

- Friday 31st P6 Viking Day
P5 Fire Safety Talk
Work Folders sent home.
*Please return folders on Monday 3rd February with your child.

W/B 3rd February 2020

- 6th P7 Titanic Centre Visit
*All Continuous Assessment results will be sent out to parents of pupils in P1-6 on this day also.
- 7th P7 Spelling Bee held in Ballyclare Primary.

REMINDER

Parent Interviews will be on in school 10th – 14th February from 2:15pm.
All pupils leave at 1:55pm on this week to accommodate these important meetings.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS 10th – 14th February

You will have received your Parent/Teacher interview letter re: the date and time of your meeting. Please ensure you endeavour to keep this appointment to discuss your child's progress. These interviews will cover the following issues:

- Progress of your child after half an academic year in his/her class.
- General attitude and conduct.
- Continuous Assessment results and targeted areas for improvement or celebration.
- Parent support needed at home.

You will have an opportunity to discuss other issues which you may feel important with the class teacher. If you feel this may take a longer time than is available, please make another appointment before you leave. All staff are happy to assist you with this. I would ask you to be mindful that other parents are waiting. It would be very helpful if you could alert the teacher of any further changes to contact details/medical issues relating to your child at this meeting also. P7 parents have their own arrangements due to Transfer Interviews.

COLLECTING CHILDREN

All parents are reminded to have set arrangements for pupils at 1:55pm, 2:55pm and 4:00pm for collection. Some pupils in P4-7 have meeting points arranged and this works well. Please do a Term 2 reminder with your child to return to the school building if their lift home is not at the arranged meeting point. Pupils should never stand about the town area on their own.

If your child has to meet a parent/carer at the front of school, please ensure they know to do this and not to walk on home alone or with a friend. This will prevent lots of anxiety for everyone involved.

P1-3 parents should have identified names of adults collecting children each day.



SCHOOL MEALS CLOSURE

All parents please note that EA has set closures for the Meal Kitchens now. Our kitchen will be closed on St. Patrick's Day, 17th March. Due to this all pupils should have breakfast at home and bring break and a packed lunch with them to school on this day. School will be open as usual.

Supervision at the Rise & Shine Early Start Club will be available from 8:00am as usual. No food available on this day. Thank you.

TRANSFER RESULTS

Well done to our P7 pupils who have received their transfer results for this year. We are pleased to note again that the results of Ballyclare Primary compare very favourably against the percentage averages AQE hold for the children who sat the test this year.

We are proud of all the pupils in our P7 year group who worked so hard to gain these results. Well done again to our dedicated staff and parents who worked throughout their primary years to support them.

BALLYCLARE PRIMARY AQE SCORES 2019/20		
100 +	-	51%
90 - 100	-	27%
< 90	-	22%

} Approximately 78% will have the opportunity of a Grammar School place.

Excellent results P7 overall, with some pupils scoring in the highest category in Northern Ireland.

WORK FOLDERS AND PARENTAL SUPPORT

Work folders will be sent home this weekend to keep you up to date with how your child is getting on in class each day. Please look at these samples of work with your child and encourage them. Teachers will highlight any areas you can work on at home, at Parent Interview time. Partnership between home and school is what gains success.

Ongoing Assessment Results from January will be sent to you on Thursday 6th February. These will also be discussed at Interview time. (P1-6)

Please bring these results with you to your meeting as teachers will discuss these with you. If your child needs extra help at home in any area, the class teacher will guide you.

HOW DO I RAISE A CONCERN?

The Principal and Parent Liaison Staff endeavour to make themselves available outside at the start of the school day in the playground and at the end of each school day as the children leave to address issues informally. This often provides a point of clarification for a parent and offers support on any further action that may be necessary.

If you have a concern, you may also need to:

- **Make an appointment to see:**
Your child's class teacher or Head of Year.

Heads of Year -

- P1: Mrs Hyde
- P2: Mrs Hall
- P3: Mr Heyburn
- P4: Miss Kernohan
- P5: Mrs Mulligan - in Mrs McKeown's absence
- P6: Mrs Watson
- P7: Mr McAuley (VP) - in Mrs Kennedy's absence

This is most easily done by contacting the school office. Alternatively, a note to the teacher will ensure that an appointment is arranged. At the meeting, your concerns will be noted and investigated. Your child's class teacher will make every effort to resolve your concern speedily and efficiently.

