

**Friday 29th May 2009**

**SINGING**

All Classes (P1-3) (P4,5) (P6,7)

**Approx time:** P1-3 6.00pm  
P4,5 6.30pm  
P6,7 7.00pm

Own Choice of song, unaccompanied.

**INSTRUMENTAL/CLASSICAL**

All Classes (P1-3) (P4,5) (P6,7)

PIANO , VIOLIN , OPEN

**Approx Times:** 7.30pm P1-3  
8.00pm P4-5  
8.30pm P6-7

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**Saturday 30th May 2009**

**INSTRUMENTAL/TRADITIONAL**

All Classes (P1-3) (P4,5) (P6,7)

TIN WHISTLE , FIDDLE , OPEN

**Time:** 10.30am (P1-3)  
**Approx Time:** 11.30am (P4-5)  
**Approx Time:** 12.30pm (P6-7)



**8th Annual**

**Yew Tree**



**Feis**

**Thursday 28th May 2009 to  
Saturday 30th May 2009**

**Acorn Centre  
Crosskeys Road  
Ahoghill**

***“Every child a winner”***

## YEW TREE FEIS

### “Every child a winner”

Dear Principal/Parent/Guardian,

#### Would you like to win £200/£100 for your school?

Encourage your children to enter in the 8th Annual Cross Community Feis to be held in the Acorn Centre, Crosskeys Road, Ahoghill on Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th May 2009. A points system will decide the winning school.

The Yew Tree Feis tries to link in with the NI Curriculum, we have chosen the topic “**Farming and Agriculture**”. Creation of Poems and Art entries and poems for recitation are all based on this topic. **No preparation is required by schools.** Pupils should use their Public Speaking, Drama, Singing and Music from previous competitions and examinations. Your school could do a lot with £200/£100.

As this event has proved to be very popular and has been well supported in the past it is hoped that this year will be no exception. All primary school children are encouraged to participate especially those who have no previous performing experience.

All parents, grandparents, friends etc. are welcome to attend.

This booklet contains details and copies of poems, however information may be obtained from St Paul’s Primary School Ahoghill telephone 25871613, at [www.crda-online.com](http://www.crda-online.com) or telephone 25878111 or 25871588.

All competition entries £2.

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## POEMS THE HILL FARMER SPEAKS

I am the farmer, stripped of love  
And thought and grace by the land’s hardness:  
But what I am saying over the fields’  
Desolate acres, rough with dew,  
Is, Listen, listen, I am a man like you.

The wind goes over the hill pastures  
Year after year, and the ewes starve,  
Milkless, for want of new grass.  
And I starve, too, for something the spring  
Can never foster in veins run dry.

The pig is a friend, the cattle’s breath  
Mingles with mine in the still lanes;  
I wear it willingly like a cloak  
To shelter me from your curious gaze.

The hens go in and out at the door  
From sun to shadows, as stray thoughts pass  
Over the floor of my wide skull.  
The dirt is under my cracked nails;  
The tale of my life is smirched with dung;  
The phlegm rattles. But what I am saying  
Over the grasses rough with dew  
Is, Listen, listen, I am a man like you.

R.S.THOMAS

**ART**

All Categories (P1,2,3) (P4,5) (P6,7)

**POEMS**

**P5&6**

**IN THE HAYLOFT**

Up in the hayloft—kitten and I,  
With a window open to the sky,  
Curtained with boughs of the chestnut trees  
That toss and sway in the cool west breeze;

Up in the hayloft—kitten and I,  
The hay behind us is mountains high;  
The beams across are dusty enough,  
Darkness broods in the peak of the roof.

In pearly lines the daylight falls  
Through the chinks of the boarded walls;  
The air is fragrant with clover dried,  
Bracken and daisies and things beside.

Queer little spiders drop down from on high;  
Softly we welcome them—kitten and I!  
Swallows chirp in a lazy strain  
Between the showers of the summer rain.

Let the rain come down from the clouded sky  
We're quiet and cosy—kitten and I!  
We muse and purr and think out a rhyme  
And never know what has become of time.

HELEN T HUTCHESON

**Theme: Farming and Agriculture**

**Size: A4**

**CREATION OF POEM**

Category P4-P7

**Theme: Farming and Agriculture**

Complete the entry form . Art and Poem to be completed on or before Friday 22nd May 2009.

**ENTRY FORM FOR ART & CREATION OF POEM**

**FEE: £2 per entry**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_.

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_.

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_.

CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_.

Entry forms for Art and Creation of Poem are to returned to the Yew Tree Feis Committee at St Paul's Primary School Ahoghill on or before Friday 22nd May 2009. Attach entry form to back of entry.

# YEW TREE FEIS PROGRAMME

Thursday 28th May 2009

## RECITATION

All Classes (P1,2) (P3,4) (P5,6) (P7)

**Approx time:** P1,2      6.00pm  
                  P3,4      6.30pm  
                  P5,6,7    7.30pm

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Category P4-7

**Approx time:** 6.00pm

Prepared speech on any topic, not to exceed 3 minutes.

## DRAMA

Category P4-7

**Approx time:** 7.00pm

Own choice of scene, act or play. Use of costume optional. Not to exceed 5 minutes.

## POEMS

**P1&2**

### HOLIDAYS

1 We're going for a holiday,  
I think it's on a farm,  
We'll play among the cowsheds  
And hay, inside a barn.

2 I hope there are some kittens  
And lambs and piglets too,  
I hope they'll let us feed them,  
That's what I want to do.

3 Perhaps they'll have some puppies  
And one of them I'll keep,  
But I'm getting so excited  
I can't go off to sleep.

Penelope Browning

**P3&4**

### A FARMER'S BOY

They strolled down the lane together,  
The sky was studded with stars -  
They reached the gate in silence  
And he lifted down the bars -  
She neither smiled nor thanked him -  
Because she knew not how;  
For he was just a farmer's boy  
And she was a Jersey Cow.

ANON