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RANDALSTOWN ARCHES COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
Saturday 8th June to Saturday 29th June 2024

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Sat 8 th	Festival Gymkhana	Dunmore Park	10:00am
	Dog Show	Dunmore Park	12:00pm
Wed 19 th	Fiddle and Five Strings	Randalstown Rugby Club	9:00pm
Mon 24 th	Family Fun Cycle	Starts inside Shane's Castle Grand Entrance	7:00pm
	WI Floral Art Demonstration	St MacNissi's Parish Centre	7:30pm
	Tug Of War	Randalstown Rugby Club	8:00pm
Tues 25 th	Senior Citizens Mystery Tour <i>(By Ticket Only)</i>	Leave from Randalstown Library	10:45am
	Walking Treasure Hunt	Scout Hall	6:30pm
	Invitation Pairs Bowling Comp.	Drummaul Church Hall	6:30pm
	Bingo	St MacNissi's Parish Centre	8:00pm
Wed 26 th	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
Thurs 27 th	Horticulture Walking Tour	Randalstown Library	9:30am
	Annual Denis Sweeney Memorial Session	O'Kanes Bar	8:30pm
Fri 28 th	Family Ramble	Shanes Castle Estate	7:00pm
	Craft Beer Tasting	Arches Hall	7:00pm
	Randal Community Shed Quiz Night	Randalstown Rugby Club	7:30pm
Sat 29 th	Colour Run	Randalstown Rugby Club	11:00am
	Grand Parade	Starting at Mulholland Motors Layby	7:30pm
All Week	World of Owls Fireside Quiz	One child free for every paying adult Quiz sheets available from various outlets	

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Message from the Chair

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Sveiki atvykę į Randalstown arkomis Bendrijos festivalis!
Bem-vindo ao Randalstown Arcos Festival Comunidade!
Bienvenido a Randalstown ARCHES Festival Comunidad!

We're thrilled to invite you to join us for another exciting year of festivities. Planning for the 2024 Festival kicked off right after the conclusion of last year's event. Many groups, individuals, and volunteers have poured their efforts into organizing a diverse program of events for the entire community to enjoy.

ARCHES Festival is aimed at providing maximum enjoyment at minimal cost to our community. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our sponsors and advertisers whose unwavering support makes this festival possible year after year.

Be sure to peruse the events list enclosed in this booklet, and make plans to attend as many as you can. We're looking forward to welcoming you to a week filled with fun and entertainment!

Warm regards,
George Graham
Chairman, Randalstown ARCHES Association

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Randalstown ARCHES Festival Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the sponsors of the Community Festival:

- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
- Department for Communities
- Enkalon Foundation
- All advertisers and sponsors of individual events

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to organize events or support the success of the Festival in any way.

Special thanks to Amy Scullion, William Noel Graham and Lyndon McKee for providing the photographs included in this booklet.

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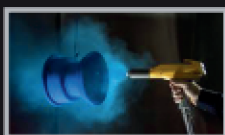
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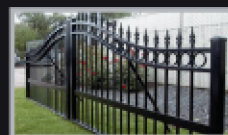
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Gymkhana

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From 10AM

Run by Mid Antrim Branch of The Pony Club

Trophies and/or cups are available for all classes and we are extremely grateful for all existing and new sponsors. Full gymkhana schedule available on Randalstown Arches Association website, Any enquiries to:

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Dog Show

Dunmore Park, Randalstown

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Run by Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary

At Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary's Dog Show there will be lots of show classes to enter, all for fun, with all proceeds from entries going to the Animal Sanctuary. If you think your pooch has what it takes to be a winner come on down and join in the fun. Entries will be taken on the day. Categories shown on following page.

