



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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LONDON 2017

Our P7 trip to London has been ongoing this week. The itinerary has made for an exciting and action packed few days. The staff in attendance report great things about the group and we are thankful for safe travel so far. The team will be returning tomorrow evening, for a good rest over the weekend. The decision to go on any residential trip for school, staff and parents is one that is not taken lightly and this year's trip was no different. All the usual and additional checks and assessments were made this year for obvious reasons.

Residential Trips are undertaken by our staff because they recognise the huge benefits to children. As Principal, I endeavour to participate each year, and the Governors and I are hugely thankful to staff for their willingness to take on this additional responsibility and duty. Staff who remain in school also take on additional duties to cover for absent trip staff - to ensure everything runs smoothly on our timetable and in our diary of events. This is much appreciated also.

Residential Trips: Ballyclare Primary School

P5	Residential SU Weekend
P6/7	Residential SU Weekend
P6	Tollymore Residential Trip
P7	Woodhall Residential Trip
P7	London Residential Trip

NI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Our P6 Girls' Hockey Team attended the NI Finals in Lisnagarvey Hockey Club yesterday. This meant the P6/7 team were in the top category of schools in NI. Due to our P7 girls on the team being in London, our P6 team attended and we were so proud of their efforts. Their attendance was for experience and enjoyment, but they were amazing! Every team member played with enthusiasm and determination. Well done P6 girls!



Thank you to all parents who helped with transport and support. This is always much appreciated.

DIGITAL DETOX AND SCIENCE FESTIVAL

You will already have received information re: next week and all the events planned! What an exciting week it promises to be. Encourage your child/ren to take part.

BIG PEDAL AND BLING YOUR BIKE

Thank you to all who have participated this past two weeks. More information to follow next week when competition totals are finalised.



CHEERLEADING COMPETITION – Well Done Ballyclare Primary School

Dressed in fabulous T-shirts and sparkly skirts, our Cheerleading team attended a competition last Friday at Antrim Forum. Many schools were there and the competition was serious!



Well done girls on coming 2nd overall and well done Miss McClung on getting a top coach award also. Go to our website to see the great achievement.

REMINDER - EASTER PARTIES TUESDAY 4th APRIL

Easter Party Tickets are currently on sale from class teachers.

Cost - £2 including snack and drink.

PARTY TIMES: P1-3 1:30 - 2:30pm
P4-7 2:45 - 3:45pm

Children attending the parties will leave school via their **NORMAL** exit doors.



Children **NOT ATTENDING** the parties will leave school at their normal time at the following locations:

P1-3 - from Main Playground

P4-7 - from School Street door

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On a number of occasions I have written to parents concerning the influence of youtube, social media, computer games and unsuitable television programmes and films - on our pupils. Alongside this, the exposure to language and information of a sexual nature - always finds a way to come in to a playground, class or individual friendship setting. Parents - please note that we cannot prevent this from happening sadly but we do teach our pupils not to repeat it and to report any incidences, hence it is kept to a minimum.

There is a zero tolerance to this in school and it can be dealt with if reported to a class teacher or myself. Any child reported to be involved with this type of activity can expect their parents to be notified. School appreciates, at all times, the disciplining of children at home, by parents, in these types of matters.

Whilst we want our pupils to be equipped to manage life in the 21st century, there are issues that are and should remain for after Primary school age, we believe.

*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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 READATHON STAR READERS ★★★★★				P4MCDA	Jessica Semple
				P4SK	Kailey Simpson
P1FH	Emily Mason	P4SS	Lois Bell	P5SJM	Rachel McIlhagger
P1HC	Lana McMullan	P5RH	Edee Rankin	P6RW	Sara Beggs
P2I/F	Grace Wright	P5NG	Jude Wilson	P6TS	Isaac Shiels
P2LMNS	Grace McGuigan	P6SML	Ashton Bradley	P7RK	Caleb Whaley
P2JTNS	Lucy McKinstry	P7CM	Chrissie Marshall		
P3A/M	Brooke Knox				
P3M/A	Emma McAdam				
P3SG	Tabitha Bell				

Ballyclare Primary School's Digital Detox



As part of our Digital Detox Week, all pupils and staff in school will be aiming to save energy during lessons. Our Digital Detox Week will run from Monday 5th April to Friday 7th April with a range of special events taking place throughout the week.

Why do a Digital Detox?

The challenge is to switch-off all non-essential electrical items (to include tablets, iPads, and games consoles), lights, screens, computers, and heaters or trying not to use electricity at all. We will be taking meter readings and comparing it to a 'normal' day. Hopefully we will see the amount of energy used greatly reduced. Not only do we want to save energy, but we want to encourage pupils to try a new hobby or sport, play practical games, enjoy the outdoors and interact with others.

'Run a Mile a Day' Challenge

In school, KS1 and KS2 pupils will be set a challenge to 'Run a Mile a Day' and FS pupils will complete a range of circuits each day to include jumping, running and hopping. This challenge will take place in school and will encourage children to enjoy the outdoors and become more active in preparation for our Sports Day and Sports Festival.

'Digital Detox' at Home

Pupils will be encouraged to refrain from using technology at home and over the Easter holidays. Parents will show whether or not their child successfully completed the 'Digital Detox' by signing a letter of approval. All classes who successfully complete the challenge will receive a special certificate.



What do the pupils need?

Every day during our 'Digital Detox' pupils should remember to bring a coat and pair of trainers to change into before heading outside. If you should have any queries or issues with your child taking part, please speak to their class teacher. Please check out our website for more information about what type of lessons will be taking place.

We are looking forward to "switching off" and getting outdoors.

Regards
Mrs. Scott

Digital Detox