as the children make Christmas hats, complete Christmas activities and get to enjoy Christmas dinner together. **School will finish at 1.00/1.05pm for all children. Y1 – Y4 will finish at 1.00pm & Y5 – Y7 will finish at 1.05pm**

**Christmas Concert**

The children are practising hard for their performances on Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 December. Tickets are available on School Money (£2.50 per ticket) until Monday, 4 December.

Your ticket entitles you to watch all of the performances but so that we can facilitate everyone who wishes to come along, you should only plan to watch the performances which involve your children. **The performances will take place at the times set out below. These times are 15 minutes earlier than originally planned and in previous years, taking account of the fact that our school day starts earlier.** There will be refreshments available in the Gym Hall if you have a gap in your children's performances or when your children have finished their performance. SDS photos will also be taking photos of the children and the photos will be displayed in the Gym Hall.

**9.15 - Y1**

**9.45 – Nursery**

**10.15 - Y2**

**10.45 - Y3**

**PTA – Christmas "Elf for a Day"**

**On Wednesday 20 December the children should come to school in an elf inspired outfit or non uniform** for a fun filled day when they will get the chance to meet the main man himself.

In order to cover the expenditure and raise some money for PTA funds the suggested donation is **£3 per child**. Please pay on School Money (there is the facility for you to make an additional donation to PTA if you would like to, simply change the total before paying). Please see the PTA sheet below for further information.



## Open Day

An Open Day for prospective Nursery & Y1 children will take place on Friday 5 January. In order to facilitate the Open Day **OUR CURRENT NURSERY, Y1 & Y2 SHOULDN'T ATTEND SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 5 JANUARY. THEY WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY.**

Please see the information leaflet below which allows you to sign up on Eventbrite to have a 'wee' guided tour of the Primary School & Nursery Unit.

## Nursery & Y1 Applications for September 2024

**The online portal for applications goes live at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 9 January 2023 and closes at 12.00 noon on Friday 26 January.** Further information regarding this process can be found at [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk). If I can be of any assistance with the application process, don't hesitate to contact me.

### Stand By Me

Thank you so much for your support. So far we have raised £638, meaning that we are able to sponsor 3 children this year. You can still make a contribution on School Money until Friday 1 December.

### Term 2 After School Activities

Please see below the sign-up sheets for the after school activities run by private companies each Monday (Burns Soccer & Hockey), Tuesday (Junglenastix), Wednesday (Irish Dancing & Jujitsu), Thursday (Burns Lego) & Friday (Coding & Burns Basketball).

Our staff led after school activities (Tuesday & Thursday) will re-commence the week beginning Monday 15 January. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

### Adverse Weather

As we get closer to winter and the temperature drops, I will always endeavour to keep school open, however if school is required to close due to very inclement weather we will inform you through Seesaw, Facebook, the school website and by text message.



### Calendars

The school received little 2024 calendars which have bible verses and fun facts & activities about animals. The children will have an opportunity to take one home if they would like to.

### Making Christmas Special

I appreciate that Christmas is a very expensive time of the year and particularly this year. It can also be a time of year to consider how we can help others who have had a tough year or who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We have two ways in which you and your child might consider how you could do that?

**You could fill a shoe box for a homeless adult in Belfast or make up a hamper for someone who has had a tough year.**

### Belfast Homeless Services

Through the Belfast Homeless services you could decorate & fill a shoe box to help homeless adults in Belfast. Shoe boxes could be filled with items such as: hats, gloves, scarfs, socks, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, sweets, chocolate. Mrs Heather Todd is co-ordinating this project and will be dropping the shoe boxes to Belfast on Monday 11 December.

### Hampers

Each year Noel McKee tries to deliver a pick me up hamper to individuals and families in the town who've had a tough, challenging year, either through sickness or a loss of a loved one. The pick-me-up hampers have been a great success in previous years, with every recipient telling him how grateful they are to the anonymous people who were behind creating them. If you'd like to make a hamper for someone who's had a difficult year then Noel's suggestion would be to keep it simple. If you could manage maybe a maximum of a dozen items consisting of really nice biscuits, chocolates, sweets, juice and treats and maybe a toiletry, that would be great, but most importantly a hand-made Christmas card from you. This has always been the item that people mention most. The fact that people have taken a little time and thought to create it has really touched people's hearts.

If you feel that you could do a hamper please deliver them to school by Tuesday 19 December or to the Kings Road entrance of the community centre by Thursday 21 December. If anyone has any questions then Noel would be very happy for you to contact him 07926361201.

