



# BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM 1



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



TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £831.10

## WELL DONE

Well done to all our P7 classes who have worked incredibly hard over the past months for their GL and AQE tests and also to other pupils completing challenging class work activities. We look forward to seeing all our P7s develop other skills in the months ahead. Well done to all our parents also who have supported this work so far!

The last test for AQE will be this Saturday. Best wishes to all the entrants.

## PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK – Gold Award

Mrs Mulligan and Mr Heyburn (P5) attended the Award Ceremony in London for the PSQM attained by Ballyclare Primary School pupils and staff. This was a great achievement and we are very proud of this. Mr Heyburn led the staff team so well done to him. Watch out on our website for photos to celebrate this great event.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website has been much used since its launch. Please be aware of the features it has to help parents who are busy and need to check on things –

- ★ Diary dates are clearly there, and holidays
- ★ Letters sent home are there
- ★ Menus for canteen are there
- ★ Weekly Bulletins are online

*Don't forget to Easy Fund Raise  
using the Link.*



There is also lots of information re: class activities, trips and other amazing things going on in our school. Please access this site with your children and pass on the link to family members, friends and other interested parents too. Let us know if you need any other information added.

## TERM 2 MILK ORDER- early notice

A letter concerning our milk order for next term will be sent to you on Wednesday 6th December. The cost of milk for Term 2 will be £10.50. Any pupils wishing to take milk in Term 2 should return their order slip and payment by 10:00am on Tuesday 19th December 2017. Thank you.

## P1 FORMS

Our official P1 Forms for pupils starting in September 2018 will be posted within the next week. Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible if you have a child due to start school. Anyone who has not received a form by next week, please notify the office and we will send you one.

## M & M THEATRE COMPANY

We hosted M & M Theatre Company last Friday in our school hall and we were not disappointed. The children and staff enjoyed the performance of Peter Pan. Thank you for your support for this event. It was marvellous!



## **P1 CHRISTMAS EVENT – ‘CHRISTMAS COUNTS’**

Our P1 Nativity, for parents and grandparents, was a huge success. Well done everyone who played a part in this production. Thank you to all who gave so generously for tickets and donations.

We had two great mornings! The children and staff were wonderful as usual and Christmas is truly in full swing now. Thank you to all who donated so generously for this event. For children who have been in school such a short time, they were amazing.

Photographs and a DVD are available for purchase. Details will follow.

## **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE – All Welcome**

Our School Christmas Service will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church. We are hopeful many will come out and support the children and staff for all their hard work over the past weeks. The times for pupils taking part to arrive, are sent home by Mrs Hyde and Mrs Kennedy. Please note these times.

We are extremely grateful to Ballyclare Presbyterian for the use of their church this year.

Our retiring offering will be for Autism NI.

## **TOY SALE & CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS**

Our Toy Sale will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in our school. All classes (P1-6) will be invited to attend, if we have sufficient items, so please send in your unwanted toys, books, games, DVDs from next Monday. This event is for the enjoyment of our children and our P7 year group will be organising and selling the donations. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Items should be sent to your child's class teacher.

Our competitions are on each day from next Monday – so have a guess if you see P7 Buddies in the mornings or afternoons.

## **EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES**

All Extended Schools Activities will end tomorrow, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December for Term 1 as notified on our timetable already sent home. Term 2 timetable will be sent home in January for further choices to be made. Paid lessons and P3 Activities (2:00 – 3:00pm) continue until the timetable date given already.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Tickets for our Christmas Dinner will be on sale on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December, cost £2.60. Pupils entitled to free meals will receive their Christmas Dinner.



We are having a Christmas Jumper Day on this day also for charity. Each child should bring a donation of £1. Staff are keen to support the Hospice/Macmillan Nurses each year, so please send your donation on Christmas Jumper Day – should you wish to do so. Many thanks.

*All Staff and Pupils will wear ‘Christmas’ Jumpers on this day. Do not buy one especially.*

*A favourite jumper with some decoration (tinsel etc) will be equally as good. Children do not wear any uniform on this day. Jumpers and Jeans/Leggings are great.*

## **SPORTS KITS**

All pupils with Sports' Kits belonging to the school should ensure they are returned, washed, to the teacher in charge by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.