Admission: £1.00 per category



MID ANTRIM ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Randalstown Show

Saturday 8th June 2024

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 8th June 2024 at 12noon

Dog Show Classes:

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| • Scruffiest Dog | • Dog That Can Do the Best Trick |
| • Dog Most Like It's Owner | • Best Rescue Dog |
| • Fancy Dress | • Waggiest Tail |
| • Best in Show | • Best Paw Shaker |
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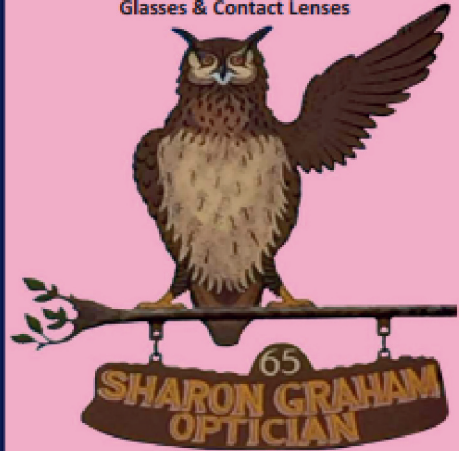
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Wednesday 19th June 2024

Fiddle & Five Strings

Randalstown Rugby Club

9:00PM

Run by Fiddle & Five Strings

Join The Fiddle and Five Strings for a captivating music night featuring the talented three-piece group, In Harmony.

Delight your senses with an evening filled with harmonious melodies and rhythmic tunes. In Harmony promises to captivate audiences of all tastes.

Bring your friends and family for a memorable musical experience.

Admission is £4 - don't miss out on this opportunity to immerse yourself in the magic of live music - everyone welcome.



Solo Piping Championship

Wednesday 26th June 2023

Randalstown ARCHES Community Festival

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.



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Family Fun Cycle

Shane's Castle Estate

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7:00PM

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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

Tug of War

Randalstown Rugby Club

8:00PM

Run by Randalstown Young Farmers Club

Randalstown Young Farmers are returning with their annual tug-of-war competition at Randalstown Rugby Club. They are inviting teams from local businesses and organisations to take part. 6 people per team.

This year there will be a category for Young Farmers Clubs and a 'just-for-fun' category which will be open to all male, all female or mixed teams.

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WI Floral Art Demonstration

St. MacNissis Parish Centre

7:30PM

Run by Randalstown Women's Institute

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Tuesday 25th June 2024

Senior Citizen's Mystery Tour

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The organisers would like to thank all the Randalstown Traders who kindly donated gifts and vouchers in support of their local senior citizens.

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

Walking Treasure Hunt

Scout Hall

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

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Primary School Age Children £1.00

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

Bingo

St MacNissis Parish Centre

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

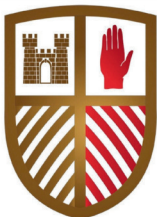
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Tuesday 25th June 2024

Invitation Pairs Bowling Competition

Drummaul Church Hall

6:30PM

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Admission: £10.00 per pair





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Wednesday 26th June 2024

Duck Race

Weir to Viaduct Bridge

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

6:45PM

Run by Winston Pollock

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

Outdoor Concert, Market & Amusements

John Street Car Park

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.

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Thursday 27th June 2024

Horticulture Walking Tour

Randalstown Library

9:30AM

Run by Tidy Randalstown

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

Annual Denis Sweeny Memorial Session

O'Kane's Bar

8:30PM

Run by O'Kane's Bar

Get ready for a night of traditional music at O'Kane's Bar in Randalstown! Join us for an evening filled with the enchanting melodies of traditional tunes. Whether you're looking to sit back and enjoy the music or feel the urge to dance, this event promises something for everyone. Musicians of all skill levels are encouraged to join in the fun and showcase their talents. Gather your friends and family for a memorable night of music and merriment.

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Friday 28th June 2024

Family Ramble

Shane's Castle Estate

7:00PM

Run by Maine Rambling Club

Get your walking shoes on and enjoy the wonderful setting and great scenery of Shanes Castle Estate during an energetic ramble through the grounds.

Please wear sensible footwear and appropriate clothing depending on weather conditions.

****NO DOGS PLEASE****

FREE EVENT

Craft Beer Tasting

ARCHES Community Hall

7:00PM

Run by The Vintage Randalstown

Step into the world of craft beer with The Vintage and indulge in a night of tantalizing tastes and local brews. Join us for a craft beer tasting extravaganza, featuring the finest selections from talented local brewers - Modest Craft Beer. Immerse yourself in the rich flavors and unique aromas of artisanal brews while mingling with fellow beer enthusiasts.

