



# Rockport School News

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<b>MAY</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 – 12.45	R8 and R9 Trip to Stormont
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.00 15.30 – 18.00	Tennis R8 Boys v Carrick Grammar (Home) Open Evening
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day All Day Depart 9.00	R5 Hillwalking Duke of Ed. Bronze Qualifying (Return: Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May) Tennis Interm. Girls & R8 teams v Friends Grammar School (A). See below.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>		R12 Study Leave starts

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## **Visit to Stormont Buildings**

Year 8 & 9 will be visiting Stormont on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May .

Visiting Stormont can really bring their learning to life.

The pupils will experience the following:



- an interactive presentation on the Northern Ireland Assembly
- a tour of Parliament Buildings, including a visit to the Public Gallery on sitting days (subject to available seating).
- a mock election or law making activity;
- a Q & A session with MLAs; or
- an address by a member of Assembly staff, for example a Committee Clerk.

This will all take place during the school day so it does not affect pick up times.

**Gail Holland**

**Head of PE and Personal Development Faculty**

## **Playgroup Trip to Holywood Library, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Playgroup are taking a trip to Holywood Library on Monday morning. Don't forget library cards. They can return any books they have and pick some new ones! J

## **Pink 'n' Pretty Bun Sale, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April in EY Department**

Holly in R3 is running in the Belfast Marathon for the charity Pink 'n' Pretty. This charity is particularly close to Holly's heart as her Nanny is currently going through treatment for cancer. Holly and her friends in R3 are making buns this weekend to sell to the children in the Early Years Department on Monday. All the proceeds will go to this charity. Children should bring **£1** to school if they would like to buy a bun.

*Pretty 'n' Pink provides financial and other support services to patients with breast cancer and their families through a charitable Support Fund, social outings, and an online support group. The charity also helps advance education of breast cancer awareness and breast care awareness through information provided on the website and from literature produced and distributed by the charity. Their work is funded through donations and fundraising so we could not do it without you.*



**Lynn Athanasiou**  
**Head of Early Years**

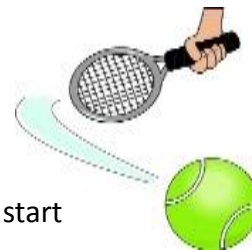
## Tennis

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

R8 Boys v Carrick Grammar (Home) 14.00 start

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Intermediate Girls & R8 teams v Friends Grammar School (A)  
Depart 09.00. Return after lunch. **Teams to bring packed lunches.**



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**Head of PE and Personal Development Faculty**

## Year 8 netball tournament at Lagan

On Monday the Year 8 girls participated in a netball tournament at Lagan College. Having lost to Aquinas in the first match they went on to beat Lagan in the second match and narrowly lost 3-1 to Friends in the third match placing them third in their group. They performed well and PE staff from other schools commented on how well they played in defence despite being up against tough opposition. The team was captained by Abi Toland and other team players included Clara Waterworth, India McNellis, Shannon Foster, Sarah Hughes, Katie Calvert, Hollie Webb, Claudia Simms and Connie Waterworth. Well done girls and best of luck for the forthcoming Rockport Invitational Netball Tournament.

**Helen McConaghy**  
**R9M Form Teacher**



### **Term Time Shock**

I think this could be an actual disorder for us parents and guardians of Rockportians. TTS has officially hit the Thompson household. There is just so much to do and fun to be had at school! With two R5s and one R6 it really is all go at the minute. Each morning the pile of gear at the front door is comical between tennis racquets, sports bags, the RIGHT sports kit, water bottles (there's always one left behind), permission slips, violins, swimming kit.....I know it is WILD (local colloquialism for chaos)☺. It is summer madness and it is brilliant! My children are buzzing when they come out of school and it's not just because of the extra-curricular and sports activities but also for the learning...even Maths! Yes even Maths.

This week my R5s have been thrilled to learn about "Aged Eejits" (Ancient Egypt) and how they pulled their brains out of their noses and put their organs in jars. Fab.

Oh and can ANYONE tell me how to clean white trainers EASILY that doesn't involve soaking them in a vat of bleach for 72 hours?

### **Belfast Marathon – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Thank you to our students, staff, and parents for taking part in this year's Belfast Marathon. There is still plenty of time to sponsor them to help raise money for various projects throughout the school.

### **Dads' Day Out – 28<sup>th</sup> September – Field of Dreams**

This year we have to hold the shoot in September instead of our usual April/May as the venue is fully booked for weddings over the fairer months. This is an all ability sport with complete novices as well as seasoned sharp shooters welcome. All training and equipment will be provided on site so there's no need to head out and spend a fortune on unnecessary kit...unless you want to ☺ Shoot cost is £40 approximately. Places are limited so please contact the office to put your name down or email [pta@rockportschool.com](mailto:pta@rockportschool.com).

As in previous years the Dirty Duck in Holywood will be booked for a post shoot toast to your achievements.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Belfast Marathon – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Speech Day – 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Carol Thompson**  
**PTA Chairperson**