



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WEATHER

It appears that winter continues to stay with us - please note the usual procedure for school changes in opening and closing times -

- 1) You will find a text message on your phone, should this be necessary.
- 2) You can access a message on our website.

Parents please ensure emergency childcare/collection arrangements are prepared. We will only ever close early, or entirely, if the safety of parents, pupils or staff is compromised.

THIS WEEK

This week in school, we have been celebrating 'Book Week' by having a number of activities ongoing in class and our Poetry Day on Tuesday was just fabulous - check out See Saw and Website uploads.



Our Book Fair has been ongoing and this will continue on Friday. Please call in the afternoon if you can and support this event. All sales create revenue for us to purchase books for our class libraries.

World Book Day, for us on Friday, will enable all classes to take part in exciting Literacy activities.

Friday's Dress Up Theme "Oh the places I would Go" from Dr Seuss - our dream job clothing. Our usual parade, out our main gates and back around to School Street, will take place at 9:15am - weather permitting! We will text you if it is too cold and we cannot go. Weather forecast would not be favourable at present!

PEACE PROMS

Our staff, P4 choir, and parents, enjoyed a marvellous Sunday afternoon at the Peace Proms at the SSE Arena. Our pupils were singing in a 3,000 Peace Proms Choir and the musical performances overall were amazing. If you didn't get to go this year, we highly commend it to you for a family event next year.

Thank you to Miss Campbell (P1) who trained our choir and Mrs Scott (P4) who assisted and attended on Sunday to look after our pupils.

USE OF INSTAGRAM

Many of our older pupil are involved in an Instagram Group with school friends. Parents please note pupil should be 13+ to use this. Immaturity can often cause problems.

If parents are permitting their child to access this social media platform - please check what your child is putting on it. Silly comments can cause upset and this can be considered Cyber Bullying. Parents need to 'police' the use of phones in primary age children. This should not be thought of as an invasion of privacy - this is good parenting.

CAREFUL PLAY

All parents are requested to ensure they speak to their children about playing carefully and kindly with others. Rough play can cause upset and hurt. If your child is involved in this type of behaviour, the school will inform you for follow up at home. We are thankful that we have very few children who cause concern.

We have a zero tolerance to children being physical or verbally upsetting to others so please do not encourage your child to harm another - for any reason.

Staff are always on hand to sort any issues.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Our pupils are involved with a number of school day trips and workshops to enrich their Educational experiences.

Residential trips are also available from P5 to P7. Some of these are costly, due to the experiences offered. A payment plan is always available, should you need any assistance with the paying of residential trips - please contact Mr McAuley or Mrs Mulligan.

ABSENCES & LATENESS

It is always appreciated that parents inform the school if their child is unwell and unable to come to school. This information is passed on to the class teacher. However, for auditing of our attendance purposes, all parents must send a note into school on the child's return stating the reason for absence. This must be signed by a parent/carer. Thank you.

All pupils have been addressed in Assembly about lateness to school. Everyone should be in class by 8:55am bell so teaching can start promptly. Thank you for the huge effort many make to ensure Ballyclare traffic does not keep children late.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

As a Healthy Eating School we encourage healthy breaks and lunches for our pupils. As such, we ask that treats e.g. chocolate biscuits and other sweet items be sent in lunch boxes only on Fridays.

We appreciate your support as we endeavour to encourage a healthy lifestyle with the pupils and also to combat modern day problems of child obesity and diabetes.



D.E. POSTERS

The Department of Education has been publishing a campaign for parents to encourage engagement with their children to:

Take time to

☺ Read Together	☺ Paint Together
☺ Count Together	☺ Learning Together
☺ Draw Together	

You will see these posters around the community and our school. A little time spent doing these things, as you know, is really appreciated and really benefits your child.



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

In conjunction with Ballyclare Enterprise & Employability Project, **BALLYCLARE ON THE MOVE** Programme will take place in Ballyclare Town Hall from Tuesday 13th to Friday 30th March from 9:30am - 2:30pm. Admission free.

