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# Message from the chair

Welcome to Randalstown ARCHES Community Festival!  
Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnotowego Randalstown Łuki Festiwal!  
Sveiki atvykę į Randalstown arkomis Bendrijos festivalis!  
Bem-vindo ao Randalstown Arcos Festival Comunidade!  
Bienvenido a Randalstown ARCHES Festival Comunidad!

On behalf of Randalstown ARCHES Association, I am delighted to bring you news of this year's Festival. Preparations for the 2023 Festival began soon after 2022 Festival ended. Many groups, individuals and volunteers have worked hard to organise Festival for the benefit of the whole community. The varied programme has new events and attractions which have all been arranged with as little cost to the community as possible, and for that we are indebted to our sponsors and advertisers whose support is very much appreciated as always.

Check out the events list in the centre of the booklet, please come to as many events as possible and enjoy all the fun of another Festival Week!  
We look forward to welcoming you to the Festival week and hope you enjoy the events you attend.

Yours sincerely,  
George Graham, Chairman  
Randalstown Arches Association

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Randalstown ARCHES Festival Committee wishes to thank sponsors of the Community Festival:

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## **Gymkhana**

### **Dunmore Park, Randalstown**

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### **Saturday 10th June From 10AM**

*Run by Mid Antrim  
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classes and we are  
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Full gymkhana  
schedule on next page

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## **Dog Show**

### **Dunmore Park, Randalstown**

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### **Saturday 10th June From 12Noon**

*Run by Mid Antrim  
Animal Sanctuary*

At Mid Antrim Animal  
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there will be lots of  
show classes, to enter,  
all for fun, with all  
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pooch has what it  
takes to be a winner  
come on down and  
join in the fun. Entries  
will be taken on the  
day.

**Admission: £1.00 per  
category**

**FESTIVAL GYMKHANA**  
**SATURDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**  
**DUNMORE PARK, RANDALSTOWN**

Ring 1		Pony Show Jumping 14.2 & Under, Riders under 16	10:00	Trophy	
Pony Jumping	Class 0	Fledgling may be assisted	£7		
	Class 1	Pony Warm Up (cross poles)	£7		
	Class 2	Pony Novice 50cms	£7	Stewarts	
	Class 3	Pony Open 60cms	£7	Connell Hill	
	Class 4	Pony Novice 70cms	£7	McManus	
	Class 5	Pony Open 80cms	£10	Northern Bank	
	Including PC Spring Festival Debut qualifier (80cm)				
	Class 6	Pony Open 90cms	£10	Getty	
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Class 7	Mid Antrim Pony Club 1m Selection (Horses & Ponies)	£10			
Class 8	Up to 14.2 hh pairs (fences 80cm max)	£10			
Ring 2		Horse Show Jumping	10:00	Trophy	
Horse Jumping	Class 9	Warm Up Cross Poles - Open to all horses	£7		
	Class 10	Horse Novice 60cms	£7	Flo Gas Cup	
	Class 11	Horse Open 70cms	£10	James McKeown	
	Class 12	Horse Novice 80cms	£10	E D Ingram	
	Class 13	Horse Open 90cms	£10	Champion Stone	
	Class 14	Horse Open 100cms	£10	Randalstown Civic Week	
Ring 5		Working Hunter Horses & Ponies - jump together, judged separately	11:00	Trophy	
Working Hunter	15 & 16	Horse & Pony 70cms	£10	McKenzie & McCavana	
	17 & 18	Horse & Pony 85cms	£10	McGroggan & Top of the Town	
	19 & 20	Horse & Pony 100cms	£10	Antrim Glens & British Telecom	
	Horse Championships – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> in each class				Ulster Bank Trainee Journalist
	Pony championships – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> in each class				F. Brady
*No Cradle Stakes*					
Ring 3		Horse Showing	12:00	Trophy	
Horse Showing	Class 21	Light Weight Hunter	£10	Mulholland	
	Class 22	Middle/Heavy Weight Hunter	£10	Antrim Festival	
	Class 23	Small Hunter	£10	Old Bleach Society	
	Class 24	Light Weight Cobs	£10		
	Class 25	Heavy Weight Cobs	£10	<i>No cup - Champion Cob cup only</i>	
	Class 26	Champion Cobs		McAteer	
	Class 27	Riding Horse - Small	£10	Paul & Avril	
	Class 28	Riding Horse - Large	£10	McKenzie	
	Class 29	Coloured Horse	£10	Sharon Graham	
	Horse Championships - 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> in each class & Cob Champion and reserve				Remington Rand
Ring 4		Riding Classes	12:00	Trophy	
Riding Classes	Class 30	Lead Rein - Riders 10yrs & under	£10	William Burns	
	Class 31	Family Pony - 14.2 & under, rider under 16	£10	R J Cumming	
	Class 32	Ridden Show Pony - 14.2 & under, rider under 16	£10	I B Freight	
	Pony Championships 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> in each class				

*Perpetual Challenge Trophies will be presented in all the above classes subject to minimum of 4 entries*

**NB: The organisers reserve the right to cancel, divide or amalgamate any classes.**

**No liability is accepted by the organisers or landowner for any loss, damage, or accident, however caused.**

*Entries taken on the day.*

*All Cups / Trophies must be signed for from the caravan before they can be taken home.*



