



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 3



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

TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £216.78



★ REMINDER

School is closed on the following dates:

Monday, 1st May - May Day Holiday

Monday 15th May - Teacher Training

Thursday 8th June - Election Process

MAY FAIR

Ballyclare May Fair dates back to 1756 and is always an historical and entertainment event within our town. The website www.ballyclaremayfair.com (which will be live soon) has all the events listed, with times and venues, for you to choose from.

I would remind you that our school will be closed from 12:00 noon on May Fair Day, Tuesday 23rd, as many parents traditionally attend the Fair with their children. *NO TOAST WILL BE SERVED ON THIS DAY.

STRANGER DANGER

The brighter nights and mornings do enable children to get outside and play at this time of year. This is great to see. We encourage our pupils to be very aware of talking to, helping, or going with adults or even older children they know, without parents being aware of this. Please go over this important issue at home. Children, understandably, are very trusting and they can be easily led astray. The Community PSNI keep us informed of any unusual cars or happenings in the area and we ensure parents are aware of these also.

Around May Fair time there are many people around Ballyclare, who are not local, so keep vigilant and ensure your children are too.

All children in P5-7 who walk home or to meeting points should go straight to these places. This is reinforced in school. If the adult is not at the meeting point, pupils must return to school and wait safely.

SCHOOL BUDGETS

The media has already publicised the fact that school budgets this year are in a dire state. The amount of money, given to all schools from the Department of Education, is not covering basic costs. During this election time, please lobby any representatives you come into contact with concerning this important issue. Cuts in budgets will mean cuts in staffing and therefore cuts in educational provision for pupils - a very sad outcome for highly successful schools in Northern Ireland.

SPECIAL EVENING FOR P6

The AQE/GL Assessment Transfer Procedure is set to continue in the next academic year and pupils moving to P7 in September will be able to make a choice regarding this. Some Post Primary Schools are hosting special P6 Parent Evenings to give information about this process.

Our own P6 Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 29th May at 7:00pm in our school Assembly Hall. Please plan to attend as you will be given lots of information re: Transfer arrangements in general, the P7 School Year and P7 School Trips. Soon after this meeting names and deposits will be requested before the end of term.

MUSIC EXAMS

Please note that today was the last day for payment of music exam entry fees for both Trinity and ABSM exams.

Please ensure Mrs Hyde is aware of your intentions and send any outstanding fees in tomorrow.



TOLLYMORE TRIP – FINAL PAYMENT

The total cost of our P6 Tollymore Trip is £150. Final payments should be made by Thursday 1st June. If you have any difficulty with this, contact Mrs Mulligan, Mr McAuley or Mr McLean.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Thank you for all the vouchers donated so far this year. We would like to remind you that 2nd May is the last day for vouchers being issued from Sainsbury's Stores.

Please could you send in any 1's, 5's or till printed vouchers so that we can avail of some extra equipment for the school.

Sainsbury's



WEBSITE

Our website has lots of key photographs, dates and information on it. Please keep using this and get updated with all the wonderful experiences your children are getting in and out of school.

If you think we should add any other information that would be of help to you as parents, please email me and let me know. kmulligan818@c2kni.net

FUNDRAISING

Each year we endeavour to have a number of events in school to help raise valuable funds for charities and school funds. We are delighted at how supportive parents are at these times.

Thank you to all who donated to our 'Soak a Teacher' event at the end of last term. We raised £280. Well done to the great sports who got soaked!

Mrs Shannon (P6) Mr McAuley (P7) Mrs Martin (P2) Mr McLean (P6) Mrs Scott (P4)

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

NORTHERN IRELAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Blood donation sessions will take place on Thursday 27th & Friday 28th April in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church Hall, 1:30 - 4:00pm and 5:15 - 8:00pm.

HOLA BONJOUR - Spanish and French classes for families. Classes will be held each Monday evening commencing on Monday 8th May and finishing 12th June. Classes will take place in the Torrens Hall, Doagh. French Class from 6:30 - 7:30pm and Spanish Class from 7:30 - 8:30pm.

Cost - Adults £50 per 6 week course, one free child per paying adult. Additional children £20 each. For further details contact Sherril 07779073573 or Sharon 07876052224.



CLASS AWARDS

APRIL 2017



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	CAMERON FORSYTHE	AMY GLASS
	Mrs Hyde	DARCY GAULT	CHARLOTTE HUNTER
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	MAX ABRAHAM	THEO MERCER
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	MOLLY KEYS	FAITH MAWHINNEY
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	GRACE McGUIGAN	ROBBIE CHARNLEY
	Mrs Taggart & Mrs Stewart	SIENNA MOORE	IVY McFALL
P3	Miss McGoran & Mrs McIntosh	RIO WILLIAMS	KATIE AGNEW
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs Arbuckle	DANIEL WATSON	CAIDYN WALLACE
	Miss Gardiner	COREY RUSSELL	BETHANY PORTER
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	KEIRA VALLELY	LYDIA BUCHANAN
	Miss Kernohan	CURTIS HUMPHRYS	MADDISON MAGUIRE
	Mrs Scott	LEE-ANDRE BLACK	LAUREN SIMPSON
P5	Mr Gordon	COREY BRENNAN	EMMA CHARLTON
	Mr Heyburn	RHYS McFARLAND	CHARIS MERCER
	Mrs McClung	NATHAN AKANJI	ZARAH CURRIE
P6	Mr McLean	BRANDON GILPIN	KATIE REITH
	Mrs Shannon	NEEVE IRVINE	LACEY VENNARD
	Mrs Watson	DANIEL TAYLOR	STEWART REID
P7	Mr McAuley	KATIE ANNA WEATHERUP	JAMIE REID
	Mrs Kennedy	RACHEL REILLY	EMILY GILCHRIST
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	LUCAS GOUGH (P3MA)	-
	Mrs Malcomson	-	-