



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SPORTS FESTIVAL 2017 – Tuesday 30th May

For details of our Sports Festival, please see attached information sheet. Please note that toast will NOT be available on this day and the lunch time menu has been changed to a Buffet Day, to help with timing of all the great activities.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

Our after school clubs and activities end for this year, this Friday. Please note that all pupils will leave school at 1:55pm or 2:55pm unless they are involved in private music lessons.

WELL DONE BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last Friday our Hockey and Football teams took part in the annual May Fair Tournaments which included schools from our local and neighbouring areas. Our Hockey girls played extremely well in the Tournament overall. Well Done Girls on coming second place overall – an excellent performance and great sportsmanship displayed by all taking part.

The Boys' Football Team played well also. Well done boys – some amazing passes, footwork and saves made spectating so exciting.

Thank you to all parents who attended these events to support our pupils and to Mr Gordon and Miss McClung who organised both tournaments for all the schools to enjoy.

JUNE DIARY REMINDER

We have so many activities and events taking place in June in school. The following is a reminder to all parents of the dates of these to help organisation.



MAY	
29th May – 9th June	Hit the Button Maths Competition (see over for details).
30th	Sports' Festival in school. Sports clothes worn on this day.
JUNE	
2nd	Summer Fair 6:00 – 8:00pm. *All help welcome.
5th	RSPB Talk – P5.
6th	Sports Day for all pupils – weather permitting (see attached information).
8th	Election Day – School closed.
9th	P4 Cultra visit / School Council Election Day / Music Exams.
10th	P7 STEM Kit Car Race – Kirkistown Race Track.
13th	Music Exams.
14th – 16th	P6 Sustrans Cycle Training.
16th	Family Cinema Night! More details to follow.
20th – 23rd	P6 Tollymore Trips x 2.
21st & 22nd	New P1 Pupil Induction Days (current P1 pupils finish at 12 noon).
22nd.	P7 Leavers' Assembly – 9:15am (P7 parents welcome).
27th	School reports sent out to parents.
	P7 Leavers Evening (details to follow).
28th	Moving on morning to new teachers + Teddy Bears Breakfast – New P1s.
29th	P6 Enterprise Day.
30th	Last Day of School Year – 12:00 finish. *NO TOAST ON THIS DAY.

P6 PARENTS' EVENING – Reminder for parents

This Monday, 29th May, we are holding an information evening at 7:00pm in our School Hall.

Agenda: ●Transfer System ●P7 Year ●P7 School Trips.

Please ensure you have returned the slip, on the letter sent home, to confirm your attendance. Thank you.

P7 LEAVERS

Our P7 Leavers' Assembly is on Thursday 22nd June at 9:15am. All parents of P7 pupils are welcome. P7 Leavers' Celebration Evening will be on Tuesday, 27th June at 7:30pm. Due to health and safety guidelines and the size of our hall, we are restricted to offering three tickets per family. These tickets will be given to the P7 children before the event. If you do not require your tickets, please inform your child's teacher before the evening so they can be reallocated. This is an adult event to focus on our P7s so younger siblings should not attend on this occasion. All P7 pupils leave us on this day.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Group photograph proofs and order forms have been sent home. The closing date for the return of these orders is Thursday 1st June. Late orders can be made by parents themselves directly to Tempest. Postal details are on the proof envelopes/slips.

WANTED!

Any pupil who has grown out of their black school shoes or who has spares not needed at home - please send to school at the end of term. We keep these to share out during the school year should anyone need them. All sizes (from a child's size 12 - adult size 7) welcome. All pupils must wear black shoes until the end of term as per our uniform policy. Thank you.

SPORTS' DAY TIMES AND ORGANISATION

Our Sports' Day always runs so smoothly and we hope to enjoy another fun-filled day this year. Please read the guidance, alongside this Bulletin, on times and organisation to help you on the day.



HIT THE BUTTON

It's that time of year again to sharpen our Numeracy skills and have a bit of healthy competition while we're at it! On Monday 29th May we will be beginning this year's Numeracy initiative, 'Hit the Button' for Primary 3 to Primary 7 pupils. The game can be found by visiting www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button where a free, tablet friendly version is available. Alternatively, the app can be purchased from the App Store - £2.99.

