

W/B 23rd MARCH 2020

We are working on a day to day basis at present. School will function as normal unless otherwise informed.

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2020

Wow!! What a week for music in Ballyclare Primary School! Around 80 children from P4-P7 took part in the annual Ballyclare Music Festival, entering into the solo, ensemble and choir classes. The ethos behind the music festival movement is one of sharing wonderful music in our community and this was certainly achieved last week. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part. Many hours of practising had to happen before the week and we are so pleased that our pupils put themselves forward to take part.



The Festival Adjudicator was very complimentary towards all our children, commenting on the range of instruments they had chosen to play and the skill they displayed at this young age.

All entries were given a score and everyone scored either a merit or above – some even reaching the distinction category! Bravo to all! *(Results page overleaf)*

Can I also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the parents of all involved for their support throughout the festival week and at home as lessons continue from week to week. Please look out for our photographs on the school website in the upcoming week. We gained a top place in the Choir category which made us very proud.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is updated regularly and the diary section keeps you informed of up and coming events so check it on your phone or ICT device each week. There is lots to see.



EASY FUND RAISING

Our Easy Fundraising has been going well. Thank you to all who have been using this.



All your shopping needs can go through Easy Fundraising so please log on and use it when you can.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

All too often we dwell on the negatives of some circumstances, but I encourage you – in these days to focus on all we can do rather than all we can't.

In everyone's life there are people who may need a little extra help with a practical task, a phone call for a chat or a message of encouragement sent. In the realms of a country that may be closing down – let's think of all the ways we can brighten up someone's day or life with small random acts of kindness.

Let your children see what caring for others really looks like and get them involved in the planning of these and in practical ways.

It must be said, that we as a staff have been much encouraged by all the kind words and actions of parents already witnessed in school in this uncertain time. Thank you.



P1 & P7 PHOTOGRAPHS

It was intended that P1 & P7 photographs would be taken next Wednesday 25th March but unfortunately the photographer has had to cancel. We will reorganise these when business resumes to normal.

MUSIC FEES

As yet we are unable to ascertain what will happen in Term 3 re: Music. Any lesson money not used will be returned to parents for lessons missed.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parents who remembered to send packed lunches on St. Patrick's Day. It was like a giant picnic!



SEESAW - REMOTE LEARNING

Any parent who has not yet engaged with us on the Remote Learning Forum – please get on board!

You will really miss out and your child will not get to enjoy the many exciting things that lie ahead.

Contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.





MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS 2020



WELL DONE

PIANO SOLO CLASS 8 YEARS AND UNDER

Grace Wright – 3rd PLACE

PIANO SOLO CLASS 9 YEARS AND UNDER

Rebekah Blackwell – HIGHLY COMMENDED

PIANO SOLO CLASS 10 YEARS AND UNDER

Aimee Fulton – 1st PLACE

Zac McCord – 2nd PLACE

PIANO SOLO CLASS 11 YEARS AND UNDER

Tiago Snoddy – HIGHLY COMMENDED

SOLO STRING 9 YEARS AND UNDER:

Bethany Porter – 1st PLACE

Elsie Officer – 2nd PLACE

Max McClay – 3rd PLACE

Lucy Hill – 3rd PLACE

Devin White – 3rd PLACE

Victoria Strange – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Olivia Arnold – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Lily McCrory – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Charlie McDonald – HIGHLY COMMENDED

SOLO STRINGS 10 YEARS AND UNDER:

Aimee Fulton – 2nd PLACE

Joel McClure – 2nd PLACE

Lydia Buchanan – 3rd PLACE

Zac McCord – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Lauren Black – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Callum Kirk – HIGHLY COMMENDED

SOLO STRINGS 11 YEARS AND UNDER:

Josh Blair – 1st PLACE

Lois Bell – 2nd PLACE

Grace Caldwell – 2nd PLACE

Isla Reid – HIGHLY COMMENDED

PRIMARY SCHOOL STRING ENSEMBLE:

AWARDED – HIGHLY COMMENDED

Bethany Porter, Aimee Fulton,

Zac McCord, Lois Bell,

Josh Blair, Grace Caldwell,

Isla Reid, Joel McClure

SOLO BRASS 9 YEARS AND UNDER:

Grace McGuigan – HIGHLY COMMENDED

SOLO BRASS 10 YEARS AND UNDER:

Hollie Hamilton – 1st PLACE

Katie Marshall – HIGHLY COMMENDED

SOLO BRASS 11 YEARS AND UNDER:

Caitlin Officer – 1st PLACE

Benjamin Marshall – HIGHLY COMMENDED

BRASS ENSEMBLE:

AWARDED 1ST PLACE with DISTINCTION

Hollie Hamilton, Owen Blackwell,

Noah Spence, Zac Wells,

Benjamin Marshall, Caitlin Officer,

Katie Marshall, Grace McGuigan

SOLO WOODWIND 11 YEARS AND UNDER:

Rachel McIlhagger – HIGHLY COMMENDED

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR – LARGE SCHOOL

HYMN SINGING CLASS:

AWARDED 1st PLACE

Molly Keys, Gaby Laird,

Lily McCrory, Grace McGuigan,

Esther-Grace McLean, Alecia Moore,

Hallie Murray, Sophie Nickels,

George Rankin, Evie Reith,

Lexxi Somerville, Betty-Jean Woodside,

Katie Marshall, Caidyn Wallace,

Keeley McCullough, Sebastian Mullen,

Natalie Darian, Tabitha Bell,

Rebecca Holmes, Bethany Porter,

Katelyn Ramshaw, Joanna Reid,

Lucy Thompson, Aimee Fulton,

Peter McIntyre, Ava Walker,

Lois Bell, Joshua Strange,

Carys Evans, Shannon Murray,

Kaila Lavery, Grace Caldwell, Lily Henry,

Katie Jenkins, Kailey Simpson,

Cassie Montgomery, Emily Nickels,

Oliver McIlwaine, Trudy Edwards,

Lydia Buchanan, Lola Christie