

Friendship



During this month we develop the character trait 'friendship'. During the first half term the children discussed the character traits of responsibility and respect. We aim to continue and develop the skills reflective of a responsible person and show how these could be mirrored into making new friends. In school, children's relationships with their friends are vital. Making and maintaining friendships is important so that the children can feel happy and content during the school day.



In Ballyclare Primary School the character trait of friendship will be developed through each assembly and the children will learn the song "Count on me". We aim to focus the children's attention to the valuable friendships they have with other children and staff in our school and help them to realise that good friendships help our school to be a brighter place.

At home we would invite you to discuss some of the following issues or points with your child:

- Make a new friend during the month of November
- Why do we need friends in school or at home?
- Discuss the characteristics of a good friend
- Responsibility of keeping friends in school and being a friendly person
- What happens when we argue or disagree with our friends?
- Discuss being friends with your parents, teachers and other siblings etc.
- A real friend is someone who walks in when the others walk out
- A friend in need is a friend indeed – discuss with your child
- Friends are special people to us
- Friends are the most important ingredient in the recipe for life
- Friends are God's way of taking care of us
- My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me
- A friend is like a rainbow, they brighten your life when you've been through a storm.

How can we be a better friend? – Some helpful tips

At Home

- Being helpful to mum/dad doing housework
- Sharing toys with brothers/sisters
- Not telling tales
- Not calling names
- Doing what mum/dad or significant adult tells me to do
- Tidying bedroom



In the Community

- Sharing with friends
- Inviting others to special events e.g. birthday party
- Giving to charity
- Helping friend/other to do things they find hard
- Looking after street – lifting litter etc.
- Saying hello to others and not talking or engaging with strangers



In School

- Being polite to others
- Helping peers with work
- Playing 'friendly' games in playground – not 'play fights'
- Encouraging others to playing your games
- Putting litter in the bin
- Having respect for other adults and children in school
- Sharing toys and obeying school rules
- Thinking of how others would feel about something you say or do before you do it.

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME