



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ballyclareprimary/>



TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1178.36

SCHOOL BUDGET

There has recently been a NI Inquiry into the problems schools are experiencing due to insufficient funds reaching our Budgets. Many schools have been forced to make cuts in provision and staffing, and this is still not balancing the books.

Following our highlighting this problem to you last year, a few fundraising initiatives were undertaken. These raised some vital funds and we thank you for your support.

Funds raised: TOTAL £11,567	Easyfundraising - £1178	Sponsored Skip - £5685	School Fair - £3000
	Round Pounds - £242	Cash for Clobber - £302	Toy Sale - £370
	Pupil fundraising - £790		

These additional funds have helped to ensure we can continue to develop our ICT provision in school and ensure we have classroom resources in place. We have made some small timetabling changes also to ensure all statutory needs are being met, for all pupils. The parental support we receive in school by encouraging our growing enrolment, by financial contributions and through helping with skills in school - is much appreciated.

We also contributed to Macmillan, Diabetic Research, Dogs Trust, Cystic Fibrosis, Autism NI and supported our Indian Link School - Anurag.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need help with some after school activities. If you can help with Hockey, Scripture Union, Football or Tag Rugby, please leave your name at the school office or email: kmulligan818@c2kni.net

BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2018-2022

Our current Board of Governors will have completed four years of dedicated service in November this year. They have served our school with the utmost of support and interest during this time. When our Board is reconstituted, two parent members will be sought. The remit of this role is available to any parent (2018-2022) interested. An expression of interest in writing should be forwarded to Mrs K. Mulligan (Secretary of Board of Governors) by 1st October 2018.

PARENT MEETING 4th OCTOBER, 7:00pm

We still have some places available at our Parent Meeting in October. Other schools in the area have been invited - so please don't miss out. Get your place booked asap. Call the school office or scan the QR code. →



P4-7 EXTENDED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - Starting 1st October 2018

Most of our activities, except sporting choices, are held in classrooms so the weather does not affect them. To avoid parents making last minute changes to arrangements during wet weather, pupils who are staying for sport will remain in school anyway for the allocated time until 4:00pm. We always endeavour to find an indoor hall in our local churches/Secondary School so the activity can go ahead, but if this is not available, children will be able to do something else indoors until the arranged collection time. Any parent can of course collect their child earlier from the school building on wet days, if they wish to do so. Please report to the school office and our staff will direct you. A timetable for this term will be sent with our voucher system to book a place on each activity. This helps us know who will be attending.

Remember, House Points are given for every attendance. We encourage children to attend an activity and stick at it for the full 7 week block. Due to the number taking part, children must stay at the activity chosen.

SCRIPTURE UNION

Scripture Union will recommence for the new school year on Tuesday 2nd October and we have an exciting programme planned for all who attend. All children from P4-7 are invited to the Assembly Hall each Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:00pm.

We are hoping to see all the familiar faces from last year joining us again but are especially keen to welcome new boys and girls from Primary 4. Activities include Praise Time, Bible Stories, Memory Verses, Quizzes and lots of fun!

NAMES ON UNIFORM

Three weeks have now passed in school and we still have a number of pupils with no names written on their uniforms. Items removed in school can easily be returned if a label has a name on it.

Please check all your child's uniform this weekend for names - should you find you have someone else's uniform at home, please return it to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to all parents who donated uniform to school in June/September. This is much appreciated.

PARENT IDEAS

We are a self-evaluating school and each year we endeavour to review our practices to see where we can improve or celebrate the work going on within our school community.

A parent ideas box is placed in our school foyer, or email Mrs Mulligan (kmulligan818@c2kni.net) should you have any comment to make re: current practice and any suggestions or ideas you would like to make. We cannot guarantee to do them all but we are keen to consider them.

Please ensure you name these contributions so the staff can follow them up. Many thanks.

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

FIRST BALLYEASTON BOYS BRIGADE meet in Second Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church Hall on the following days and times. All new members are welcome. boys.brigade@ballyeaston.org.

Anchor Boys	(P1-P4)	Mondays	6.30 - 7.30
Juniors	(P5-P7)	Fridays	7.00 - 8.30

SPANISH CLUB - Half Term Spanish Club. for Primary School children. commences on Wednesday 31st October 10.30am to 2.00pm, Torrens Hall, Doagh. Fun language learning for children with stories, games, songs and crafts - £15 per child (discount for siblings). Contact Sherril on 07779 073573 for more information.

YOUTH LYRIC Weekly Classes - start Tuesday 18th September at Clotworthy, Antrim Castle Gardens. Pupils P3-7 (ages 7-11years) 4:00 - 5:00pm. Years 8-13 (aged 11-17 years) 5:00 - 6:00pm. Cost - £65 for 12 week term. Specialist Tuition in Drama, Mime, Improvisation & Drama Games. Plus the opportunity to complete Trinity College London Grades 1-8 in Acting and Speaking or Performing Arts. For more information, and to book, email antrim@youthlyric.co.uk or call 07756671105 or visit www.youthlyric.co.uk

** 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.*

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: High Importance

All schools have clear guidelines for safeguarding children and we endeavour to follow these. As parents have a responsibility in this area also, please be reminded of the following important Child Protection/Safeguarding points:

- All classrooms and corridor areas in our school have posters detailing adults pupils can seek help from, should they need it.
- All classrooms have a W.I.S.H. Box to receive notes from pupils if they wish their teacher or Mrs Mulligan to be aware of some thought, worry or idea.
- Our Reception Area has a clear display of the procedures to follow should you, as a parent, have a concern of a child protection nature – for your own child or that of a child known to you. This concern would be about the welfare of a child. The persons to contact would be:

Mrs Mulligan – Designated Teacher.

Mr McAuley – Deputy Designated Teacher.

- Every child has the right to
 - have his or her welfare considered paramount
 - be heard
 - be protected from abuse and neglect.

To this end, parents have a responsibility to ‘parent’ their children correctly. Our school partners this role and works with outside agencies to teach children how to keep themselves safe and to ensure they are being protected and looked after both in/out of school.

- All adults working within our school have been vetted to ensure their suitability to work with children. Volunteers are also asked to complete police check forms.
- Children are given clear guidelines about Positive Behaviour, Anti-bullying and the correct Code of Conduct for the use of Technologies in school. There is a zero tolerance to the sharing of inappropriate images or sending inappropriate messages technologically. Be very aware that this practice can be investigated and can become a legal matter.
- Every school has a number of ‘vulnerable’ children/families within its care. If you ever have a concern about a pupil you know, please contact us immediately. Abuse can take different forms:
Sexual Physical Emotional Neglect Exploitation
Significant harm is caused if a child is a victim of abuse and this lasts into their adult life. Neglect is the most common form of abuse in this area according to Social Services.
- Domestic violence is also at a high rate in County Antrim. Never keep information to yourself that might be useful in getting someone you know the help they need. There is a range of services and outside agencies available just for advice.
 - * South Eastern Gateway Team – 94424377
 - * Referral Gateway Team - 94424459
 - * Out of Hours Emergency Service – 95049999
 - * Women’s Aid – 25632136
 - * 24 hr Domestic Violence Helpline – 08088021414
 - * NSPCC 08088005000

For protection reasons and safeguarding our pupils, all parents/adults are asked to enter the school building and report to the main office window where our staff are happy to help you. Please do not walk around the corridors or enter classrooms before having reported to the main office. Adults leaving/collecting pupils should never use the pupil/staff toilet areas without prior consent by office staff. Thank you.

The taking of photographs or recordings on school property or at school events by parents/carers/visitors is only permissible with prior consent of the Principal.