

Ballycraig Primary School

MAY NEWSLETTER

PASTORAL

Attendance - UNCRC Article 28 – You have the right to good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school.

Child Protection

Our updated policy for Pastoral Care and Child Protection is available from the office or on our web site. The designated teacher for Child Protection is Dr Edwards and Mrs Fowler and Mrs Little are her deputies.

Start/Finish Times

Children should be encouraged to arrive at school before the 8.50am bell. School starts at 8.55am sharp. Children arriving after this time will be recorded as late on the school register. Persistent lateness will be reported to the Education Welfare Service. Remember breakfast club is available from 8.15am daily.

Article 45 Schedule 1 of the Children NI Order states that the Education Welfare Service can fine families up to £1000.00 for failing to ensure that their children attend school. The Education Welfare Officer visits school regularly to monitor attendance.

Parents of P2-P7 children are reminded that they should not enter the school playground but leave their child/children at the school gates.

E-SAFETY

- Don't be afraid to ask your children who they are talking to online and what they are talking about and remind them how important it is to tell a trusted adult if something happens online that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried because there are people who can help.
- Become a 'net-savvy' parent – the best safeguard against online dangers is being informed. Jump in and learn the basics of the Internet – read articles, take a class, and talk to other parents. You don't have to be an expert to have a handle on your child's online world.

ADMINISTRATION

Summer Fair

The summer fair this year will be held on Friday 3rd June 2016 at 6.00pm. We would like your child (children) to bring the following item(s) to school over the next two weeks.

Grocery Stall	Any tins, biscuits, crackers, orange juice etc. Anything edible with a long sell by date.
Cake Stall	Cakes, buns, pastries etc to be brought on the day of the sale.
Toy/Game Stall	Puzzles, dolls, cars, games, jigsaws
Book/DVD Stall	Children's books, fiction books, non-fiction books, autobiographies etc. Also videos and DVDs but please make sure these are for PG or U viewing.
Miscellaneous	Pots, picture frames, ornaments, dishes, mugs, jewellery and handbags, anything that fits none of the above categories.

School will be closed:

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday, Tuesday 3rd May for School Development, Thursday 5th May for Election and Monday 30th May Bank Holiday

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th June 2016 10.00am Sports Day
Friday 24th June 2016 10.00am End of Year Celebration

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dogs

Due to Health & Safety reasons dogs MUST not enter our grounds.

Car Parking

Please remember that only car park permit holders are allowed to use the school car park at 'peak' times in the morning and afternoon.

Some children and adults are still walking through the car park gate to enter the school grounds. Please use the pedestrian gate beside the playground.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Wednesday	4 th May 2016	P6 – P7	Antrim Newtownabbey Council Triathlon
Thursday	5 th May 2016		Garden Show Ireland Judging
Friday	6 th May 2016	P1 – P3	Health Action programme
Friday	6 th May 2016	P5	Chest Heart and Stroke programme
Monday	9 th May 2016	P4 – P5	Health Action programme
Tuesday	10 th May 2016	P6 – P7	Health Action programme
Thursday	12 th May 2016	P6 – P7 Girls	Live your Goals (Valley Leisure Centre)
Friday	13 th May 2016	Queen's 90 th	Commemorative Medals being presented @ Mossley Mill to school representatives
Monday	16 th May 2016	P4 – P5	Health Action programme
Tuesday	17 th May 2016	P6 – P7	Health Action programme
Tuesday	17 th May 2016	PTA	PTA Meeting to discuss school fair 6.30pm
Monday	23 rd May 2016	P4	OPAL Visit to school
Tuesday	24 th May 2016	P5 – P6	Antrim Newtownabbey Council Kwik Cricket
Wednesday	25 th May 2016		M & M Theatre Production: The Jungle Book
Friday	27 th May 2016	P1 – P7	Crazy Hair Day
Friday	27 th May 2016	Parents	Stroke Coffee Morning 10.00am
Friday	27 th May 2016	Parents	'School Night Out' Judges Restaurant 9.00pm – Late, Tickets £5.00
Tuesday	31 st May 2016	P7	Drugs Programme
Wednesday	1 st June 2016		P1 Induction 2.15pm

COMMUNITY

We have a new Parenting Northern Ireland representative called Fiona O'Dowd, she will be coordinating Families Together and will be available Monday – Thursday if you want a chat or advice.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

Article 24

You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

World Asthma Day 5th May

CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

May is 'Action on Stroke' Month. We will be holding a special event during May to raise money for this worthy cause. More details to follow

EXTENDED SCHOOLS

We are awaiting news of funding for 2016 – 2017. The following activities are still planned:

Early Bird Breakfast Club – each morning
Homework club P4 – P7 Monday and Tues (selected children)

Parent and Toddlers Monday morning 9.30am

Senior Citizens – Alternate Wednesdays
P5 + Youth Club – Monday and Thursday from 6.15pm



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