# MID ANTRIM ANIMAL SANCTUARY

## Randalstown Show

on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 12 noon

it's Doggie Showtime at the Randalstown Festival

The **Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary** is a not-for-profit, independent registered charity which has been in existence since 1996 and concentrates its works on animal re-homing, education and relieving the distress and suffering of unwanted animals. The charity operates a strict 'No Kill' policy and year on year finds new homes for approximately 1000 cats and dogs, which have been saved from possible destruction. Prior to re-homing, and on the successful completion of a home check, all animals are vaccinated, neutered, wormed, de-fleaed and micro-chipped. Measures are also put in place to ensure that all animals may be returned to the safe haven of the Sanctuary should they encounter any difficulties in their new home.

### Doggie Zone at the Show to include:

- **Promotion of animal welfare and education**
- **Our promotional material and newsletter**
- **Water and treats for all dogs that visit our stand**
- **Advice on animal care**

### Showtime!

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 12 noon

### Dog Show Classes:

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| ● <b>Scruffiest Dog</b>           | ● <b>Dog That Can Do the Best Trick</b> |
| ● <b>Dog Most Like It's Owner</b> | ● <b>Best Rescue Dog</b>                |
| ● <b>Fancy Dress</b>              | ● <b>Waggiest Tail</b>                  |
| ● <b>Best in Show</b>             | ● <b>Best Paw Shaker</b>                |
| ● <b>Best Biscuit Catcher</b>     | ● <b>Best In Show</b>                   |

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## Country Fair

### Dunmore Park, Randalstown

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Castle Estate*

### Saturday 10th June From 12Noon

Come along and join the fun of bouncy castles, games and McMullan's petting farm.

### FREE EVENT

## Family Fun Cycle

### Shane's Castle Estate

*Meet inside Grand  
Entrance*

### Monday 19th June 7:00PM

This popular event is suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities as all can ride at their own pace. The ride will follow a designated route through Shanes Castle Estate. You will then travel back to the Grand Entrance.

NB: - We regret that due to conditions on certain sections of the route, it is not suitable for children's bicycles with stabilisers. We encourage the wearing of cycle helmets for this event and advise caution when riding on the public highway.

Parents/guardians are responsible for children taking part in this event.

### FREE EVENT

## Slow Bike Race

### Randalstown Rugby Club

### Monday 19th June 8:00PM

We are delighted to have the Slow Bike Race returning to the festival programme. A reminder of some of the rules:

- Ride a two-wheeled bicycle over a 20m fixed course in the longest interval of time;
- The last person to finish the race will be the winner;
- No part of the competitor's body may touch the ground & Brakes must not be used during the race.
- The bicycle must maintain forward motion at all time & must remain within the boundaries of the course;

Spectators also assume the role of judge and jury in adhering to the rules.

Have you got what it takes? It's harder than you think!

### FREE EVENT





## Solo Piping Championship Wednesday 21st June 2023

at

The Randalstown Arches Community Festival, now in its third decade since the inaugural event, is an annual community bonanza of fun and celebration which the people of Randalstown and District have made an outstanding success.

For the seventh year in succession the Celtic Thistle Solo Piping Championship offers a number of young, talented solo pipers the opportunity to gather some useful competitive experience and at the same time have the chance to explore some of the festival highlights.

## Senior Citizens Mystery Tour

*By ticket only*

**Tuesday 20th June**

*Leaving from Library at 10:30AM*

We invite you to enjoy an afternoon filled with entertainment, great hospitality and prizes to be won in the Lucky Draw!

Bus departs from Randalstown Library at 10:30am SHARP and returns approximately 6:30 pm.

STRICTLY - AGED 60 & OVER. Tickets Must Be Bought Prior To Tour. Tickets will be on sale at McManus Hardware and Randalstown Pharmacy. Sponsored by

Hutchinson's Care Homes, Randalstown Health Centre and McLean's Bookmakers. The organisers would like to thank all the Randalstown Traders who kindly donated gifts in support of their local senior citizens. Please support your Local Traders!

**Admission: £10.00 (By Ticket ONLY) – Available from McManus Hardware and Randalstown Pharmacy.**

## Walking Treasure Hunt

**Scout Hall**

**Tuesday 20th June**

**6:30PM**

*Run by Randalstown Scout Group*

The Scout Group is again organising this popular event which will take you around the town following a list of clues, some easy, some not so easy. A great fun event!

**Admission:**

**Adults £3.00**

**Secondary School Age**

**Children £2.00**

**Primary School Age**

**Children £1.00**

Light refreshments and presentation of prizes afterwards in the Scout Hall.

## Bingo

**St MacNissis Parish Centre**

**Tuesday 20th June**

**Doors open at 7:00PM for 8:00PM start**

*Run by St MacNissis Parish office*

Come along for a night of fun whilst raising money for a great cause and see if your lucky numbers pop up and try your luck with the raffle!

Help on the night from Ardan Theatre Group.