Tickets for this unforgettable evening are priced at **£15 and are available from The Vintage**. Don't miss your chance to explore the world of craft beer in style - secure your ticket today for an experience that's sure to delight your taste buds!

Please note that this event is strictly **OVER 18's**.

Randal Community Shed Quiz Night

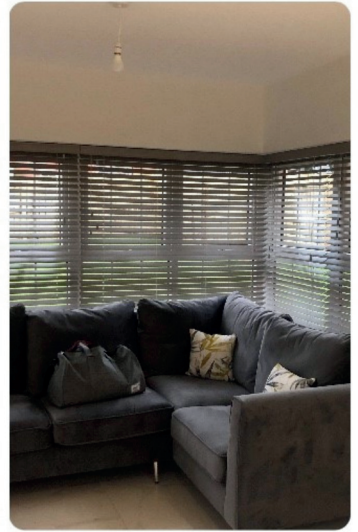
Randalstown Rugby Club

7:30PM

Run by Randal Community Shed

Join Randal Community Shed and engage your brain in their quiz night. There will also be a raffle and spot prizes on the night, not to be missed!

Admission: £3.00 per person



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Saturday 29th June 2024

Colour Run

Randalstown Rugby Club

11:00AM

Run by Kearney's Randalstown

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.

Grand Parade

Starting at John Mulholland Motors Layby

7:30PM

Run by Trevor Beattie - The Traction Engine Club

Join us for a spectacular showcase parading vintage tractors, cars, and lorries through the heart of the town.

The route begins at the layby across from John Mullholland Motors, winding its way through the bustling streets and up New Street to the Moneynick roundabout.

From there, our procession returns via New Street, turning left onto Main Street.

To ensure a smooth flow and minimal disruption, a slightly longer route will be taken, proceeding slowly from Main Street on both occasions.

Finally, turning into the Ahogill road, concluding the journey at the community centre car park via Neilsbrook.

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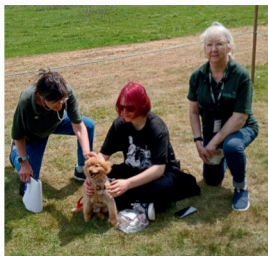
Maine Line Dancing are hosting a fireside quiz. Participants can obtain quiz sheets from various shops in Randalstown as well as from Arches office.

All proceeds will benefit the Motor Neurone Disease Association, supporting individuals and families affected by this debilitating condition.

World of Owls

During festival week, World of Owls is extending a generous offer: two children can enjoy free admission when accompanied by two paying adults, simply by presenting this booklet.

It's a wonderful opportunity for families to explore the fascinating world of owls together while enjoying the festivities. Don't miss out on this chance to create cherished memories and discover the beauty of nature at World of Owls.



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Monday 17 th	8:00pm
Tuesday 18 th	8:00pm
Wednesday 19 th	8:00pm
Thursday 20 th	8:00pm
Friday 21 st	8:00pm
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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 24th to Saturday 29th June (with a few events slightly before - Gymkhana and Dog Show on Saturday 8th June and Fiddle & Five Strings Music night on Wednesday 19th June). It is once again a jam-packed bonanza of family, fun -filled festival events.

We hope you are as excited as we are 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 when 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

ARCHES NEWS

Farewell to Departing Directors of Randalstown Arches Association

As the Randalstown Arches Association bids adieu to some of its esteemed directors, it's with a mixture of gratitude for their invaluable contributions and a hint of sadness to see them go. Over the years, these individuals have left an indelible mark on the organization, shaping its vision, and steering it towards success. Let's take a moment to acknowledge their dedicated service:

Sheelagh Hillan - A founding member of the Randalstown Arches Association, Sheelagh has been instrumental in laying down the foundation stones of the organization. Her unwavering commitment and visionary leadership have helped shape the association's identity and mission.

