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## **WELL DONE BALLYCLARE**

A team of P7 pupils took part in the regional Road Safety Quiz on Tuesday in Mossley Mill. They returned to school having participated very well. Well done to Chrissie Marshall, Emily Gilchrist, Daniel Henry and Ian Campbell. The team did not make it to the final this year but we are very proud of their efforts.

## **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS 6th – 10th February**

You will have received your Parent/Teacher interview letter re: the date and time of your meeting. Please ensure you endeavour to keep this appointment to discuss your child's progress. These interviews will cover the following issues:

- Progress of your child after half an academic year in his/her class.
- General attitude and conduct.
- Assessment results and targeted areas for improvement or celebration.
- Parent support needed at home.

You will receive a note home tomorrow with your child's results from our January Assessments. Please bring these results with you to your meeting as teachers will discuss these with you. If your child needs extra help at home in any area, the class teacher will guide you.

You will have an opportunity to discuss other issues which you may feel important with the class teacher. If you feel this may take a longer time than is available, please make another appointment before you leave. All staff are happy to assist you with this.

I would ask you to be mindful that other parents are waiting. It would be very helpful if you could alert the teacher to any further changes to contact details/medical issues relating to your child at this meeting also.

P7 parents have their own arrangements due to Transfer Interviews.

## **COLLECTING CHILDREN**

All parents are reminded to have set arrangements for pupils at 1:55pm, 2:55pm and 4:00pm for collection. Some pupils in P4-7 have meeting points arranged and this works well. Please do a Term 2 reminder with your child to return to the school building if their lift home is not at the arranged meeting point. Pupils should never stand about the town area on their own. If your child has to meet a parent/carer at the front of school, please ensure they know to do this and not to walk on home alone or with a friend. This will prevent lots of anxiety for everyone involved.

P1-3 parents should identify names of adults collecting children each day.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Saturday 4th February**

One of our Primary 4 parents, Mrs Henry, is planning to run in the London Marathon this year to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer. This Saturday morning, between 10:00am - 12:30pm, she is holding a Coffee Morning in Ballyclare Leisure Centre.

Why not arrange to meet up with family/ friends for coffee and help raise funds for this worthwhile cause.



#### **BLUE DAY/ANTIBULLYING WEEK**

Thank you to all our parents who supported this special week in school. This work continues to help counteract any behaviour in school which pupils, staff and parents find difficult. Thank you for keeping teachers informed as the need arises.

#### STORMONT VISIT

To recognise the school's achievement in winning the Primary Schools' section of the N. Ireland Road Safety Awards 2016, our Junior Road Safety Officers were hosted at Stormont last Wednesday by Mr William Humphrey, Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee. The pupils Mya Graham, Maya Gillespie, Leah Milliken, Maddie Noble, Hayden Greenfield and Nathan Lavery had a super time and were a credit to the school.

#### **MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL**

We discourage children from carrying mobile phones to school but we recognise that some parents wish them to do so for child care arrangements. Please note if a pupil brings a phone to school it must be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day for safe keeping. The phone will be returned to the pupil at home time. School cannot be held responsible for any loss if a phone goes missing from a schoolbag or pocket and we know they are very expensive.

#### **RECORDER LESSONS**

Learning the Recorder in Ballyclare Primary School starts at P4 and continues right through to P7. It is a great opportunity for every child to experience the joy of playing music. We have ordered some recorders for purchase in school. These should be with us in the next week, should you need one.

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**

PLAY SPORT NI LTD - are running a four day football course at the Soccer Shed, Green Road, Ballyclare, from 13th - 16th February, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Cost £40 (£12 for individual days) The course if open to boys and girls of any ability aged from 4 - 12. The children will receive first class coaching, attention, support and supervision from our experienced, enthusiastic staff. Limited spaces available - book early to avoid disappointment. Application forms, with full details of the course, are available from school office.

## **BALLYCLARE ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYABILITY PROJECT WORKSHOPS**

Self-employment business skills.

Exploring the potential for social enterprise in your community.

Young People – get set for work.

Enhancing Employability.

1st February

15th February

22nd February

All workshops will be held at Foundry House, Doagh Road and will run from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Every welcome - free admission.

**POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP** invite you to attend a Public Meeting, in Toome House, Toomebridge, at 7:00pm on Wednesday 15th February 2017 to discuss Drug and Alcohol Misuse. There will be an opportunity to listen to those working with people affected by drug or alcohol misuse as well as raised any concerns that you may have in relation to these topics.

\* 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.



# CLASS AWARDS JANUARY 2017



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	HANNAH SHEPPARD	KATIE ROBINSON
	Mrs Hyde	EMILY MASON	JOSEPH CULBERT
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	LAUREN McCLEAN	RUBY LEWIS
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	LOGAN DINSDALE	JENNY REID
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	ESTHER-GRACE McLEAN	ELLIE HINTON
	Mrs Taggart & Mrs Stewart	MOLLY PEEL	GABY LAIRD
<b>P</b> 3	Miss McGoran & Mrs McIntosh	LUCY SUTTER	BROOKE KNOX
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs Arbuckle	MARCUS WHALEY	HANNAH LESLIE
	Miss Gardiner	HOLLY McCROARY	SHILOH BLAIR
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	JESSICA SEMPLE	TRUDY EDWARDS
	Miss Kernohan	KODIE SCOTT	CAITLIN OFFICER
	Mrs Scott	MAX POLLOCK	LOIS BELL
<b>P</b> 5	Mr Gordon	AARON BAMBER	SAM MULHOLLAND
	Mr Heyburn	TONY WHITEHOUSE	EDEE RANKIN
	Mrs McClung	AARON WEATHERUP	DANIEL CAULCUTT
<b>P</b> 6	Mr McLean	JONATHAN MARSHALL	RHYS BOYD
	Mrs Shannon	HAYLEY ROLSTON	NEEVE IRVINE
	Mrs Watson	LEAH MORRISON	JACK PEEL
P7	Mr McAuley	ELLIE McGIMPSEY	ADAM OSWALD
	Mrs Kennedy	HAYDEN GREENFIELD	OLIVIA McGUIGAN
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	JACOB WEATHERUP (P3AM)	-
	Mrs Malcomson	-	-



## Ballyclare Primary School READATHON



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to inform you that this year, as a whole school Reading Initiative, we have chosen to participate in Readathon.

Readathon is essentially a sponsored read where children are encouraged to read for pleasure and receive sponsorship for doing so. 80% of the total sponsorship money raised goes towards the Readathon charity which funds trained storytellers to read with sick children in hospital and purchases the new books that are required to reduce infection. The remaining 20% will go towards new books for our children in Ballyclare Primary School.

For any more information please check out <a href="https://www.readathon.org">www.readathon.org</a>

Our Sponsored Read will commence on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** and continue until **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.** Please encourage your child to enjoy reading as much as is possible and to ask friends and family for some sponsorship. We hope that this project will promote enthusiasm and competency in reading, whilst also developing in our children a compassion for others.

In school we will be rewarding those who have **read the most**, within their reading group band, and **Readathon** will be supplying a £15 voucher as a way of saying thank you to the child who raises the most sponsorship.

As always, we thank you for your support and encouragement of our school initiatives.

A Record of Reading Card will be sent home soon.

L.McIntosh (Literacy Postholder)