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## Duck Race

### Weir to Viaduct Bridge

**Wednesday 21st June  
6:45PM**

The Duck Race is a major source of income for the Festival that enables us to provide the week's festivities at a minimum cost to the community of Randalstown and district. Please give us your support by purchasing ducks from participating retailers. Look out for ARCHIE - our Mascot Duck and support his friends.

**Ducks cost £1** and will be on sale in the town from the beginning of June - Look out for the posters!! Ducks also on sale on the Wednesday evening before the start of the race.

#### Duck Race Prizes

1st -£75

2nd -£50

3rd -£30

4th -£25

5th -£20

Also 5 spot prizes of £10

## Celtic Thistle Solo Bagpipe Championship

### John Street Car Park

**Wednesday 21st June  
6:45PM**

The Celtic Thistle Solo Piping Championship offers young, talented solo pipers the opportunity to gather some useful competitive experience and at the same time the chance to explore some of the festival highlights. Playing requirements for the Championship.

#### **FREE EVENT**

## Market & Amusements

### John Street Car Park

**Wednesday 21st June  
7:00PM**

There will be something for everyone at the Market & Amusements. There will be lots of excitement including face painters, games, perhaps a visit from a character or two and many more exciting things to see and do.

This year again we are pleased to have McMullan's Mobile Farm joining us which introduces you to some cuddly and interesting animals.

We are also pleased to welcome the ArtCart which will take you through some AI games - let's see what you can create!

We will also have a variety of traders at the market - from burgers to crafts - come along and have a look!

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## Fiddle and Five Strings

### Randalstown Rugby Club

**Wednesday 21st June  
9:00PM**

Appearing with Steve Farlow at the Fiddle & Five String Country Music Club will be former Eurovision song contest participant Geri Kane. Geri was a member of the four piece band from Northern Ireland who represented Ireland in 1986 achieving a very creditable fourth place.

Recently, Geri has teamed up with Irelands Mr. music himself - Steve Farlow - Geri's powerful vocals and bubbly personality combines with Steves excellent musicianship to provide an excellent programme of country music. A night that will no doubt be a highlight of Arches Festival!

**Admission is £3.00** and everybody will be made very welcome.

The Fiddle & Five will be supporting the Alzheimer's society.

## Horticulture Walking Tour

### Starting from Randalstown Library

**Thursday 22nd June  
9:30AM**

Meeting and setting off from Randalstown Library, you will find out more about the beautiful horticulture of Randalstown, while enjoying a leisurely walk, taking in the beautiful gardens and planting schemes along the route.

The tour lasts 1 hour.

The tour is free but places are limited and must be pre-booked.

Contact Arches Office to reserve your place:  
Tel 028 9447 8471

**FREE EVENT**

## Invitation Pairs Bowling Competition

### Drummaul Church Hall

**Thursday 22nd June  
6:30PM**

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**Admission: £10.00 per pair**

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## Wine Tasting

### Arches Community Hall

Thursday 22nd June

7:00PM

ARCHES Festival is pleased to offer the return of the ever popular wine appreciation event organised and supported by The Vintage Off Licence.

A great night for all european wine lovers featuring guest speaker Peter McBride.

Places at this popular event are strictly limited, so get your ticket early!

**Admission: £15.00** (By Ticket ONLY) – Available from ARCHES Office or The Vintage from 5th June.

## Floral Art Demo

### St MacNissis Parish Centre

Thursday 22nd June

7:30PM

*Run by Randalstown Women's Institute*

Come along to see the wonderful and creative flower arranging demonstrations by Colleen Hamill.

Proceeds will benefit two worthy causes: The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust and ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World).

**Admission £5.00** (pay at door)

## Annual Denis Sweeny Memorial Session

### O'Kane's Bar

Thursday 22nd June

8:30PM

The Traditional Music Night will be held in O'Kane's Bar Randalstown.

Come along and listen to beautiful music and maybe even have a dance or two!

All musicians are welcome to come along and play.

**FREE EVENT**

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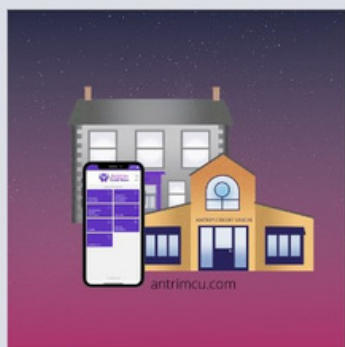
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## Wine & Cheese Evening

### Randalstown Rugby Club

**Saturday 24th June  
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Come along for an evening of wine and cheese tasting followed by music and dancing.

**Contact John Curry or  
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## Colour Run

### Randalstown Rugby Club

*Run by Kearney's  
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**Saturday 24th June  
From 11:00AM**

This event is focused less on speed and more on the colour fun with friends and family. Colour runners come from all different ages, shapes, sizes, and speeds; but everyone who participates will have a blast!

Whether you are more of a casual morning walker or a competitive athlete - this run will be a joy!

This is a fun run where you will get full of color by the end of the race. It is suggested to wear white so your colors will really show up!

Feel free to wear glasses if you would like to ensure paint powder doesn't enter eyes.