### Larne Credit Union

**I would like to express our thanks to Larne Credit Union who donated £100 to each of our local schools.**



**Whitehead**



**Primary School  
& Nursery Unit**

**Friday 5th  
January  
2024**



**Open Day**

We would love you to come for a tour of our school on Friday 5th January 2024 from 12.30pm. Please scan the QR code and choose a time slot that suits you, or search for our school on [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Alternatively, if this day does not suit, please contact Mrs Lowry in the school office and we will arrange a date & time that works for you.



**SCAN ME!**





20th Dec  
£3 per child

# ELF FOR A DAY!

Storytime with Mrs Claus for nursery - Y5  
Festive Bingo with Principal Elf for Year 6 & 7  
An audience with Santa Claus  
Festive movie in the classroom  
Every pupil receives a gift!

Non-Uniform  
OR  
Elf-inspired outfit!



# Whitehead Primary School



## Hockey

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March

## Football

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March

## Lego

Thur 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Thur 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Thur 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Thur 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Thur 29<sup>th</sup> February  
Thur 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Thur 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Thur 21<sup>st</sup> March

## Basketball

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> January  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### Football & Hockey

**Primary 1 – Primary 2** (1.45pm-2.45pm each week) **Primary 3 – Primary 4** (2.45pm-3.45pm each week)

### Lego & Basketball

**Primary 1 – Primary 3** (1.45pm-2.45pm each week) **Primary 4 – Primary 7** (2.45pm-3.45pm each week)

To secure a place for your child you must enrol online via [www.burnsskillsschool.co.uk](http://www.burnsskillsschool.co.uk) This is very easy and straightforward. Click 'secure your place' at the top of the website. Then scroll down to find your child's school and the correct activity to enrol.

Deadline for payment is **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. This is a great opportunity for your child and certainly one not to be missed. When in attendance we would advise that all children wear appropriate clothing with a pair of trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor.

**Note: The total cost of the term will be £45.00 which is split into two payment. Once signed up you must pay both installements. The first payment of £20.00 is due on registration and the second payment of £25.00 will be due in February. All spaces are non refundable.**

**Payment options: Online**

**Thanks**

**Aaron & Andrew**  
**Burns Skills School**

# Jordan Academy Irish Dance



## Whitehead Primary After School Club

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**1:45-2:45pm**

**9 weeks**  
**DATES:**

**Wednesday, 10 January 2024**  
**Wednesday, 17 January 2024**  
**Wednesday, 24 January 2024**  
**Wednesday, 31 January 2024**  
**Wednesday, 21 February 2024**  
**Wednesday, 28 February 2024**  
**Wednesday, 6 March 2024**  
**Wednesday, 13 March 2024**  
**Wednesday, 20 March 2024**



**Pe shoes or  
trainers required**

**Contact Kerry**  
**07999859139**

**Price £36**  
**(£4 per class)**

Please send a  
message and  
payment to secure  
your space.



4<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Mini - Gymnastix  
Exercise Programme  
for Children  
(Aged 2 - 8yrs)  
Mobile : 07910262736

Bookings  
essential  
please as  
spaces are  
limited ☺

Dear Whitehead Primary parents/guardians,  
Welcome back to another Challenged, fun

filled term of "Junglenastix" where we all know how essential physical activity is to the growth and development of our children. Next term our aim as ever before, will be to continually motivate and challenge the children to perform movement tasks that will arouse their curiosity and stretch their imaginations giving them that feeling of achievement and self-confidence so needed in our children today. Our 6 weekly lessons are every **Tuesday**, lasting 40 minutes and after each lesson the children are rewarded with a sticker and a certificate with a medal at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

**First Lesson: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Times: 1.50pm - 2.30pm (P1, P2 & P3s)**

**Parent Interviews: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

**Midterm Break: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

**Last Lesson: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Fees: £36.00 p/term**

If you would like to register your child please kindly email me at [junglenastix123@gmail.com](mailto:junglenastix123@gmail.com) and I will send you our online registration form along with our method of payment details and feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

**\*Please Note \***

**A change of clothing is not necessary but girls to please wear leggings or cycling shorts under their skirts ☺**

Yours in Health  
**Candy Le Roux**

**All children to please be collected from the Gym Hall at 2.35pm**

"If you're looking for fun and like to be challenged... you have come to the right place"

# Junglenastix



**Our Exciting Jungle Path ~ Come and Explore with Us !!**



**And these are just some of the things that we do ☺**





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