

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 2016 is 97.4% well done everyone.

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

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.

Article 18. Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child.

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 2016 – 2017 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, Amanda Massey, Katrina Palmer, Natalie Preston 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 or Mrs Allen for further details.

Dogs

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

ADMINISTRATION

Policies etc.

Updated policies and the Board of Governors Annual report 2015 – 2016 are now available on the school website.

Holidays

- School will close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 25th October to allow children to get ready for Halloween Party
- Half-term holidays Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November inclusive
- Dates for your diary School will close at 1.00pm on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November for parent/Teacher meetings. Appointments will be sent out.

P1 Intake 2017

Parents with children at home who will be 4 years old on or before the 1st July 2017 should leave their name into the office so that an admission form for next year's intake September 2017 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

Green Gym – Green Gym Morning will be Saturday 8th October 2016 (Weather Permitting). Bring yourself, wellies, gloves and your favourite gardening tools.

Harvest – This year our Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 21st October 2016 at 10.00am. **All parents and friends are invited to attend.** We will not be collecting fruit, tins or vegetables but would like a contribution of £1.00 per child as a Harvest Offering. Our special speaker will be Paul Thompson

Halloween Party – Our Halloween party organised by the PTA will be held on Tuesday 25th October 2016 6.00pm – 7.30pm 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 – 24th – 28th 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

On-line Safety

Social Network Checklists: Free guides produced by the UK Safer Internet Centre that contain detailed instructions and information on privacy and account settings on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. www.saferinternet.org.uk/checklists

CHARITIES

Wear it Pink

Our "Wear it Pink" coffee morning will be held on Friday 28th 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.



COMMUNITY

Sure Start Programs

Incredible Babies	Mon 2-4pm
Let's Play	Thurs 6/10 12.30 – 1.30
Bumps and Babies	Thurs 6/10 10.30 -12
Little Treasure	Thurs 20/10 10.30 – 12
Young Parents	Wed 26/10 2-3pm
Nurturing	Tues 10.00-12noon

Extended School Activities

Breakfast club each morning from 8.15am
Parent and Toddlers each Monday 9.30am
Homework Club (P4-P7) Mon & Tues
P2 Jo Jingles on Tuesday
P3 and P4/5 Clay Club on Thursday
P1 – P7 Play Sports on Friday



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