**Admission - donation to  
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## Memory Walk

### Shane's Castle Estate

*Meet at Grand Entrance*

**Sunday 25th June  
1:00PM**

Get your walking shoes on and the family out the door to enjoy the wonderful setting and great scenery of Shanes Castle Estate with a walk through the grounds all whilst raising money for a great cause - Alzheimers Uk.

The aim is to raise money to power dementia research and life changing dementia support.

Sponsorship sheets are available from Arches office, Arches website or from [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

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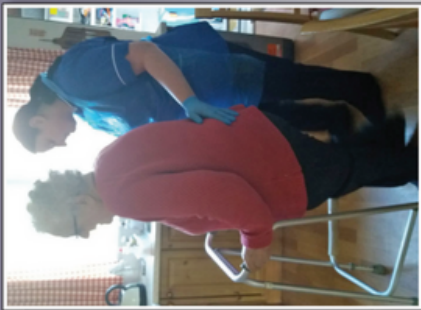


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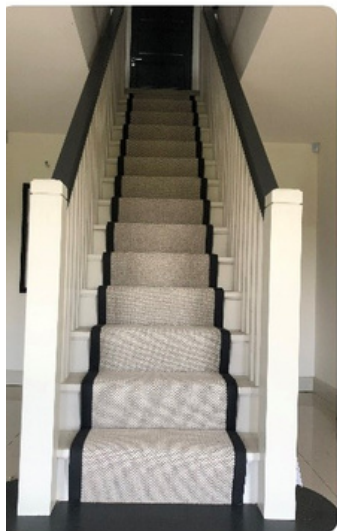
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Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards.

**FREE EVENT**

## Odd Duck Out

**19th-25th June**

Archie needs your help! He seems to have lost his family. Let's hope you can help find them all.

Throughout the week ducks may appear in various windows around the town.

Entry Forms at Kandy Shop or ARCHES Offices during Festival Week.

Completed entries are to be returned to the Kandy Shop or Arches office before 10am on Monday 26th June.

Lots of prizes to be won for all correct entries!!

N.B. It is not necessary to enter a shop to obtain the answer as objects are visible from the outside.

**FREE EVENT**

## Fireside Quiz

**19th-25th June**

Maine Line are organising a fireside quiz and sheets are available from a number of shops in the town as well as Arches office.

**All proceeds to NI Chest, Heart & Stroke**

## Art & Photography Competition

**19th-25th June**

It's time to get the cameras and paintbrushes out!

Submit your best Festival based art/photography piece to Arches office or website to be in with the chance of winning a prize!

**FREE EVENT**

## World of Owls

**19th-25th June**

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"Blossom by  
blossom the  
Spring begins"

*Algernon  
Charles  
Swinburne*

Image by Daniel Taphorn



# ARCHES NEWS

Summer!! It's finally here after a long cold winter, the sunshine is clearing away those dull grey skies and giving us all a nostalgia for long summer days. The trees are green giving a dappled sunlight everywhere you go, the sound of music in the distance, the smell of freshly cut grass, the suggestion of a BBQ, kids on bikes, kids in trees, paddling in the sea, soaking your feet in a tub, ice cream, ice cold coca cola—frozen enough to make it slushy — the list goes on.....

For us here in the office Summer spells out the start of our Festival season and this year is no exception to the bonanza of festival fun and celebration we have in store for you. Look out for details of your favourite events, there's something for everyone.

Randalstown ARCHES Community Festival takes place this year from Monday 19th to Sunday 25th June (with Gymkhana slightly before on Saturday 10th June). It is once again a jam-packed bonanza of family, fun -filled festival events.

As we start to come back from Covid, we hope to keep up momentum this year without forgetting about the old faithful events such as the Duck Race! Speaking of ducks, we hope you are excited to welcome back Archie, our Festival mascot who will be waddling around and may make some surprise visits around the town so make sure to give him a QUACK!

You will find all the information for Festival contained within this programme so go on, get your pens out and mark the events you want to attend and then put them in your phone or trusty diary.

George Graham, Chairman of ARCHES, commented "Planning for the annual festival begins even before the current year has finished! Months of planning and preparation come together in late May and we release this programme. Then banners, posters and signs start to go up. As the big week approaches we hit fever pitch!

"On a more serious note I must stress that Festival just wouldn't happen without all the volunteers who, as both individuals and groups, contribute finances, time, energy, artistic talents and much more and we at ARCHES are really grateful to all who help in any way. A big thank you also to those who come out and support the festival, it's the great crowd support that we get to each event that make the hard work worthwhile. The other essential element of any festival is funding and we are again most grateful to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Department for Communities and Enkalon Foundation, for their financial support."

If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer or help in any way with Festival, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us here in ARCHES on 028 9447 8471 or email to [info@randalstownarches.com](mailto:info@randalstownarches.com)

# SCHOOL NEWS

## MONEYNICK PS

As they approach the end of another academic school year, Moneynick PS recall the exciting opportunities, outstanding successes, and memorable moments at Moneynick Primary School during the past few months.



Congratulations to the members of the quiz team who performed wonderfully to achieve second place in the SW Antrim Cumann na mBunscol Quiz Final in St. Brigid's PS (Ballymena). The team did a fantastic job representing their families and school. Moneynick PS is extremely proud of their effort and commitment.