Any findings or action taken, if deemed necessary, will be reported to you at the earliest opportunity.

- **Make an appointment to see the Principal.**

This is most easily done by contacting the school office. At the meeting your concerns will be noted and investigated. The Principal will make every effort to resolve your concern speedily and efficiently. Any findings or action taken, will be reported to you on resolution of the concern. An email may also be a useful way to make contact kmulligan818@c2kni.net

- **Write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors.**

If you are not satisfied with the decision reached in any matter, you may put your concern in writing to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. You can write to the Chairperson at the school address.

A full investigation will be conducted and following this you will receive a response to your concern.

- **Write to the Ombudsman if you feel your concern has not been dealt with.**

It is always hoped that a concern can be discussed and resolved amicably as this encourages good relations and a good partnership to exist between home and school.

RECORDER LESSONS

Learning the Recorder in Ballyclare Primary School starts at P4 and continues right through to P7. It is a great opportunity for every child to experience the joy of playing music.



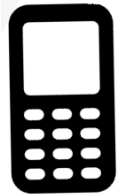
Recorders can be purchased from the school office. - price £5.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

We discourage children from carrying mobile phones to school but we recognise that some parents wish them to do so for child care arrangements.

Please note, if a pupil brings a phone to school it must be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day for safe keeping. The phone will be returned to the pupil at home time.

School cannot be held responsible for any loss if a phone goes missing from a schoolbag or pocket and we know they are very expensive.



P1 ENROLMENT 2020

Thank you to all parents who have completed their admissions form online for P1 next year.

Our places are almost full. This is a great encouragement for school and our staff. Should any parent still need a place allocated, please contact our school office immediately. We will endeavour to help you.

The official closing date is today, Thursday 30th January, 12 noon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GET INTO HOCKEY

Parkview are the only male hockey club in Ballyclare and are actively recruiting players for their new youth section, as well as school aged players for their senior squad.



INTERESTED?

Why not go along and try it for free. Training is every Wednesday on the astroturf pitch at Ballyclare High school.

Juniors (age 10-14)	7:00 – 7:55pm
Seniors (age 15 & over)	8:00 – 9:30pm



CLASS AWARDS JANUARY 2020



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING	STAR PROBLEM SOLVER
P1	HC	BROOKE CARMICHAEL	THOMAS O'BOYLE	MOLLY McLUCKIE
	FH	TAHLIA MOORE	ELIJAH GILLESPIE	HUDSON MOORE
	S/F	ANNA-HOPE McLEAN	SAMUEL RAINEY	JONATHAN PAULEY
P2	I/F	ETHAN BLACKWELL	SIENNA McCLAY	JOSHUA LUKE
	LM/NS	TYLER FOSTER	DEMILEIGH WOTHERSPOON	DYLAN HEPBURN
	SH	ELLIE BORLAND	LOTTIE MOORE	JAMES McMILLAN
P3	RH	CAITLYN REID	IMOGEN ARNOLD	KENZIE FOSTER
	RM/RM	KAITLYN BELL	ELIJAH HARSON	LOLA McILHINNY
	JDM	JESSICA WHITE	DANIEL McKINSTRY	ZACK LECKY
P4	MCDA	LAUREN McCLEAN	JAKE ROBB	OLLY HEASLIP
	SK	VICTORIA STRANGE	ELLA FERRIS	ETHAN JAMES
	SS	AMELIA LOFTUS	MAX ABRAHAM	KATIE ROBINSON
P5	KMG	LUCAS FORSYTHE	ADAM STRANGE	CHARLIE McDONALD
	TB	WILLIAM ROSS	SIENNA MOORE	ELLIE HINTON
	JS	FAITH MAWHINNEY	JENNY REID	ROBBIE CHARNLEY
P6	DA	BEN SCOTT	DYLAN DARKOH	ZAC McCORD
	TS	ANDREW McFARLAND	AIMEE FULTON	SHILOH BLAIR
	RW	BETHANY HOUSTON	SOFIA FLEMING	ETHAN KILPATRICK
P7	NG	KEIRA VALLELY	KATIE GAULT	ROBYN SNODDY
	CM/LM	BROOKE HANLEY	TRUDY EDWARDS	JOSH BLAIR
	RK	ABIGAIL EVANS	WARREN ADAMS	FREDDIE HIGGINS
SEN	KMcC	JAMIE MORRISON (P2SH)	—————	—————