Joe McErlean - Another founding member and director, Joe's passion for community development has been palpable throughout his tenure. His strategic insights and tireless efforts have played a significant role in the association's growth and accomplishments.

Jane McTaggart - Though her stint with the association might have been brief, Jane's contributions have been no less impactful. Her fresh perspectives and dedication have undoubtedly left a lasting impression on the organization.



Sheelagh Hillan



Joe McErlean



Jane McTaggart

As these directors embark on new journeys, we extend our heartfelt thanks for their outstanding service and wish them the very best in all their future endeavors. Randalstown Arches Association will forever remain indebted to their invaluable contributions.

How to Become a Director at Randalstown Arches Association

Are you passionate about community development and eager to make a difference in Randalstown? Becoming a director at the Randalstown Arches Association might just be the perfect opportunity for you to channel your enthusiasm and skills towards meaningful impact.

If you would be interested, please get in touch by giving us a call on 028 9447 8471 or email info@randalstownarches.com or even call in for a chat!

SCHOOL NEWS

GROGGAN PS

They have had a very busy time lately at Groggan Primary School. Their Primary 1/2 pupils held a Daffodil Tea for their family and friends. They all enjoyed some delicious treats and made some daffodil crafts together. It was a lovely morning for parents to catch up with each other. They send a big thank you to Asda Antrim for supplying lots of treats for everyone, they are very grateful.



There was great excitement when Scott McMullan brought his animals to school, the youngest children's new topic is 'Down on the Farm' they loved the animals, and they are so very grateful to Scott for bringing his animals to Groggan.



Primary 5 have been learning all about Newspaper reports and have been studying examples and writing their own reports. During the good weather, they took their Numeracy outside and were converting units on measurement in the playground with chalk.

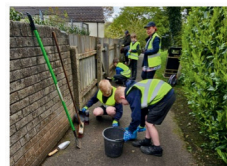


Their newly formed Rugby team took part in their very first Blitz at Ballyclare rugby Club. There was some great playing, and the children were so excited when they found out they have been invited to play at Kingspan, the home of Ulster Rugby!



Coding has been their ICT focus this year and each class has been learning how to code and having great fun with BeeBots, Codeapillars, Spheros, Micro:Bits, Scratch and a host of Apps. They had a number of assessors in school talking to the children and staff about their Coding work and were delighted when an e-mail arrived to invite them to the ICT Excellence Awards at the Merchant in Belfast no less!

Four of their Primary 7 pupils have been taking part in an Art project with their friends from Maine Fold. They have been learning how to felt and have been producing beautiful sunflowers together. Four of their ECO Committee pupils were invited to help Tidy Randalstown with work round the town. Thank you to Helen and Suzanne for looking after them so well.



This term they will welcome new pupils to Groggan at their Primary 1 induction, but it is also a very sad time for the school community as they will say goodbye to their amazing Primary 7 pupils. They wish them every success as they move on to their new schools.

SCHOOL NEWS

MONEYNICK PS

Moneynick Primary School received two prestigious awards at the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards 2024. Over 250 teachers from all parts of Ireland gathered in Mullingar on Friday March 8th for the Annual Awards Ceremony, sponsored by Cornmarket Group Financial Services.



The Awards recognise excellence in the promotion of Gaelic Games in primary schools. Finalists in both Category 4: Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture and Category 5: Small School of the Year (fewer than 200 pupils), Moneynick proudly received 2nd place in both categories. This was an historic achievement for their pupils, staff, school community, clubs, county and province of Ulster.

Their Cumann na mBunscol journey continues both on and off the pitch. Two teams attended the South West Antrim Cumann na mBunscol Annual Quiz in Saint Brigid's Ballymena on Wednesday 1st May. The knowledge surrounding their Irish culture, history, Gaelic games, politics and geography was remarkable. Their teams achieved 1st and 4th place positions in a competitive and well-attended competition. Another date in their calendar which displays their dedication to the ethos of Cumann na mBunscol.