The Primary 7 pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Moneyglass, on Friday 10 March. The readings, prayers and responses were exceptional, while the music and singing from their joint choir gracefully led by Mr Michael Boyd, added a special touch to a beautiful ceremony. A truly memorable day for their Confirmandi 2023.



They welcomed Mr Kevin O'Boyle - a local GAA Star and author to read his book 'My first Gaelic Football Match' to a captured audience. After a long Q & A session, Mr O'Boyle joined them outside for a quick game of Gaelic, skilfully scoring in the back of their new mobile goals.



In partnership with Live Here Love Here, their Eco Council designed and produced the Moneynick 'Bee Bag'. With a focus on Pope Francis' Letter titled 'Laudato Si' Care for our Common Home, the Bee Bag is made from sustainable fabric to reduce the amount of plastic used and encourage more pollinators into their environment. To view the 'Bee Kind' Assembly, visit [moneynickps.com](http://moneynickps.com). The Bee Bags are available to purchase with all proceeds funding future council endeavours.



A visit to The Toome Canal with Jo and Karen from the RSPB was an amazing way to spend a Friday morning. Searching for minibeasts on the land and in the water allowed for the opportunity to learn about the local environment and appreciate God's beautiful world. A quick stop in the Lock Keeper's Cottage for refreshments and a chat before returning to school was an extra treat.



The pupils, staff and governors of Moneynick Primary School sincerely thank Gribbin's Pharmacy for the sponsorship of their new school playing kit. They wish their school teams every success in the coming years.



Primary 7 pupils attended the Mid Ulster Tag Rugby Tournament at Meadowbank Sports Arena. Although a very new sport, their agility, speed, and teamwork led to many terrific tries and strong wins.



They also attended the Department for Communities 'Celebration of Sport' at Antrim Forum. Their ability to transfer their fundamental skills to a wide variety of sporting activities such as hockey and canoeing was impressive.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## MONEYNICK PS



The entire school community has worked energetically to implement the Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing; Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice and Give and in doing so they have explored how to look after their mental health and emotional wellbeing. They look forward to receiving and celebrating their Take 5 Accreditation from the Education Authority on Wednesday 7 June.



The Preventative Curriculum plays a major role in their school. P6&7 pupils have achieved their Cycling Proficiency, Energise and Heartstart Awards. P1-5 have also been successful in achieving their Heartstart and Energise Certificates. Staff completed the Onus Safe Schools training and are delighted to be awarded the Safe Schools Accreditation. They thank Onus and Women's Aid for their contribution to their professional development. To view their achievements and awards visit their school website at [www.moneynickps.com](http://www.moneynickps.com)



They welcome everyone to join them at their Fun Bingo on Saturday 3 June commencing at 5pm in the school hall. Come along and experience the atmosphere and fun. Everyone welcome!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CENTRAL PS

2023 has been a very busy year so far in Randalstown Central PS. P1-P4 kicked off the New Year taking part in workshops with Francesca from Action Mental Health, supporting our work on mental health and wellbeing. Through art, music and drama the children learnt about their different emotions and started to develop their own strategies to support their self-esteem and wellbeing. The Central P.S. community were delighted to unveil their new outdoor classroom in the school garden. Along with new pollinator plants, this has been a fantastic addition to the school, affording the pupils a place to take their learning outdoors and develop their knowledge of the environment. It has already been put to good use, as classes have used it for singing, digging and planting and to enhance their artistic skills through observational drawing classes.



Another highly anticipated event in the school calendar took place in February. World Book Day 2023 was celebrated by pupils and staff who enjoyed sharing their love of reading and books. The children dressed up as some of their favourite book characters and paraded through the town in our annual parade. A big thanks to all the parents and friends of the school who turned up to support the children along their route.



This year the Central pupils have been delighted to restart their Shared Education Programme with their friends from Mount St Michael's P.S. They have enjoyed regular activities at each of the schools and many classes have enjoyed some shared trips. The P1-P4 children have all enjoyed joint trips to the park, whilst the Busy Bee children ventured to Antrim Castle Gardens and the P7 children joined their Mount St Michael's counterparts to a Belfast Giants training session.



Children from P5-P7 had a great experience participating in a joint choir with Mount St Michael's, and together they attended the Peace Proms event, held in the SSE Arena in February. They loved the experience of performing at such an important and poignant event and all the children worked so hard learning all the songs and dance moves- a great success for the two schools once again!

As Spring approached, the children at Randalstown Central were very lucky to have a few special visitors- some baby lambs and kid goats! Children from across the school got to come and meet the lambs, some even having a turn to feed them! A huge thanks to Ruth Alexander, one of the parents, for bringing the animals into school.



Most recently, the children and staff from the school have been taking part in celebrations to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. The deputy mayor paid them a visit to plant some commemorative trees in the school ground and all children were presented with trowels and packets of wildflower seeds. The celebrations concluded on Friday 5th May, with a Coronation Fun Day, organised by the school's PTA. The children were treated to bouncy castles, discos, craft activities, a special party lunch and some ice cream to round things off- great fun was had by everyone and thanks to the PTA for organising such a great event.



