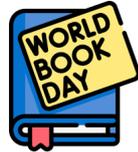




WORLD BOOK WEEK

Next week is World Book Week in Ballyclare Primary. We plan to have a focus on reading and books.

WBD is a super celebration of books and reading and in Ballyclare Primary School we are hoping to promote reading for enjoyment by running a number of events throughout the week.



- The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March. Your child will have an opportunity to visit the fair with their class. Your child's teacher will inform you which day this will be, so they can bring some spending money to school with them, if they wish.
- We will provide your child with a £1 Scholastic book token which will give them a £1 discount off any book worth more than £2.99 at the Book Fair.
- Children will be engaging in some competitions during World Book Week.

We hope that the children will enjoy all school and class activities and we thank you, as always, for your continued support.

This year our school has decided to support Cancer Fund for Children's 'ReadOn' school reading initiative. This is a very worthwhile charity which provides vital care to children and young people impacted by cancer.

Each day next week, all children will take part in 'Drop Everything And Read'. When the school bell sounds, children and staff will stop what they are doing and read together for a short time. To support our reading initiative and the important work that Cancer Fund for Children do, we would be grateful if parents could make a £1 donation through the School Money app. We thank you, as always, for your help.

BEDTIME STORY PARADE! FRIDAY 6th MARCH

If the weather is dry we will be taking our pupils a walk around the "block" to show off their outfits. This will take place at 9:15am. Should we be unable to go due to weather we will send a message on Seesaw. Parents please note that we want our children to stay on the pavement so please ensure there is room for us to pass by. Thank you.

MEDICAL UPDATE

Please ensure that we have up-to-date information regarding any medical condition your child may have/be suffering from. Speak to Mr Joyce if you have any concerns

STAR OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2026		
P1	HC	Lucy Weatherup
	FHSEH	Kobe McCullough
	KSSEH	Esme Dass
P2	KI	Kai Boado
	LMSEH	Ava McClughan
	SHSJM	Georgia Vance
P3	TB	Lukas Shannon
	RMCA	Alice Morrison
	VG	Korra Cardwell
P4	CSA	Gideon McLean
	LMCIN	Charlie Harling
	SSMJ	Alyssa Warke
P5	JSC	David Sadowski
	KH	Kaleb Oakes
	KR	Steven Collins
P6	DA	Felix McDonnell
	RE	Jacob Turkington
	DGS	Anna Morrison
P7	AMH	Riley McCullough
	PLMJ	Quinn Withers
	RW	Jenny Hamilton
Well done to all of these pupils for the past month.		

DIGITAL PROFICIENCY TESTS

Thank you to all who have already completed the Safer Schools NI parent training. Please take some time to complete this if you have not already done so. The messages shared in this training for parents is very important to ensure our children are kept safe in the digital world. All teachers and pupils have completed this training already. Information about how to complete the parent training has been sent on Seesaw.

PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Please see our "Top Tips" attached for encouraging a Healthy Break/Lunch routine and lifestyle at home and school. We share this message in school and hope you can support it at home.

SCROLL DOWN

'Working together, towards excellence, for all.'

HEALTHY BREAKS/LUNCHESES AND LIFESTYLES

Promoting Good Health and Healthy Lifestyle choices is a big part of education nowadays, both in primary and post-primary.



It is a statutory requirement that all schools follow the guidelines set out by the Government and DENI concerning these important issues.

In Ballyclare Primary School we encourage and promote:

1. Healthy breaks – fruit/cut vegetables/some breads, (Monday – Thursday).
Treat Day, Friday.
A treat may be sent on 'Feel Good Fridays'.
2. Healthy balanced lunches – both in lunchboxes and our canteen.
3. The drinking of water, milk, low sugar juices.
4. Walking at least once a week to school – 'WOW'.
5. Participation in sports/activities – swimming, PE, after school activities, break and lunch play.
6. Suitable bedtime routines and the importance of sleep.
7. The eating of breakfast to give energy for the day ahead.
8. The trying of new foods which children have never tasted before.
9. The safe use of prescribed medicines when needed.
10. A daily hygiene routine for teeth, bodies, hair and clothes.



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.

*Please check our Canteen Menu each week to check your child likes what is on offer. If not, please send a packed lunch from home.