Outstanding, superb, memorable and magical are just a few adjectives to describe the performance of their team at the SW Antrim, Outdoor Girls' Football in Saint Comgall's Antrim. Unbeaten in all their games, the girls' secured double success in both the indoor and outdoor fixtures during this year's football season. Moneynick wish to thank the SW Antrim organisers and Gaelfast officials for the amazing opportunity.



Their Primary 4/5 pupils during Term 2 were learning how to be 'Weather Watchers'. The theme highlighted the affect weather can have on our lives and the importance of the 'Water Cycle'. With guidance from Pete and Mary from Habitat for Humanity the pupils explored the importance of water across the world and how we can help to conserve water. Interactive team activities encourage our pupils to communicate and work together.



Pupils were kindly awarded an Easter egg from Moypark, Toomebridge for taking part in their annual colouring competition. They wish to thank Moypark for their support and kindness.



SCHOOL NEWS

MONEYNICK PS

Take a bow the Speech and Drama Festival Performers of 2024. Pupils performed on stages in Ballymena, Derry and Coleraine achieving festival pins, personal bests, and highly commended performances. They extend their sincere thanks to Margaret Keenan for her dedication, direction and devotion to the dramatic arts. Their pupils were so lucky to learn from such a talented and experienced mentor.



They welcomed James McKeown, their local Trócaire Fundraising Officer to their school assembly, to present him with the amazing amount of £351.60. The school council explained how they collected the money through their Annual Easter Egg draw and 'Wear Your Own Clothes Friday'. James acknowledged the hard work and commitment of their pupils and said that the consistency from year to year ensured continuous support for the families in Africa.



As they begin term 3, they wish to express their sincere thanks to all parts, governors, families and entire school community. If you wish to visit their school, please contact the school office on 02879650331 or email info@moneynickps.randalstown.ni.sch.uk To learn more about their school please visit www.moneynickps.com

SCHOOL NEWS

MAINE INTEGRATED PS

At Maine Integrated Primary School they always like to embrace the principals of Integrated Education. They took the decision this year to support the Children Cancer fund as part of their Book Day celebrations. All the pupils completed a Readathon and managed to raise an amazing £2,292.70. They are very proud of their pupils.



The pupils enjoyed showcasing their skills, they enjoyed watching a wonderful performance of some Irish Dancing and then they clapped to the tin whistle. It was a wonderful day, and everyone took part by dressing up and wearing green.



Tidy Randalstown visited Maine Integrated to help plant their sensory garden. The pupils loved planting the garden and now are becoming actively involved in their ECO club. They returned to their school a second time to take part in a school clean up. The clean up was supported by parents, staff, and governors.



Primary Six also walked down to Mc Manus shop to find out how to grow potatoes as part of their WAU theme Hunger. They very kindly took the time to show the pupils how to grow potatoes, they also donated the potato seeds and the grow bags. They cannot wait to eat the produce.



Primary 6 started their Peer Mediation training this week. It is a conflict resolution programme. It is unique to integrated schools. The pupils will be trained to resolve simple conflicts on the playground. The pupils had the opportunity to plan their own island this week with its own set of rules.



The final term is always busy in Maine. The Primary 7 have started their cycling proficiency and swimming. They are looking forward to their residential at the Share Centre in Enniskillen. Primary 4 took the opportunity last week to visit the local library and Primary 2 visited the Second Presbyterian Church.

It is hard to believe that Maine Integrated Primary opened in September 2003. They have spent the year marking the occasion with several celebrations. They are going to finish the celebration with a 20th anniversary celebration in school, please refer to the poster for details. Everyone is welcome. It is hard to believe that they were the 50th Integrated school to open. Alternatively, you can purchase the tickets from the following website - https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Friends_of_Maine/TicketSales.



SCHOOL NEWS

RANDALSTOWN CENTRAL PS

There has been a real buzz about Randalstown Central in the last term as the children prepared for the school's Spring production of Oliver Jr. The children performed for 3 nights, to an audience of 450 people! This has been a real community event and the school wishes to thank the parents, staff, PTA and wider community for their support throughout this journey. The children truly put on a spectacular show and everyone at Central PS is so proud of them all. The school would also like to thank Fibrus Broadband, Made By Millar, Spar (New Street) and Mulholland Motors for their kind sponsorships to help with the production.