Jobs, advice and guidance available:

- Speak to employers
- Improve your employability prospects
- Receive practical employability advice

For more information, contact Laura at LEDCOM on 028 28269973 or email: lauramccourt@ledcomwbp.org



** 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

FEBRUARY 2018



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	HANNAH OFFICER	EMMA HAMILTON
	Mrs Hyde	JAMES LAWRIE	TIMOTHY RAINEY
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	MEGAN THOMPSON	RACHEL REID
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	EMILY MASON	DARCY GAULT
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	ELLEN MALCOLMSON	SETH TURNER
	Miss Scott	ELIZA ZIOLA	KATIE ROBINSON
P3	Mrs Annett & Mrs Hall	BETTY-JEAN WOODSIDE	SIENNA MOORE
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs Hall	TYLER CROTHERS	CHARLIE McDONALD
	Mrs McPherson	HARRY RITCHIE	CHLOE McFALL
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	NATALIE DARIAN	SCARLETT WILSON
	Miss Kernohan	ZAC McCORD	HANNAH LESLIE
	Mrs Scott	RUBY OSWALD	CATHERINE MURR
P5	Miss McGoran	CARYS EVANS	KATIE JENKINS
	Mr Heyburn	SOPHIE ROLSTON	BRODIE MOORE
	Miss McClung	SARAH-GRACE MORRISON	ISAAC McFALL
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	EUAN O'NEILL	EDEE RANKIN
	Mrs Shannon	DANIEL CAULCUTT	TAYLOR COWIE
	Mrs Watson	SOPHIE MILLIGAN	ABIGAIL REID
P7	Mr Gordon	ADAM SINGLETON	CONNIE TAYLOR
	Mr McAuley	LUCY THOMPSON	RYAN BLACK
	Mrs Kennedy	SANCHIA BOYD	MATTHEW IRVINE
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	LOGAN DINSDALE (P3SMP)	-

Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2018, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

In school the challenge will run from 12th to 23rd March. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to get involved on his or her specific day.



WHY WE'RE TAKING PART:

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

WHAT'S NEXT?

All you need to do is encourage your child/children to cycle or scoot to school on their particular day during the event, and join them on their way - parent and sibling journeys count too! Safety whilst on bikes and scooters is of utmost importance and an adult must accompany children on all their journeys.

THE DETAILS:

Each class will have a specific day to complete their challenge where they will be encouraged to cycle or scoot to school. Their class will compete against another class to see which can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school.

We understand that some children live further from our school, however it is still possible for parents/carers to park at a nearby location and the children can cycle or scoot the rest of the journey to school. This will still count towards their class's overall total. The children will also get extra points for their class if an adult or sibling cycles/scoots as well.

On the day that your child/children brings their bike or scooter to school, this can be parked in our bicycle racks and in a designated location in our shelter. Our Primary Seven Junior Road Safety Officers will be there to guide and support the pupils each morning throughout the duration of the event.

BRING YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER ON

- Mon 12th March - P7 Mrs. Kennedy, P7 Mr. McAuley and P7 Mr. Gordon
- Tues 13th March - P6 Mrs. Watson and P6 Mrs. Shannon
- Wed 14th March - P6 Mrs. Arbuckle and P5 Miss. McGoran
- Thurs 15th March - P5 Miss. McClung and P5 Mr. Heyburn
- Fri 16th March - P4 Mrs. Scott and P4 Miss. Kernohan
- Mon 19th March - P4 Mrs. Anderson / McDowell and P3 Mrs. Annett / Mrs. Hall
- Tues 20th March - P3 Mrs. Hall / McNeilly and P3 Mrs. McPherson
- Wed 21st March - P2 Miss. Scott and P2 Mrs. Martin / Stewart
- Thurs 22nd March - P2 Mrs. Irwin / Farquhar and P1 Mrs. Sturgess / Farquhar
- Fri 23rd March - P1 Miss. Campbell and P1 Mrs. Hyde



'BLING YOUR BIKE' COMPETITION

The night before your child's class 'Big Pedal' competition, they will be given a night off homework to 'Bling' their bike and give it an extreme makeover.

Blinging their bike is a brilliant way to show off their creative side and put their stamp on their own bike. Equipment will depend on the theme of the bike bling, but here are a few typical ingredients that every budding blinger might choose to use:

- ★ Brightly coloured paper or card
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Sticky tape
- ★ Cable ties
- ★ Sticky tack or glue
- ★ A range of colourful materials
- ★ Pipe cleaners
- ★ Ribbon
- ★ Squares of felt
- ★ Coloured pens, pencils, crayons or non-smudge paints.



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- ★ Don't get superglue on the brakes or cut through any cables
- ★ Make sure things are fixed or attached well so nothing drops off when cycling or scooting to and from school
- ★ Above all, make sure that the bike remains safe to ride and that steering, braking and vision is as normal.

PRIZES

- ★ A bike will be chosen each day as the 'Blazin' Blinger' and the child who owns the bike will receive a prize. At the end of the competition all the 'Blazin' Blingers' names will be put into a hat and an overall prize will be given out.

For more information about the event go to

www.bigpedal.org.uk

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Enjoy the ride!

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Martin

