



Ballyclare Primary School

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CANTEEN CLOSURE

Our School Canteen will be closed on Monday for St. Patrick's Day.

ALL pupils (including those entitled to Free Meals) will be required to provide their own packed lunch on this day. School will be open as usual.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Across the world, people will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. In school we are planning to enjoy some stories about St. Patrick and the legends told about him. We will read St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer.

CHRIST be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



Every blessing to you all.

EASY FUND RAISING

Our Easy Fundraising has been going well. Thank you to all who have been using this.



All your shopping needs can go through Easy Fundraising so please log on and use it when you can.

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, you go to 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!

P7 TRIP

Some of our P7 pupils will be out of school this week for their P7 trip to Dublin. We wish them well. Our P7 staff will be away and Mrs Mulligan will not be available from Wednesday – Friday. Mr Joyce will be in the office to assist you.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

You will find a copy of all our Festival awards gained last week at the Ballyclare Music Festival on the next page. We had many pupils involved and they all did marvellously well. Our choir gave a great performance and was given a distinction by the adjudicator. Our soloists were fabulous also. Thank you to all parents who support our musicians each day with practising and who attended the festival to support us.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is updated regularly, and the diary section keeps you informed of up and coming events so check it on your phone or ICT device each week. There is lots to see.



Alongside our Seesaw Links with parents, we also have our Facebook page which features a year group each week, as well as other school events. Check this out.

REMEMBER!

Walk/Scoot to school is still on next week! Let's hope for better weather.

FOBPS

Our fund raising BPS Chocolate bars will be on sale from next Tuesday 19th March. Children will have opportunity in school and we will have buddies outside each afternoon on exit times for parents/friends to take part also. Every bar sold will help us with school funds. Thank you.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

These finish today and will start again on Monday 8th April straight after our Easter Holidays.

NEW ONLINE SYSTEMS

This week we have been piloting one of our new online systems: Teachers2parents. Thank you to all parents who have responded to the test form and who have downloaded the Teachers2parents app. If you have not yet responded to the test form, please check your emails and complete the form. We are looking forward to launching our cashless payment app in Term 3.

'Working together, towards excellence, for all.'

BALLYCLARE MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEK 2024

What a wonderful week of music at the Ballyclare Music Festival.

We had a number of pupils involved taking part in solo classes, playing as part of an ensemble and as part of our school orchestra. We also had pupils take part in piano classes and in solo singing classes.



Here are the results from this year's festival.

STRING CLASSES



Lili-Mae Dunn: Highly Commended
Year 6 String Solo

Matthew McKnight: 2nd Place
Year 7 String Solo

PIANO CLASSES



Bethany Stewart: 3rd Place
Year 5 Piano Solo

Hannah Officer: 1st Place
Year 7 Piano Solo

Maddie Mahon: 3rd Place
Year 7 Piano Solo

Emma Hegarty: Commended
Year 7 Piano Solo

BRASS CLASSES



Anneliese Du Plessis: 2nd Place
Year 6 Brass Solo

Kenzie Milliken: 3rd Place
Year 7 Brass Solo

WOODWIND CLASSES



Daniel McKinstry: 1st Place
Year 7 Woodwind Solo

Kaitlyn Bell: 3rd Place
Year 7 Woodwind Solo

Sophie Lowther: 3rd Place
Year 7 Woodwind Solo

PRIMARY SCHOOL WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

Ballyclare Primary School: 1st Place

PRIMARY SCHOOL BRASS ENSEMBLE

Ballyclare Primary School: 1st Place

PRIMARY SCHOOL STRING ENSEMBLE

Ballyclare Primary School: 2nd Place

LARGE SCHOOL HYMN SINGING

Ballyclare Primary School: 2nd Place
Distinction