On Monday, pupils will receive a score card, which will give them a place to record their progress for the two weeks of the challenge. Each year group has chosen a particular focus for their pupils which will be recorded on the card. This will direct you to the appropriate section of the game. Each game lasts 1 minute, and we are challenging pupils to have 10 tries each day for the 14 days. There is space to record 10 scores per day, and to record your highest scores.

We are looking forward to:

- ★Improving our basic skills
- ★Watching ourselves progress
- ★Celebrating our successes
- ★Having lots of fun!

Please encourage your children to join in each day, and maybe even get the whole family involved! There will be opportunities to participate during school time for any child without access to a computer or tablet at home and there may even be a prize or two on offer as well...! As always, many thanks for your continuing support.

Mrs. Anderson (Maths Co-ordinator)

SPORTS DAY – TUESDAY 6th JUNE



This will be held on our Sports field – entrance by the gate at Harrier Way car park.

All children should be brought to school in the normal way for the 8:55am bell.

The children may wear their sports kit on this day – no uniform is necessary.
Children should bring their school bag to school on Sports Day and a waterproof coat.
★ No football/rugby jerseys should be worn.

Packed lunches/dinner money/drinks for sports/inhalers etc should come to school in the morning with your child. Please do not bring these to the sports field to deliver to children while they are seated with their class teacher.

Parents are advised that no adults, other than staff, will be permitted to supervise or mingle with the pupils during the sports event due to Child Protection Guidelines. We encourage you to come and enjoy the Sports in the knowledge that your child is as safe at this open event as they would be in the school building, to the best of our ability.

★ Refreshments will be on sale during the Sports for parents/friends watching. We will have hot dogs/tea/coffee and ice-cream available for sale.

P1-4 SPORTS: 9:30 – 11:45am

Parents should go straight to the Sports Field.
All pupils will be brought to the Sports by their teachers.
★ Sports will begin with a parade of the pupils.

★ These pupils will be free to leave with their parents after the sports and go home.
Each class will be distributed to their parents by the class teacher. School bags can remain in school and be collected the next day.

D.E. Photographers will be at the field after these sports to sell official photos of the P1-4 pupils. These can be purchased immediately.

Should P1-4 Sports have to be postponed due to bad weather conditions, P1-4 pupils will remain in school until their normal home time.

P5-7 SPORTS: 12:45 -3:00pm (approx)

Parents should go straight to the Sports Field.
All pupils will be brought to the Sports by their teachers.
★ Sports will begin with a parade of the pupils.

★ After the sports, these pupils will walk back to school with their class teachers and should be met in the playground in the usual way by their parents. Pupils will leave immediately on return from sports and collection of their bags.

D.E. Photographers will be at the Sports Field to sell official photos of the day's events for P5-7 pupils. These can be purchased immediately.



Parents please note – Sports will only be cancelled if it is extremely wet. Please do not phone school before 9:15am, as a decision will only be made at that time. We do not like to disappoint our children and the sports will run if at all possible.

Please check your mobile phone around 9:20am as a cancellation message will be sent to the first parent contact, if necessary.

Should the Sports be postponed due to bad weather conditions, they will be run off on the next available day in our school diary, Wednesday 7th June, weather permitting. A further message will be sent to you in advance, should this be necessary.

We will keep you informed of any changes to dates.



SPORTS



festival 2017



On Tuesday 30th May 2017

Ballyclare Primary School

is having a Sports Festival!

Our theme is Sporty Science!



Our Sports Festival is going to be a fun filled school day for everyone in our school!

You could get the chance to try out different sports like **football, hockey, cricket, rugby or judo!**

We want you to come to our Sports Festival dressed as your favourite **Sports Star!**

After all, Sports Stars need to know the Science behind what makes an athlete great!

We will be learning about the Science of our body throughout our Sports Festival, as well as trying out sports!

Football and rugby kits are allowed, as long as there are no slogans or advertisements across the top.

Make sure that what you wear is suitable for physical and outdoor activity!

Comfy trainers and tracksuits recommended!

You should also bring a waterproof coat

(but here's hoping the great Ballyclare sun will be shining!)

Please bring a small donation of £1 on the day.

The festival will run like a normal school day.

P1 and P2 children will exit via the School Street door at 1.55pm.

P3-7 children will exit as normal at 2.55pm.

There will be NO toast at break time on this day.

Lunch routines will be as usual.