



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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→→→ TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £506.04 ←←←

BOOK WEEK

Our Book Fair and 'World Book Day' on Friday were hugely supported and we thank all parents for all the family input throughout this week. We will let you know the amount of funds raised for new books when it is all totalled.



The Readathon programme has also been a great initiative to encourage reading in our pupils with the added bonus of raising funds for a great cause. The final total raised will be collated soon.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

On Friday, our Girls' Hockey Team reached the Semi-finals at our local Regional Hockey Tournament and came third overall. This entitles the team to a place in the Northern Ireland finals in Lisnagarvey at the end of March. Well Done Miss McClung and girls - another successful year.

Our Boys' Team played on Monday and also reached the Semi-finals. They narrowly missed a place in the Northern Ireland finals but the team played so well. Well Done boys and Mrs Scott. A great effort was made by all and both teams played to the best of their abilities.

Thank you to all parents who transported the team members and came along to support.



MUSIC FESTIVAL

Pupils in school who are keen on music and are playing instruments have been enjoying a successful week at the Ballyclare Music Festival. Mrs Hyde will update you on the final results next week - all entrants have done so well. We wish our Choir every blessing for their entry tomorrow.



P6/P7 SU WEEKEND TO CASTLEWELLAN CASTLE, 17th – 19th MARCH 2017

Please be reminded that tomorrow, 10th March, is the final date for the return of all medical and Code of Conduct forms for the above residential weekend. The balance of payment for this trip (£50) also needs to be paid by this date. An itinerary and requirements list has been sent home with the children this week.

MAY FAIR NEWS

The Council has informed me that the same arrangements for the amusements to be in the car parks, within Ballyclare town, will be in place this May Fair season. There will be spaces left for parents to use - at the nearer school end of the Harrier Way car park this year. There will also be parking in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church car park. The following guidelines for this area will apply:

- 1) Parking would be at the car owners risk - the church will accept absolutely no responsibility.
- 2) Since this is mainly to facilitate school drop-off and pick-up during the May Fair Week only, the car park will not be available after May Fair Week.
- 3) Entry to the car parking is via the Foundry Lane, with exit only at the Doagh Rd entrance to the church premises.
- 4) The car park will be closed at 9.00pm, after which it will not be possible for cars to exit.

We thank Rev. Bell for the use of the car park during May Fair Week.

BIG PEDAL

It is our hope we will be able to take part in the 'Big Pedal' competition during the week of 20th - 31st March.

Every class (and their parents) will be invited to travel to school, or part of the way, on their bicycles or scooters, on a set day. We are hoping to have a 'bling' your bike competition also. Mrs Scott (P4) and Mrs Martin (P2) are organising this event and more details will be available.



Take part if you can.

HEALTHY BREAKS/LUNCHES AND LIFESTYLES

Promoting Good Health and Healthy Lifestyle choices is a big part of education nowadays, both in primary and post-primary. It is a statutory requirement that all schools follow the guidelines set out by the Government and DENI concerning these important issues.



In Ballyclare Primary School we encourage and promote:

1. Healthy breaks - fruit/cut vegetables/some breads, (Monday - Thursday). Treat Day, Friday. A treat may be sent on 'Feel Good Fridays'.
 2. Healthy balanced lunches - both in lunchboxes and our canteen.
 3. The drinking of water, milk, low sugar juices.
 4. Walking at least once a week to school - 'WOW'.
 5. Participation in sports/activities - swimming, PE, after school activities, break and lunch play.
 6. Suitable bedtime routines and the importance of sleep.
 7. The eating of breakfast to give energy for the day ahead. Our Breakfast Club is still available.
 8. The trying of new foods which children have never tasted before.
 9. The safe use of prescribed medicines when needed.
 10. A daily hygiene routine for teeth, bodies, hair and clothes.
- ☺ Thank you for helping us with this.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS LEAFLET

Our School Council has been updating our Healthy Schools Leaflets for each class. Councillors encourage all pupils to read this at home with an adult.

We hope you will look over the leaflet with your child to promote being happy and healthy in our school. Leaflets will be sent home soon.



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

Ballyclare Family Focus is hosting a free Mood Matters: Parent & Baby Programme, for parents and childcare providers in the Ballyclare Area. This will be held from 10:00am - 12:00pm on Monday 13th March at Foundry House, Doagh Road. To register please contact 07428692808.

** 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.*