## **CHANGE OF MENU – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Due to preparation of Christmas dinners for various out-schools, our cook has had to change the menu, next Wednesday, to a Buffet Day - sandwiches, chicken bites, mini sausages, tub of ice-cream.

*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*



## FUND RAISING



### CHRISTMAS TOY SALE & COMPETITIONS

As you aware our Christmas Toy Sale and Competitions will be taking place soon. To celebrate the season with the children, we are holding our Toy Sale on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December in school.

We are asking for donations of children's toys, games and suitable books and DVDs. They should be in good condition and can be sent into school from Monday 4th December. Please have a major tidy out this weekend and leave some space for Santa to come!

We are also having our usual Christmas Competitions - 50p per guess.

Guess The Bear's Birthday

Prize: Bear

Guess The Number of Lego Blocks

Prize: Lego Set



Guesses can be made in school, and in the playground mornings and afternoons, starting Monday 4th December.

Please support us in these two ventures as we seek to raise much needed funds for school.

*C. McAuley*

Vice-Principal



### HELP US WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE THIS CHRISTMAS



Help us Raise money for school - *for free!*

We have signed up to raise money for our school every time you shop online. This is a really easy way to help us raise vital funds and won't cost you a thing! The fundraising is run by a website called [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). You can access it directly by clicking the link on our school website homepage.

To start, you have to register. It's free and will allow the money fundraised to go directly to our school page. They website won't ask for any additional money, other than to pay for the item you are shopping online for. This is a very safe and easy way to help us raise money for our school. Please take a few moments to register and help us start collecting. This website has helped raise over £5 million pounds in the UK for various causes, let's see how we can do!

#### HOW IT WORKS

##### **1. START AT EASYFUNDRAISING:**

Let's say you want to buy a book from Amazon.

Instead of going to [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk), you go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first  
- or you can download the easyfundraising toolbar or app.

##### **2. MAKE A PURCHASE:**

You click from the easyfundraising website through to Amazon to make your purchase. The price of the book is exactly the same as if you'd visited Amazon directly.

##### **3. GET A DONATION:**

After you have bought your book, Amazon will make a donation to your cause as a thank you for shopping with them. Easyfundraising collect these donations, and it costs nothing!

*R. Kennedy*

Head of Key Stage 2



# CLASS AWARDS NOVEMBER 2017



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	NOAH DUNSEITH	TRISTAN McAULEY
	Mrs Hyde	CONNOR KARAISKOS	EMMA HEGARTY
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	CORA McDONALD	BLAZE DIVER
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	LOUIS HUTCHINSON	ELLA FERRIS
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	BRADLEY WHITEHOUSE	AMBER FLEMING
	Miss Scott	TAYLOR GILPIN	HANNAH SHEPPARD
P3	Mrs Annett & Mrs Hall	CHARLEIGH BROWN	CALVIN McCLAY GRACEY
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs Hall	HAYLEY CROWE	ESTHER-GRACE McLEAN
	Mrs McPherson	GRACE MARTIN	HOLLY BLAIR
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	HOLLY McCROARY	RYAN FINLAY
	Miss Kernohan	ANNALEESE BELL	EMMA McADAM
	Mrs Scott	AURYN O'NEILL	TABITHA BELL
P5	Miss McGoran	KATIE JENKINS	EMMA WEATHERUP
	Mr Heyburn	TIAGO SNODDY	ROBYN SNODDY
	Miss McClung	ARCHIE BRYSON	CAITLIN OFFICER
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	MATTHEW SPENCE	CONNOR COOMBS
	Mrs Shannon	MADISON WILSON	CHLOE NELSON CARMICHAEL
	Mrs Watson	CHLOE HUTCHINSON	KIRSTY IRVINE
P7	Mr Gordon	KATIE DIGNAN	CAITLIN COOPER
	Mr McAuley	MADISON CLARKE	LUCY THOMPSON
	Mrs Kennedy	KYLE McFARLAND	GRACE KINKAID
SEN	Mrs McCollum	LUCY THOMPSON (P4SS)	-