



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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EASTER HOLIDAY REMINDER

Children will finish school on Friday 7th April at 12 noon and return on Monday 24th April at the usual time.

School will also be closed on Monday 1st May (May Day).

★ *School is not closed tomorrow - 17th March. All pupils should attend as usual.*



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – End 31st March (Term 2)

Afterschool Activities end on Friday 31st March. Piano Lessons, Singing Lessons, Bright Stars Drama Group, Judo and Monkeynastics will be following their own timetable.

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

Wow!! What a week for music in Ballyclare Primary School! Around 70 children from P5-P7 took part in the annual Ballyclare Music Festival, entering into the solo, ensemble, orchestra 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, Gillian McCutcheon, 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 outstanding category! Bravo to all! (*Results on next page*).

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 continued from week to week.

Please look out for our photographs on the school website in the upcoming week and also our video of the choir's performance. We gained second place - with only one mark separating us from the winners!

Mrs Hyde (Head of The Arts)

P6/7 S.U. TRIP

Our P6/7 pupils are attending our S.U. Weekend to Castlewellan this weekend. We wish them every blessing for their time away and thanks to all staff, and family members, who are attending with them on this occasion.

EASTER PARTIES

We will be holding Easter parties in the school assembly hall on Tuesday, 4th April. The P1-3 party will be from 1:30 - 2:30pm and P4-7 from 2:45 - 3:45pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to school with them to change into. **Tickets will be on sale, from class teachers, from Wednesday 29th March - Monday 3rd April (cost - £2 including snack and drink).**



Children who do not wish to attend the party will leave school/be collected at their normal time:

P1-2 pupils (1:55pm) and P3 pupils (2:55pm) at the main playground

P4-7 pupils (2:55pm) from the School Street door.



MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS 2017



SOLO BRASS 10 YEARS AND UNDER:

Sophie Wilson – 1st Place

SOLO BRASS 11 YEARS AND UNDER:

Emily Gilchrist – 1st Place

PRIMARY SCHOOL BRASS ENSEMBLE:

Lucy Thompson, Sophie Wilson, Emily Gilchrist, Damaris Bell, Ben McCord – 1st Place

SOLO WOODWIND 10 YEARS AND UNDER

Isaac Shiels – 2nd Place, Connor McKenna – 3rd Place, Stewart Reid - Highly Commended

SOLO WOODWIND 11 YEARS AND UNDER:

Ian Campbell – 3rd Place, Chrissie Marshall - Highly Commended

PRIMARY SCHOOL WOODWIND ENSEMBLE:

Stewart Reid, Chrissie Marshall, Ian Campbell, Isaac Shiels, Connor McKenna – 1st Place
Ben Sutter, Sam Jackson, Sam Gordon – 3rd Place

SOLO STRING 9 YEARS AND UNDER:

Isla Reid – 1st Katie Reith – 2nd Ella McIntyre – 3rd
Grace Kinkaid, Jessica Kirk, Caitlin Hill, Abigail Reid – Highly Commended

SOLO STRINGS 10 YEARS AND UNDER:

Neeve Irvine – 1st Place (Harp Solo)

SOLO STRINGS 11 YEARS AND UNDER:

Daniel Henry, Jamie Reid – Highly Commended

PRIMARY SCHOOL STRING ENSEMBLE:

Daniel Henry, Molly McGuigan, Ruby McFall, Joel Porter – Highly Commended

PRIMARY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA: Awarded 1st Place

Joel Porter, Abigail Bradley, Katie Reith, Grace Kinkaid, Damaris Bell, Daniel Henry,
Ben McCord, Isaac Shiels, Emily Gilchrist, Ian Campbell, Joy Duncan,
Chrissie Marshall, Erin Cochrane, Sophie Wilson, Sam Jackson,
Stewart Reid, Jessica Kirk, Connor McKenna,
Molly McGuigan, Isla Reid, Lucy Thompson.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR – LARGE SCHOOL: - Awarded 2ND