In other news, P7 children completed their Young Enterprise project for the year with their POP Shop venture. The children arranged a Crazy Hair Day to raise start-up funds and then held a "bring and buy" sale, where they sold new items they had made themselves, as well as second hand items donated by families from the school. The children ran their business with real expertise, raising lots of money for the class and making sure everyone else in the school had a great time in the process.



The school celebrated World Book Day in March with their annual parade through the town. The children and staff celebrated everything they love about reading by dressing up as their favourite book characters and taking part in some great reading based activities. The next month, they welcomed the Travelling Book Fair. This event was really well supported by the school community and has raised some vital funds to support Reading within the school.



In sporting news, a groups of P6 and P7 pupils took part in a football tournament earlier in the term. They did themselves and their school proud, showing great skill and attitude on and off the pitch. The school were also very excited for the girls' hockey team, who won the Ballymena Hockey Tournament in April. The girls played some great matches to beat the other teams and come home with the trophy!



SCHOOL NEWS

RANDALSTOWN CENTRAL PS

Children in Busy Bees and P1 have started working with the Northern Ireland Forest Schools' Association and have been enjoying toasting mallows, foraging and building nests during their Wednesday morning sessions in the school's wonderful outdoor classroom.



The P7 children have taken up their roles as Peer Mediators and are doing a great job of working with the younger children during lunchtimes.



As the school moves towards the end of yet another busy year, they look forward to celebrating with Sports' Day, the P7 Residential Trip to Greenhill and the annual prize giving ceremony.

All the staff are so proud of everything the children have achieved this year and will be sorry to wave goodbye to another wonderful class of P7 pupils. The school wish to thank the children, parents and community for their continued support throughout the year.

POEMS

A view like no other

The outstanding presbyterian church of
The old congregation. A loyal and masonic hall.
A landmark spire, part hidden by those trees,
our friends, the parish church of Drumaul.
This prospect is a masterpiece not yet begun,
a postcard that was never sent,
and though you travel far from home
You may not find it's quite content.

Kenneth Murray

E. Law

The year is nineteen fifty seven according to
The Plaque upon the wall and standing here
It makes me think had even started primary
school at all. Did workers from this very spot
make their way down to the mill.
Through unspoilt meadows did they staidly go,
cheats that fame you came to know.
What huge events occurred since then to change
this world and shape our lives? The traumatic
Death of JFK, Neil Armstrong walks
upon the moon, the state of being happy
was described as gay; The Beatles gave us
all a tune. But for such great optimism
that this outlived would still be
to the fore, I'll pay this tribute to him
In twenty twenty four.

Kenneth
Murray

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.



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!



RANDALSTOWN DEAF CLUB

Randalstown Deaf Club is your gateway to improving your (BSL) proficiency. Held on the second Friday of each month from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in Arches Hall, our gatherings offer a supportive atmosphere for individuals at all levels of BSL fluency.

Join our inclusive community where learning goes beyond mastering signs; it's about understanding deaf culture and fostering connections. Whether you're taking your first steps in BSL or looking to refine your skills, our club welcomes you with open arms.

Come be a part of Randalstown Deaf Club, where every meeting is an opportunity to grow and learn in the beautiful language of signs. See you there!



UNIT TO LET

Attention entrepreneurs and business owners! Unit 2 at Randalstown Arches is now available to let. Located in a prime spot within the bustling community hub, this versatile space offers endless possibilities for retail, office, or service-based ventures. With its strategic location, ample parking, and vibrant surroundings, Unit 2 presents an exciting opportunity to establish or expand your business presence in Randalstown. Don't miss out on this chance to be part of a thriving community and elevate your business to new heights. Contact us today for more information and to schedule a viewing!



