



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £792.47

HAPPY HALF TERM

School will close tomorrow at 1:55pm for all pupils and will remain closed for one week for Half Term holidays. School reopens again on Tuesday 7th November at 8:55am for all pupils. After School Activities will recommence from this date. Enjoy your children over the mid-term break. All pupils P4-7 had a firework safety talk from PSNI this week. Please reinforce these safety messages at home.

Check out our school website for information sent to school, by the Fire Service, about safety over the Half Term with fireworks, fancy dress etc. All children in school have been reminded about how dangerous a time of year this can be. Please take great care everyone.

REMINDER: Clocks go back an hour at 2:00am on Sunday 29th October.



P1 ENTRY 2018/19

Please ensure a pre-enrolment form for anyone you know who should be starting school next September 2018 is completed and returned to our school office. Places are filling up. Thank you!

WINTRY WEATHER

We have had some unusual Autumn weather but as the winter weather sets in, there is always much discussion about how cold it is going to be and how much snow we are going to get!

Please be assured that should our school ever need to close for exceptional circumstances, you will be notified via our Parent Text Messaging Service and our school website - as you experienced last week. If you live in a poor phone service area - check with a friend before venturing out.

Should you live a good distance from school or in the countryside, please make decisions for your own safety due to the conditions for travel. We will understand this. Unless you hear otherwise, school will function normally.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017

As in previous years, our school will be offering all pupils the chance to purchase a 'poppy' for a donation to the British Legion. Poppies will go on sale the week after Half Term holiday. Your support in this worthy cause is valued. On Sunday 12th November our school lays a wreath at the War Memorial in the town. All pupils and parents who wish to attend this short ceremony would be most welcome. We also have a special P4-7 Remembrance Assembly in school to commemorate this special occasion with our pupils. This will take place on Friday 10th November.

NUMERACY DAY!

A huge success for all. Hope you got some photos of all the great events. Watch out for Num.TV. Keep practising 'Hit the Button' with your children at home (P4-7). It is great brain training.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographs were completed this week and these proofs will be sent to you after Half Term, when we receive them, for orders to be made.

HOUSE COMPETITION

Our House Competition (P4-7) is well underway with many pupils already earning points for various aspect of Positive Behaviour. Our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2017-2018 are as follows:

HOUSE	CAPTAINS	VICE-CAPTAINS
McILROY	Ben McDowell	Stewart Reid
	Lucy Thompson & Beth Proctor	-
GIRVAN	Cooper Montgomery	Paul Nixon
	Olivia Mackey	Makenna Bell
PERCY	Ben Sutter	Connor McKenna
	Neeve Irvine & Lacey Vennard	-
CUNNINGHAM	Paul McCrea	Matthew Irvine
	Hayley Rolston	Erin Cochrane

Well done to these boys and girls who attained the highest points for their House in P6. We look forward to their great leadership of their Houses during the year.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX TIPS

DENI has issued some guidance for parents for Healthy Lunchboxes. The following may be helpful as we all run out of ideas sometimes:



TEN TOP HEALTHY LUNCHBOX TIPS.

1. Base the main part of the lunch on starchy foods like bread, cereal, rice, pasta or potatoes.
2. Get creative with some alternatives to sandwiches e.g. wholemeal pitta pockets, tortilla wraps or pasta salad.
3. Include some protein such as lean meat, chicken, tuna, ham, cheese, egg or hummus.
4. Aim to have at least one fruit or vegetable-based food or drink in the lunchbox to count towards your child's five-a-day.
5. Children need to eat regularly to maintain energy levels, so don't forget to include a snack. These might include fruit, small packet of crisps, crackers with cheese, biscuit, yoghurt, samosa, chapatti, scone, fruit bun or chocolate as a treat.
6. Add a portion of semi-skimmed milk or other dairy food such as cheese or fromage frais.
7. Fluids are an important part of a child's diet. Try a variety of different drinks such as a carton of fruit juice, water, yoghurt or milk drink. (No fizzy or energy drinks please and no hot soups in a thermos).
8. Try the mini-sized versions of your child's favourite foods - a healthy lunchbox does not mean giving up all the foods children enjoy.
9. Check out the Guideline Daily Amount information on the front of many food products and experiment with some different choices.
10. Pop a cool pack in the lunch box to keep the lunch cool.

Thank you for continuing to support our Healthy Break/Lunches routine and our Nut Free Policy. A good balance will help children develop healthy habits for the future

CHRISTMAS TOY & BOOK SALE

During December, we hope to have a toy and book/DVD sale for pupils in school. This will be organised by Primary 7 and staff. We need your donations to run this event and we ask that you keep clearing out any items, in good condition for resale.

There will be a reminder for when to send these into school but please note week beginning 4th December in your diary. Many thanks.

★ Our Summer Fair, which was so popular the last 3 years, will take place again in the Summer Term

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



CLASS AWARDS

OCTOBER 2017



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	MADDIE MAHON	SOPHIE LOWTHER
	Mrs Hyde	CONNOR KARAISKOS	ELLIE McCONNELL
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	RUBY BROWN	CORA McDONALD
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	HOLLY GREER	JACK CAULCUTT
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	KARI McFARLAND	FRANCOIS DU PLESSIS
	Miss Scott	KATIE ROBINSON	EMILY WEATHERUP
P3	Mrs Annett & Mrs Hall	GEORGE RANKIN	ELSIE OFFICER
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs Hall	OLLIE McKILLEN	FAITH McILHINNY
	Mrs McPherson	JASON STEELE	TYRELL MAWANDA
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	JACOB WEATHERUP	AIMEE FULTON
	Miss Kernohan	MARCUS WHALEY	PHOEBE HUTCHINSON
	Mrs Scott	TABITHA BELL	RUBY OSWALD
P5	Miss McGoran	MIA BRADLEY	LYDIA BUCHANAN
	Mr Heyburn	LILY HENRY	LOIS BELL
	Miss McClung	CASSIE MONTGOMERY	KEIRSHA CARMICHAEL
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	KYLA SMYTH	JOSHUA GILCHRIST
	Mrs Shannon	CALLUM CAMPBELL	KATIE AGNEW
	Mrs Watson	SAM TAYLOR	CHARIS MERCER
P7	Mr Gordon	JACK FULTON	ALEX EVANS
	Mrs Kennedy	JONATHAN MARSHALL	MADISON CLARKE
	Mr McAuley	DEMI LEIGH AGNEW	SAM McCARTNEY
SEN	Mrs McCollum	KIRSTY McCLEAN	-