Abigail Bradley, Madison Wilson, Chloe Abraham, Zarah Currie, Lucy Dick,
Caitlin Hill, Holly Ferguson, Abigail Reid, Kirsty Irvine, Ella McIntyre,
Katie Reith, Grace Kinkaid, Neeve Irvine, Chloe Robinson, Olivia Glass,
Katie-Anna Weatherup, Damaris Bell, Annie Johnston, Daniel Henry,
Maya Gillespie, Ben McCord, Katie Wasson, David Maze, Hannah Caldwell,
Ellie Kerr, Leah Milliken, Chloe Hutchinson, Grace Savage,
Lucy Hamilton, Euan O'Neill, Rebekah McDowell.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2017, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

The challenge runs from 20th to 31st March. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to get involved on his or her specific day.



WHY WE'RE TAKING PART:

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

WHAT'S NEXT?

All you need to do is encourage your child/children to cycle or scoot to school on their particular day during the event, and join them on their way - parent and sibling journeys count too! Safety whilst on bikes and scooters is of utmost importance and an adult must accompany children on all their journeys.

THE DETAILS:

Each class will have a specific day to complete their challenge where they will be encouraged to cycle or scoot to school. Their class will compete against another class to see which can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school.

We understand that some children live further from our school. To recognise this it is permissible for parents/carers to park at a nearby location and the children can cycle or scoot the rest of the journey to school. This will still count towards their class's overall total. The children will also get extra points for their class if an adult or sibling cycles/scoots as well.

On the day that your child/children brings their bike or scooter to school, this can be parked in our bicycle racks and in a designated location in our shelter. Our Primary Seven Junior Road Safety Officers will be there to guide and support the pupils each morning throughout the duration of the event.

BRING YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER ON:

- Mon 20th March - P7 Mrs Kennedy & P7 Mr McAuley
- Tues 21st March - P6 Mrs Watson & P6 Mrs Shannon
- Wed 22nd March - P6 Mr McLean & P5 Mr Gordon
- Thurs 23rd March - P5 Miss McClung & P5 Mr Heyburn
- Fri 24th March - P4 Mrs Scott & P4 Miss Kernohan
- Mon 27th March - P4 Mrs Anderson / Mrs McDowell & P3 Miss McGoran / Mrs McIntosh
- Tues 28th March - P3 Mrs Arbuckle / Mrs McNeilly & P3 Miss Gardiner
- Wed 29th March - P2 Mrs Taggart / Mrs Stewart & P2 Mrs Martin / Mrs Stewart
- Thurs 30th March - P2 Mrs Irwin / Farquhar & P1 Mrs Sturgess / Mrs Farquhar
- Fri 31st March - P1 Miss Campbell & P1 Mrs Hyde



Our best day will determine our final position in the inter-school challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

'BLING YOUR BIKE' COMPETITION

The night before your child's class 'Big Pedal' competition, they will be given a night off homework to 'Bling' their bike and give it an extreme makeover.

Blinging their bike is a brilliant way to show off their creative side and put their stamp on their own bike. Equipment will depend on the theme of the bike bling, but here are a few typical ingredients that every budding blinger might choose to use:

- ★ Brightly coloured paper or card
- ★ Scissors and sticky tape
- ★ Cable ties
- ★ Sticky tack or glue
- ★ A range of colourful materials
- ★ Pipe cleaners, ribbon and squares of felt
- ★ Coloured pens, pencils, crayons or non-smudge paints.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- ★ Don't get superglue on the brakes or cut through any cables
- ★ Make sure things are fixed or attached well so nothing drops off when cycling or scooting to and from school
- ★ Above all, make sure that the bike remains safe to ride and that steering, braking and vision is as normal.

PRIZES

- ★ A bike will be chosen each day as the 'Blazin' Blinger' and the child who owns the bike will receive a prize. At the end of the competition all the 'Blazin' Blingers' names will be put into a hat and an overall prize will be given out.

For more information about the event go to

www.bigpedal.org.uk

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Enjoy the ride!

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Martin