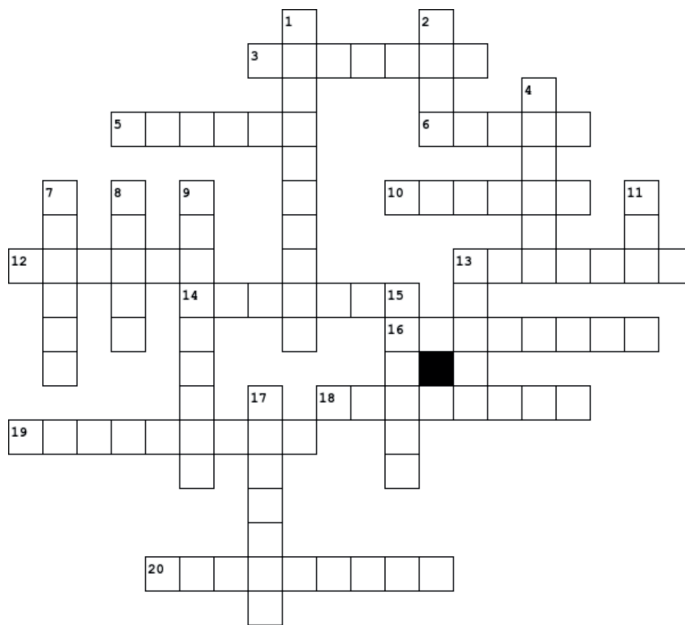
TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

General Knowledge



1. Where on earth was the hottest recorded temperature?
2. What beach in the Bahamas is named after its most notable feature?
3. What unique solar phenomenon occurs in Svalbard, Norway?
4. What diving record does Titanic Director David Cameron hold?
5. What beach related record does the Baywatch movie hold?
6. If caught in a rip current how would you escape?
7. Which Olympic Athlete holds the most medals?
8. Why do our oceans experience tides?
9. Why do certain structures expand during the summer months?
10. Why was 1816 considered "The year without Summer?"

Crossword



Across

3. an umbrella for the sun. 6
5. the mascot of the festival. 6
6. plants go these to spread seeds. 5
10. an outdoors meal. 6
12. a watercraft rode like a motorcycle. 6
13. an activity using the wind. 7
14. hard shelled fruit that grows in trees. 7
16. a period of unusually high heat. 8
18. often cooked on a grill
19. a sport closely related to tennis. 9
20. protects the beach. 9