As the school year moves to its conclusion, there is still lots going on in Randalstown Central. The P7 children are eagerly anticipating their residential trip to the Share Centre at the end of May and all the children in school will be taking part in some exercise classes as they welcome Commonwealth swimmer David Thompson to their school on Friday 12th May. With plans for Sport's Day and a PTA Class Marathon event underway- the end of the year is shaping up to be a very exciting and busy one for the pupils and staff of Randalstown Central P.S.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## DUNEANE PS



### Literacy Week/World Book Day

As part of Literacy Week this year, Mr Happy (A.K.A. Mr Happy) read to the children, they completed lots of fun Literacy activities, they had a Book Fair and to finish the week off the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and they showed off their costumes during their daily mile!

### Numeracy Week fun!

To continue to promote Numeracy in the School. they had a fun Numeracy Week, where they did some practical Numeracy activities in their House teams. They also had a fun Numeracy Scavenger Hunt and Quiz. At the end of the week the children did a 'Show and Tell' of their favourite number and what make that number so special

### Duneane dazzles at the Tag Rugby tournament!

On 29th March, the P5 - P7s got to play in a Primary Schools Tag Rugby tournament. They played Coagh Primary School, Moneymore Primary School, Knocknagin Primary School and Woods Primary School. Overall they managed to score 8 tries in their games. The children played well and showed lots of key skills such as teamwork, spacial awareness and communication was used. The children at the end all received lovely medals.

### Cancer fund for Children fundraising

This year the school are raising money for the Cancer Fund for Children. Through their Readon sponsored reading charity event, they raised an amazing £758! They have been blown away by the support that the parents, families and friends in this wonderful community have given this fabulous charity!

### Duneane celebrates King Charles III Coronation in style!

On 21st April, Duneane PS welcomed the Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey Council, Councillor Leah Smyth as they planted a tree to mark the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III. Each child was given a garden trowel with a special Coronation label and some wildflower seeds to encourage them to garden. The children got to use their trowels and the special Coronation spade to plant the hazel tree.



To commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III, the children, staff, parents, friends, governors and wider community came together to have an Afternoon tea party! The children (AND STAFF) dressed as Kings and Queens to celebrate this wonderful event and they had a procession walk to the hall where the event was held. Every pupil was presented with a Royal teddy and commemorative King Charles III coin. A special cake was cut by the youngest child and one of our P7s. In between the heavy showers the children got to enjoy all the fun activities outside!

They then planted their Coronation rose. This will be a lasting symbol to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. The children helped to plant the rose. Thank you to their PTA for supplying this rose which is called 'special day' for the special day!



# SCHOOL NEWS

## GROGGAN PS

This has been another very busy term at Groggan Primary School, with lots of work and play going on in all of the classes. They were delighted to be asked to sing at the Case Shared Education Celebration at Queens University along with their friends from Millquarter Primary School. Their Shared Education sang for Principals, teachers and invited guests and performed beautifully; they were so very proud of them. A special trip to McDonalds on the way home was in order!



Their Digital Leaders attended two workshops at the Apple Store in Belfast and learned lots of new tricks and skills which they will share with their class. This year they have been working on Animation with the Nerve Centre and have been amazed at some of the work the children have produced. Staff have had training with their friends from Millquarter and have worked together on this ICT work.



They had a wonderful Vocabulary Day just before Easter where the children and staff came to school dressed as a word. They held a Vocabulary Parade and marvelled at the creativity of some of the ideas and costumes. One child managed to stay in character the whole day which was quite a feat!



Their football team have attended a number of matches and tournaments, but nothing beats the excitement the day they won the Junior Cup. They played in very wet conditions, but this didn't dampen their enthusiasm and energy. They were all delighted to be the tournament winners.



They held a Duck hunt before Easter, they had lots of tiny ducks hidden everywhere and the children had to find them. They exchanged their duck for an Easter egg. They held our annual Easter services for our parents and friends, and all of the classes took part. They were delighted to welcome Pastor Craig from Baptist Church who spoke at the first service and Rev Curry from First Magherafelt Presbyterian Church (their very own Mr Curry's Dad) who shared a message at the second service.

They have a great relationship with the seniors from Maine Fold and their older pupils have engaged in lots of activities this year. As part of the Fold's Coronation celebrations, four of their Primary 7 pupils went along to sing for them and play their violins. The residents loved their performances, and the girls loved all the treats! Thanks to Mrs Burns for the warm welcome and to their senior friends who always treat the children so well.

They have all been taking part in the Daily Mile each day are working hard for their Silver Sustrans award. The children took part in a special 'Big Walk and Wheel' where they scooted, skated and wheeled through the week. They were so pleased to hear that Groggan was the highest placing school in the Northeast region and won a balance bike for the school.



Earlier this year, they welcomed the Mayor to Groggan to plant a very special tree in memory of the Queen and recently the Deputy Mayor who helped to plant a tree to recognise King Charles' Coronation.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## GROGGAN PS

They had a 'Right Royal Knees Up' on Friday 5th May to celebrate the King's Coronation. Staff and pupils came to school dressed for a special occasion. They had their very own Groggan King and Queen for the day who cut the ribbon for the fun to begin. Primary 7 held a special Assembly to explain all about the King's Coronation. They then held a Coronation parade followed by a very special Break; the Coronation cupcakes were delicious. They had a special lunch and even a visit from the ice-cream van. The older children took part in a Royal Quiz in the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed their very special day!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **COMMUNITY ADVICE — ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBEY**

Community Advice continue to be in Arches Hall each Monday (except Bank Holidays) 1:30-4:30PM - no appointment needed for free and confidential advice on a wide range of issues.



