



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CREATIVE WRITING

We recently ran a story writing competition in school using the theme of 'The Snowman' to celebrate 40 years since the original Snowman book was first produced. All classes from Primary Two through to Primary Seven participated, with many choosing to edit and redraft their work to make improvements.

It was so lovely to see the interest and motivation that children had to produce a great piece of writing, even from those who don't always enjoy the process. Some of the ideas were extremely original and the use of descriptive vocabulary was fantastic. A massive well done to all who put their best efforts into their writing, making the job of choosing winners a very difficult task. The prize winners were:



★	1st	2nd	3rd
P2	Emma Hamilton	Hannah Officer	Elijah Harson
P3	Lucia Gandola	Tom McIlhagger	Emily Mason
P4	Lily McCrory	Sienna Moore	Daniel Treacy/Esther-Grace McLean
P5	Keira Taylor	William Shiels	Bethany Houston
P6	Lauren Simpson	Shannon Murray	Erin Black
P7	Lucy Dick	Charis Mercer	Morgan McCaughy/Eden Bamber

ATTENDANCE

Parents, who have not given reason to school for an absence of their child, will have received a letter with the date/dates on it. Please complete the information needed and return it to the class teacher.

RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES

You will have received an envelope, per family, for recycling ink cartridges. Please use this and post it off (postage is paid). This company recycles these and sends money to us for school funds.



SCHOOL FAIR

Our School Fair will take place on Friday 31st May, 6:00 - 8:00pm. Please keep this date in your diary. If you can help in any way at this event, please let Mr McAuley or Mrs Mulligan know. It takes many hands to make this work!

We are hoping for a better day of weather this year!



UNIFORM

Parents please note that Summer Uniform will be welcome in school for Term 3 after Easter, when the weather is milder. Otherwise normal full uniform should be worn. Sport & Sound has produced a crested cardigan for girls which can be worn with dresses. Parents interested in having a look should call in and see. They look very smart on many already.

Girls Summer Uniform: Red gingham dress
Red cardigan
White socks
Black shoes.

PE Uniform: P4-7 remains as
Plain White T-shirt
Navy Track bottoms or Shorts
PE Shoes or Trainers

Boys Summer Uniform: Short sleeved white shirt & tie
Tailored grey shorts
School sweatshirt (if needed)
*Black shoes.

Please note that tailored/school trouser shorts must be worn or our normal school uniform may be worn by both boys and girls.

All pupils must wear all black shoes until the end of the school year. Should anyone need a pair, we have some in school which can be gifted to pupils.

Thank you to many parents who donate new or nearly new shoes to us for this purpose. All are carefully cleaned for redistribution.

PARKING

Parents please be reminded again that no cars should be parked, or waiting, on the Secondary School driveway in the mornings for drop off of pupils. This blocks the thoroughfare for the school's own staff and pupils. Please do not use the staff car parking spaces either as this is causing difficulties. We do not wish to lose this side gate privilege.

*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

MOSSLEY HOCKEY CLUB EASTER CAMP for 7 to 15 year olds will take place on Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th April, 10:00am - to 3:00pm. Cost £35. Registration forms available from school office.



To book, contact Harry McNeill: harry@ulsterhockey.com / 07738412182.

GRANGE COMMUNITY - WALK, JOG, RUN. Starting Tuesday 2nd April 2019, 11:30am - 12:30pm. Meeting each week at Grange Community House, 1 Clareville House, 1 Clareville Avenue, Ballyclare. All welcome - including parents with buggies! Contact Johnny to register 02890297661 johnnymcc@bcsdn.org Free.

* *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.*



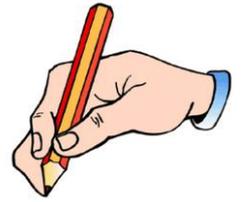
REMINDER

Clocks go forward this Sunday morning for British Summer Time.



CLASS AWARDS

MARCH 2019



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	ETHAN BLACKWELL	CONOR HUNTER
	Miss Moorhead	MYA BROADBENT	JAMES CRAIG
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	HARRY KEYS	JAMES McMILLAN
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	HARLEY CAMPBELL	CARA McDONALD
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	LEXI LORIMER	TEANNO LIM
	Mrs Hall	MIA CRAWFORD	OLLIE MORRISON
P3	Mr Heyburn	SARAH POLLOCK	REBEKAH BONNES
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs McIntosh	MARK AGNEW	HOLLY CRUMLEY
	Miss Drury	ETHAN JAMES	JACOB BLACK
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	MOLLY KEYS	GEORGE RANKIN
	Miss Kernohan	MATTHEW SMITH	DEVIN WHITE
	Mrs Scott	SIENNA MOORE	LUCY HILL
P5	Miss McGoran	NOAH SPENCE	JOANNA REID
	Mrs McKeown	MORGAN WALLACE	CHARLIE LYNESS
	Mr Scott	CALLUM KIRK	HOLLY McALLISTER
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	LELAND KIRK	CASSIE MONTGOMERY
	Mrs Shannon	ISAAC FERRIS	LYDIA BUCHANAN
	Mrs Watson	MADDISON MAGUIRE	BETHANY HERON
P7	Mr Gordon	KASEY GOWDY	CHLOE ABRAHAM
	Mr McAuley	HOLLY KERNOHAN	JAMIE DAVIS
	Mrs Kennedy	HOLLY FERGUSON	SOPHIE MILLIGAN
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	BLAZE DIVER (P2I/F)	—

Ballyclare Primary School's Digital Detox

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As part of our Digital Detox Week, all pupils and staff in school will be aiming to save energy during lessons. Our Digital Detox Week will run from Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April with a range of special events taking place throughout the week.

Why do a Digital Detox?

The challenge is to switch-off all non-essential electrical items (to include tablets, iPads, and games consoles), lights, screens, computers, and heaters or trying not to use electricity at all. We will be taking meter readings and comparing it to a 'normal' day. Hopefully we will see the amount of energy used greatly reduced.

Not only do we want to save energy, but we want to encourage pupils to try a new hobby or sport, play practical games, enjoy the outdoors and interact with others.

'Run a Mile a Day' Challenge

In school, KS1 and KS2 pupils will be set a challenge to 'Run a Mile a Day' and FS pupils will complete a range of circuits each day to include jumping, running and hopping. This challenge will take place in school and will encourage children to enjoy the outdoors and become more active in preparation for our Sports Day and Sports Festival.



'Digital Detox' at Home

Pupils will be encouraged to refrain from using technology at home. Parents will show whether or not their child successfully completed the 'Digital Detox' by signing a letter of approval. All classes who successfully complete the challenge will receive a special certificate.

What do the pupils need?

Every day during our 'Digital Detox' pupils should remember to bring a coat and pair of trainers to change into before heading outside. If you should have any queries or issues with your child taking part, please speak to their class teacher. Please check out our website for more information about what type of lessons will be taking place.

We are looking forward to "switching off" and getting outdoors.

Regards

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hall

Digital  Detox