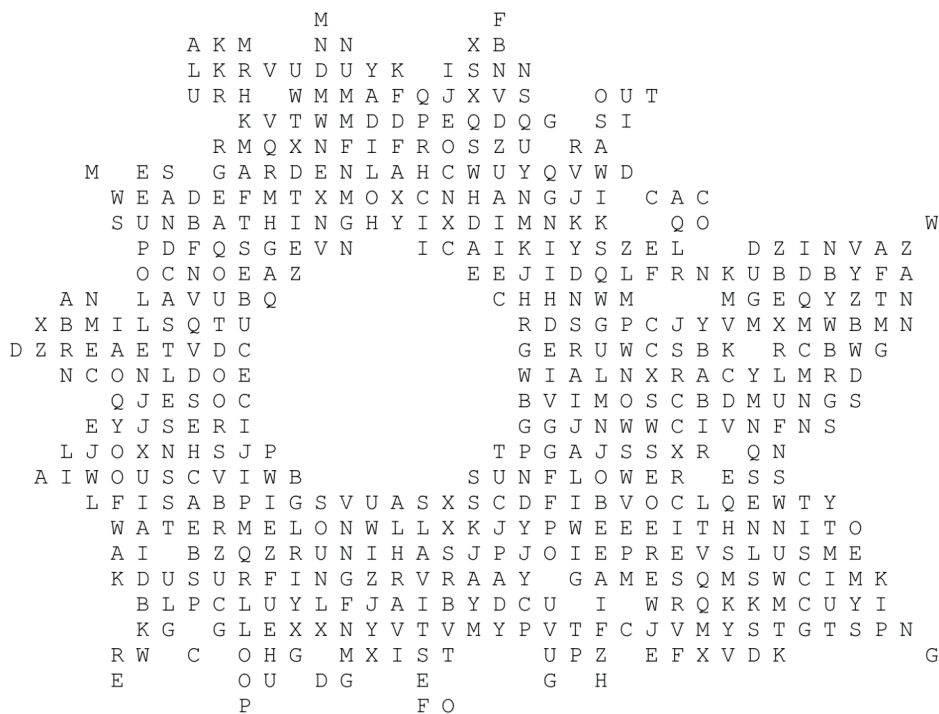
Down

1. a juicy fruit often ate during summer. 10
2. a sport where you want the lowest score. 4
4. a two-piece swimsuit. 6
7. a gentle cooling wind. 6
8. part of a hat which blocks the sun. 5
9. you might sink into it. 9
11. you might turn it on to stay cool. 3
13. a place you can escape the sun
15. caused by the heat, fixed by water. 7
17. protects your eyes from water. 7



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Wordsearch

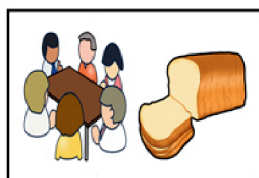
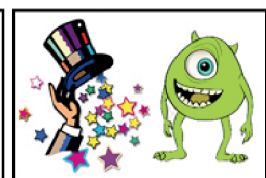
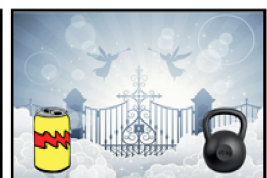











1. watermelon
2. sunflower
3. sunbathing
4. sandcastles
5. beaches
6. pollen
7. festival
8. sunny
9. outdoors
10. holiday
11. icecream
12. pool
13. surfing
14. hiking
15. games
16. sunscreen
17. garden
18. swimming
19. insects
20. icecubes

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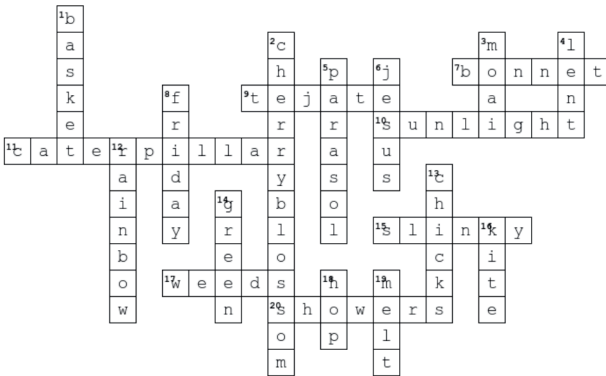
			
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Riddles

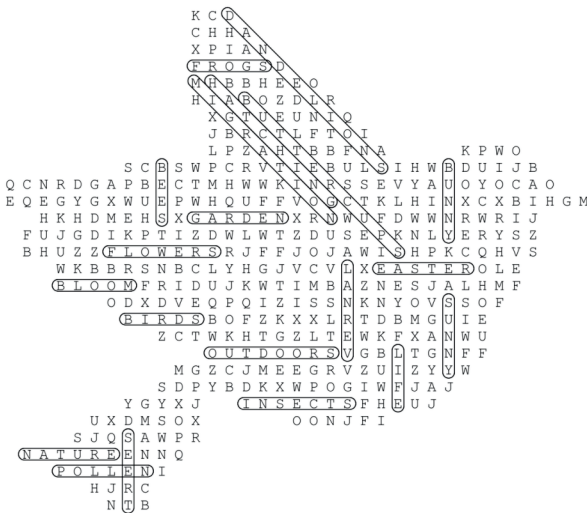
1. I have no eyes, no ears, and legs, and yet I help move the earth. What am I?
2. What gets bigger when more is taken away?
3. I am a bag of cloth. I am used by campers. A person can sleep in me. I am not a tent. What am I?
4. I bring music wherever I go. I keep things very cold. I have wheels. People 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?

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Crossword



Word Search



General Knowledge

1. It is the only type of zone that has seasons
2. Tosca, Italy
3. A Chocolatier
4. 80 million
5. It represents the cross Jesus was crucified on.
6. The apostles (judas is excluded)
7. After Mars, the Roman God of war
8. Eating them was prohibited.
9. A fox.

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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