## **RANDALSTOWN VIADUCT SET TO BE ILLUMINATED WITH AROUND £500K OF NEW LIGHTS**

A planning application to illuminate Randalstown Viaduct has been given unanimous support at a meeting of ANBC's Planning Committee in April.

The application involves the installation of five new black-coloured lighting columns, five metres in height, along the Randalstown Viaduct, a grade B+ listed bridge of special architectural interest. The committee was advised the council is "concerned that the lack of lighting on the bridge is a health and safety issue which needs to be addressed".

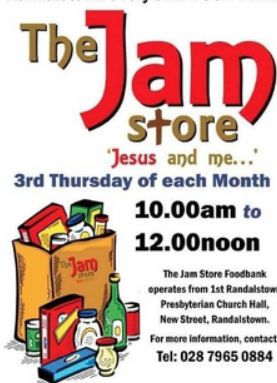
Other works proposed include the replacement of the existing arch up-lighting and the refurbishment of the period lighting features on the lattice bridge. It is reported that: "Overall, it is considered that the proposed works will have no significant adverse impact on the existing character and setting of the viaduct, the adjacent Randalstown Bridge and the Randalstown Conservation Area and are acceptable in relation to design and appearance."

The DFC's Historic Environment Division has given its approval subject to conditions including that the lighting colour is to be "warm white" as initially, colour-changing lights illuminating the viaduct had been considered as part of an illumination project to highlight key civic features and built assets in Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough.

The illuminations, expected to cost almost £0.5m, were part of the council's post-Covid economic recovery with the sum of £350k anticipated from the Department for Communities.

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## **THE JUDGES ARE COMING!**

The Tidy Randalstown volunteers are awaiting some special visitors to Randalstown.

If you keep your eyes peeled, you may see some judges walking around the town soon with clipboards in hand taking notes and marking each section of the town.

Let's do our best to make sure that the town is as clean, tidy and beautiful as we can in hopes of some more prizes to add to Tidy Randalstown's collection in recognition of their hard work!





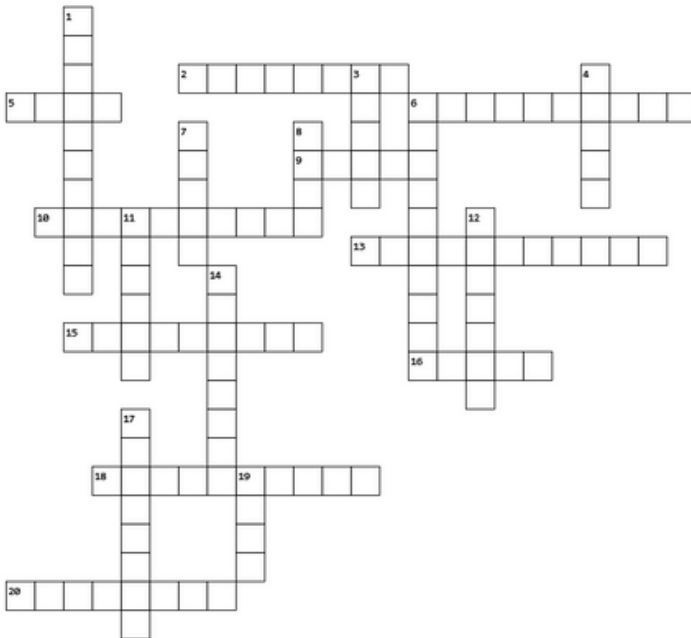
# TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

## General Knowledge

1. What did the Queen of Hearts make on a summer's day?
2. This British tourist attraction was inspired by the Eiffel Tower
3. How long is a wild Seagull's lifespan?
4. Which US President hosted the first barbecue at the White House?
5. What item of clothing also happens to be the most sold item during summer?
6. Before the modern Ice Cream Sandwich, how were the original "hokey pokeys" different?
7. True or False, Hyperthermia is condition where your body temperature is too low.
8. Why do some people attach cards to their bikes?
9. What do Americans celebrate every July?
10. Why were the 1940 and 1944 Summer Olympics cancelled?



