

Ballycraigy Primary School

APRIL 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 March 2016 is 94.57%

P1 – 90% P2 – 94% P3 – 96% P4 – 97%
P5 – 91% P6 – 98% P7 – 96%

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.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS

P4 – P7 Homework Club (selected children) each Monday and Tuesday from 3pm

Parent and Toddler group each Monday from 9.30am – all welcome

P5 – P7 Youth Club each Monday and Thursday from 6.15pm

ADMINISTRATION

May Holidays

Monday 2nd May – May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd May – School Development Day (Staff Only)
Thursday 5th May – Assembly Election School used as polling station
Monday 30th May – Spring Bank Holiday

Next P.T.A committee will be on Tuesday 12th April at 6.30pm.

P1 Admission letters will be posted on Wednesday 27th April.

Head Lice - Please don't forget to make regular checks of your child's hair.

Playground

Could we remind parents of children from Primary 3 up that we recommend that they don't enter the school playground. Parents are welcome to wait outside the green fence.

Parents should leave any child arriving late to school in the front foyer with Mrs Allen, who will then buzz them into the school. Parents **DO NOT** need to leave their children to the classroom door.

If any parent wishes to speak to a teacher or the Principal please make an appointment with Mrs Allen in the office.

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.

The car park at Bracken Avenue is now available again. Please, where possible, park there and walk the short distance to school. Please take regard for the local residents when you are parking your car.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Thurs 7 th April	Visit from ANBC Waste Management Vehicle
Mon 11 th April	Board of Governor's meeting 7.30pm
Wed 13 th April	ANBC P5 – P7 Orienteering event
Thurs 14 th April	P2 Tesco visit
Mon 18 th April	"Big Pedal" details to follow
18 th – 20 th April	P1 Health Appraisals
Mon 18 th April	P5-P6 visit from The Dairy Council
Tues 19 th April	P6 Young Enterprise
Thurs 21 st April	Queen's 90 th Birthday Tea Party – details to follow
Fri 22 nd April	P6/P7 Cancer Focus Workshops
Fri 22 nd April	P1 Trip to Clementsmount Farm
Wed 27 th April	P4 – P7 visit from The Water Bus

SHARED EDUCATION

P1 – Continue Play and Learn sessions with Six Mile Integrated on a weekly basis.

P1 Core Clinic should start this month for P1 parents and pupils

P4 – P7 Book Bloggers on a Friday Afternoon

P4 Local Study 4 week programme that includes a trip to Antrim Castle Grounds and Showcase in Castle Mall on 28th April 2016

On-going Community Council meetings

E-SAFETY

- The most important thing is to have conversations with your child/children – talk to them about the benefits and dangers of the internet so that you can empower them to use the internet safely.
- Cultivate an interest in their online activities – their favourite websites, online games and interests and keep an eye on what they are doing online.

COMMUNITY

Parenting NI – Time Together begins 20th April for 8 weeks – details to follow

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

Article 24

.... *Children have the right to good quality healthcare*

Walk to Work Day 3rd April

CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

Kids4School

Last term's Sponsorship raised £70.32
Please remember 10p each Friday for this worthy cause.

PTA Family Quiz Night raised £104.00.

Action Cancer Easter Basket was won by Nathan Goodwin, P3.



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