

Ballycraigy Primary School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

PASTORAL

Attendance

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

Average attendance for September 2015 is 98.6% well done everyone.

P1 – 99%	P2 – 97%	P3 – 99%	P4 – 99%
P5 – 98%	P6 – 99%	P7 – 99%	

Child Protection

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

UNCRC Right of the Month

20th – 26th October is Parents week. World Teacher's Day 5th October

Parent Teacher Association

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA- AGM and S.D.P information evening. The PTA committee for 2015 – 2016 is as follows:

Chairperson: Jenny Alexander **Secretary:** Jacqui Armstrong
Treasurer: Hazel Edwards **Teacher Rep:** Jocelyn Brown
Committee Members:
Tricia Adams, Cheryl Calvert, Lisa Goodwin, Nicola Harvey, Janet Henderson, Theresa Luke, Katrina Palmer and Hazel Shields.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Car Park

We would like to point out that in the interest of safety for all children, parents should not drive into the school car park in the mornings or afternoons.

A car park pass is available for special circumstances. Contact Dr Edwards for further details.

Dogs

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

ADMINISTRATION

Policies etc.

Updated policies, Board of Governors Annual report 2014 – 2015 and School Development Plan review 2015 are now available on the school website.

Holidays

- School will close at 1.00pm on Wednesday 14th October for Staff Training
- School will close at 1.00pm on Tuesday 27th October to allow children to get ready for Halloween Party
- Half-term holidays Wednesday 28th October – Tuesday 3rd November inclusive
- Dates for your diary School will close at 1.00pm on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November for parent/Teacher meetings. Appointments will be sent out.

P1 Intake 2015

Parents with children at home who will be 4 years old on or before the 1st July 2016 should leave their name into the office so that an admission form for next year's intake September 2016 can be sent out.

Savings

We run a children's saving scheme in our school through the Muckamore Credit Union. If you would like to take advantage of this saving scheme there are forms available in the school office. You can save as little or as much as you like. Books are collected every Wednesday.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

5 th Oct	World Teachers Day
6 th Oct	P6 visit to see "Ten Pieces"
15 th Oct	P6/P7 Cross country
19 th – 23 rd Oct	Parents Week (Details to follow)
22 nd Oct	Wear It Pink Coffee Morning
23 rd Oct	"Go Fly Your Kite" workshops (all classes)
23 rd Oct	"Green Gym" afternoon
27 th Oct	Harvest Celebration 10.00am
27 th Oct	PTA Halloween Disco/Fancy Dress Party

Pantomime – The outstanding balance is now due for the pantomime. Please send the remaining balance before Tuesday 6th October 2015 (if not already paid in full).

Green Gym – Green Gym afternoon will be Friday 23rd October 2014 (Weather Permitting). Bring yourself, wellies, gloves and your favourite gardening tools.

Harvest – This year our Harvest Assembly will take place on Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 10.00am. **All parents and friends are invited to attend.** This year we will not be collecting fruit, tins or vegetables but would like a contribution of £1.00 per child as a Harvest Offering.

Halloween Party – Our Halloween party organised by the PTA will be held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 6.30pm – 8.00pm at a cost of £2.00 per child. Tickets can be obtained from the school office. Admission is for Ballycraigy pupils only. **FANCY DRESS can be worn.**

Parents Week – 19th – 23rd October is Parents' Week. More information to follow.

Free School Meals

If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals whether they want one or not, contact Anne in the office for an application form. You can now get free meals if you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an income of £16190 or less per annum. For more details see Anne

CHARITIES

Wear it Pink



Our "Wear it Pink" coffee morning will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 10.00am. Parents and friends are asked to come along for coffee and a chat. It will be a non-uniform day for the children. We ask children (and parents) to wear PINK on that day. All monies raised will be sent to Breast Cancer Care.

Kids4School

Please remember that each class in school sponsors a child in Tanzania. Sponsorship is £35.00 per child per year. This provides the child with a uniform, books, education and a meal each day. We ask children to bring along 10p each Friday to go towards this very worthy cause.

Royal British Legion Poppy Pack

The Royal British Legion has provided the school with a special Primary School poppy pack with wristbands, bugs, hair clips, pencils, reflective tags and bracelets all featuring the poppy. We would suggest donating 50p to choose something. The pack will be available from Monday 5th October.

E-SAFETY – TOP TIPS

Set privacy settings on all devices so that only people you know can view your account.

Don't post anything online that you are not happy to be shared, particularly nude or nearly nude images or videos. It may seem like a bit of fun with friends at the time but there is always a chance those images could be shared or get into the wrong hands and could lead to harmful situations such as stalking, abuse or blackmail.

COMMUNITY

16th October Sure Start Precious Moments Crèche 10.00am – 11.30am



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