



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1184.10

P1 WORKSHOPS AND FINISHING TIME FROM 10th OCTOBER

Thank you to all P1 parents who attended our P1 Workshops on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. We hope you found these useful. The partnership between home and school is essential in getting the most successful outcome for children educationally. We hope you will follow the guidance given and we are indebted to Mrs Hyde and Miss Campbell for the evening workshop and Mrs Sturgess for hosting the afternoon session. Our P1 Staff, as a whole, do a fabulous job, settling our P1s and all pupils are doing very well. We look forward to having them in school until 1:55pm from next Monday, 1st October.

CYCLING, SCOOTING & WALKING HOME

We totally encourage our pupils to walk, scoot and cycle to school, whenever possible and this has been very successful, over many years. Unfortunately, a few issues have occurred recently when pedestrians and cyclists have been put at risk by inappropriate behaviour on the footpath. Please ensure you discuss with your child the rules for travelling home safely, on foot, on a scooter or a bike.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Our European Day of Languages will take place tomorrow. All pupils should dress in their colours - no uniform should be worn. We are collecting £1 for a Macmillan Cancer Care donation and school funds. P2-7 pupils should bring a little pocket money for our Special School Council Shop and some activities. Come and see our Pupil Parade if you can at 9:15am. Parade will leave via the Doagh Road gate, returning to school via School Street gate (weather permitting). Should the weather not be suitable, we will message you re: a cancellation of the parade.



EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES (P4-7)

Our extended school's activities start this coming Monday and will run for a seven week session. Please encourage your child to attend for the full number of allocated weeks. Teachers prepare for these experiences and every P4-7 child gets House Points when they attend. Please ensure you have completed an Extended Schools Form for your child, highlighting their choices and home time arrangements and send this to class teachers. These forms will be given out to your child today or tomorrow.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

All parents will receive letters from teachers with appointment times and dates allocated for interviews. A baseline report of how your child has settled this year will be given and an opportunity for you to tell the teacher any important information regarding your child, will take place. P4-7 parents will also get general feedback on their child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy testing.

The checking of data forms containing contact numbers etc. will be made at this meeting also, so please bring mobile numbers etc with you if these have changed since last term. Thank you to many parents who contact us directly when information changes. This is a great help and essential when an emergency contact is necessary throughout the school day.

I would remind parents that school closes for all pupils on the week of the interviews (22nd - 26th October) at 1:55pm. There will be no Extended Schools Activities during this week as teachers will be involved with meetings, but all activities will resume after the Half Term break.

CHOIR, ORCHESTRA & MUSIC GROUPS

Our preparations for Christmas have already begun and the children will be working on songs and music each week. If your child is involved with Choir, Orchestra, Drama or Music Groups in any way, please encourage them to attend every practice (weekly) to ensure they reach their best standard.



Instrument practice is essential at home if your child gets peripatetic lessons or additional help from our Music Team. This will bring pleasing results when it comes to grading exams in May next year.

We would ask that all EA/Ballyclare Primary School instruments on loan are cared for when at home. Most of these cost in excess of £300 to replace. Many thanks.

PARENT LIAISON

Don't forget that Mrs McCollum, Mrs Mulligan and Mr McAuley, our Learning Support and Parent Liaison Staff, are in the playground entrance area every day to assist you with any minor issues or questions concerning school practice or your child. They will be able to help you (8:45 - 9:10am each morning) and save queuing at the Main Office.

FLU VACCINATION FORMS

The closing date for the return of all Flu Vaccination forms is tomorrow, Friday 28th September. If you have not already done so, please ensure your child's form is completed and returned to their class teacher.

S.U. PARENTS

Please note that all pupils will leave by the Assembly Hall door to go to the main entrance gate at Doagh Road at 4:00pm.

PARENT HELPERS

Our parent helper forms are being sent to you, regarding assistance in school in various ways. We are pleased when parents return these forms. Thank you to those who have already volunteered for talks in school, library assistance, trips etc. This helps us very much and enriches our pupils' experiences.

MACMILLAN 'COFFEE MORNING'

As a school we support this charity each year and we encourage you to do so in our Local community by taking part in some of the Coffee Mornings advertised or having one in your workplace too.

Some of our donations tomorrow will go to this worthy cause. Please give generously.



As always: If there is anything that concerns you in any way in school, please contact me via the school office or by e-mail if that is easier. I will always follow up any issues raised if I have your contact details.

Mrs Mulligan

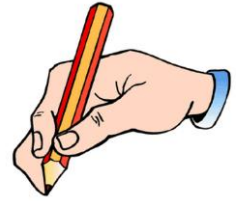
COMMUNITY NEWS

THE GOLF SCHOOL - Greenmount Campus, Antrim is holding a Half Term Golf Camp from Monday 29th October - 2nd November, 10:00am - 2:00pm each day. Cost for 5 days is £49. If your child can only attend for part of the course - cost is £15 per day. To register for the camp: phone 02894466227 or email info@thegolfschool.org (website www.thegolfschool.org)

* *Parents please note that our Community News items are advertisements only. The school has no means of endorsing these activities. All parents are advised to seek details and suitability for themselves.*



CLASS AWARDS SEPTEMBER 2018



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	SIENNA McCLAY	ANNA ALEXANDER
	Mrs Hyde	KATIE ROSS	SOFIA AGNEW
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	JUSTIN-JACK AGNEW	SOFIA FLECK
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	CARSON DAVEY	REBECCA McNEICE
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	JAMES HAMILL	KOBE DUFF
	Mrs Hall	MYA COWIE	ELLIE McCONNELL
P3	Mr Heyburn	EMILY WEATHERUP	SARAH POLLOCK
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs McIntosh	THEO MERCER	LAUREN McCLEAN
	Miss Drury	EMILY MASON	HOLLY GREER
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	HOLLIE BLAIR	CHLOE McFALL
	Miss Kernohan	ETHAN CRAIG	AIMEE ERVINE
	Mrs Annett/Mrs Stewart	GABY LAIRD	MATTHEW COLLINS
P5	Miss McGoran	LUCY THOMPSON	TABITHA BELL
	Mrs McKeown	ETHAN KILPATRICK	LAUREN O'HARA
	Mr Scott	EMMA McADAM	HOLLY McALLISTER
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	BEN MILFORD	JESSICA SEMPLE
	Mrs Shannon	JOSH BLAIR	LYDIA BUCHANAN
	Mrs Watson	AARON TURKINGTON	ROBYN SNODDY
P7	Mr Gordon	SAM MULHOLLAND	MADISON WILSON
	Mr McAuley	EDEE RANKIN	HOLLY KERNOHAN
	Mrs Kennedy	SOPHIE MILLIGAN	SAM TAYLOR
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	JACOB BLACK (P3JD)	-