## Crossword



### Across

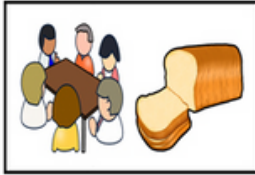
2. A period of abnormally hot weather. 4 4
5. Tree Tall trees that grow coconuts. 4 4
6. People do this to get a tan. 10
9. Trees Goats in Morocco climb these every June. 5 5
10. often built at the beech. 4 6
13. when water gets turned into vapour by the heat. 11
15. The longest continuous beach in America. 4 5
16. A place where you can be sheltered from the Sun 5
18. A severe illness caused by overheating. 4 6
20. Pool A small inflatable pool. 8 4

### Down

1. This shark is the largest known extant fish species. 5 5
3. Cancer Leo and \_\_\_\_\_. 5
4. Fireworks were invented in this country. 5
6. Worn to protect your eyes. 10
7. Released from your body to help keep you cool. 5
8. A large body of water surrounded by land. 4
11. A sport that involves jumping into water. 6
12. Most people go on these during the Summer. 7
14. Added to drinks to help them stay cool. 3 5
17. A frozen treat held from a stick. 3 5
19. People who go camping stay in these. 4

# TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

## Dingbats



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## Riddles

1. I have no eyes, no ears, and legs, and yet I help move the earth. What am I?
2. What gets bigger when more is taken away?
3. I am a bag of cloth. I am used by campers. A person can sleep in me. I am not a tent. What am I?
4. I bring music wherever I go. I keep things very cold. I have wheels. People give my driver money and he gives them treats. What am I?
5. I appear once in summer and twice in autumn, but never in winter. What am I?
6. We pass under the sun but make no shadow. What are we?
7. Coal in my belly, steel on my feet. When I get hot it's time to eat. What am I?
8. I can make castles but I am not a brick. I often get into your food if you have a picnic. What am I?
9. If a brown house is made of brown bricks, and a blue house is made of blue bricks, what is a green house made of?
10. You might love me in summer but I never like the sun. The hotter the weather, the softer I get. What am I?
11. I'm a letter of the alphabet and I'm the biggest thing on the planet. What am I?
12. I'm surrounded by water but I'm not a fish. What am I?
13. I am a type of building and from the top I shine. I warn sailors about rocks so that ships will be fine. What am I?

# TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

## ISSUE 101 ANSWERS

### Crossword

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Pollen         | 17. Patrick     |
| 2. Cherry Blossom | 18. Bilby       |
| 3. Daffodil       | 19. Hibernation |
| 4. Scallions      | 20. Basket      |
| 5. Peter          | 21. Chick       |
| 6. Albumen        |                 |
| 7. Vernal         |                 |
| 8. Sunday Easter  |                 |
| 9. Pysanka        |                 |
| 10. Bees          |                 |
| 11. Mars          |                 |
| 12. Tornado       |                 |
| 13. Chocolate     |                 |
| 14. Cleaning      |                 |
| 15. Simnel        |                 |
| 16. Fasting       |                 |

### Word Search



### General Knowledge

1. Since the sun and moon are on opposite sides of the earth the pull of gravity is equalized
2. Cheese Rolling
3. 17 Million
4. To maximise the amount of daylight hours
5. May Day
6. New Life / Resurrection
7. The blood of Christ
8. Cypress Gardens Adventure Park, Florida
9. Make easter a fixed day
10. Bread and Wine

### Dingbats

1. Winter Time
2. Summer Time
3. Poison Arrow
4. Pain in the Bum
5. Love in the Afternoon
6. Hot Wheels
7. Sweet Caroline
8. Right on Time
9. Jason Donovan
10. Goldeneye
11. Double Vision
12. Cross my Heart



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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Festival Gymkhana	Dunmore Park	10:00am
	Country Fair	Dunmore Park	10:00am
	Dog Show	Dunmore Park	12:00pm
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Cycle	Starts inside Shane's Castle Grand Entrance	7:00pm
	Slow Bike Race	Randalstown Rugby Club	8:00pm
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizens Mystery Tour <i>(By Ticket Only)</i>	Leave from Randalstown Library	10:30am
	Walking Treasure Hunt	Scout Hall	6:30pm
	Bingo	St MacNissi's Parish Centre	8:00pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Celtic Thistle Solo Bagpipe Championship	John Street Car Park	6:45pm
	Duck Race	Weir to Viaduct Bridge	6:45pm
	Outdoor Concert	John Street Car Park	7:00pm
	Amusements	John Street Car Park	7:00pm
	Market	John Street Car Park	7:00pm
	Mobile Farm	John Street Car Park	7:00pm
	Face Painting	John Street Car Park	7:00pm
	ArtCart	John Street Car Park	7:00pm
	Fiddle and Five Strings	Randalstown Rugby Club	9:00pm
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Horticulture Walking Tour	Randalstown Library	9:30am
	Invitation Pairs Bowling Comp.	Drummaul Church Hall	6:30pm
	Wine Tasting	Arches Hall	7:00pm
	WI Floral Art Demonstration	St MacNissi's Parish Centre	7:30pm
	Annual Denis Sweeney Memorial Session	O'Kanes Bar	8:30pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bakehouse Cooking Demo	Arches Hall	6:30pm
	Family Ramble	Shanes Castle Estate	7:00pm
	Randal Community Shed Quiz Night	Randalstown Rugby Club	7:30pm
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Run	Randalstown Rugby Club	11:00am
	Wine & Cheese Evening	Randalstown Rugby Club	8:00pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Alzheimers Memory Walk	Shanes Castle Estate	1:00pm
	Songs of Praise	St MacNissi's Church	7:00pm
All Week	Odd Duck Out	<i>(Entry Forms from Arches Office or online)</i> One child free for every paying adult Entry - <a href="http://www.randalstownarches.com/">www.randalstownarches.com/</a> Arches office Quiz sheets available from various outlets	
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