

Ballycraigy Primary School

MARCH NEWSLETTER

PASTORAL

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

Attendance average for February 95.2%.

P1 = 96% P2 = 92% P3 = 98%
P4 = 97% P5 = 94% P6 = 95% P7 = 95%

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

- Remember that if things do go wrong online, there are people who can help.
- If you receive any inappropriate images or links, it is important that you do not forward it to anyone else. Contact police or tell a trusted adult immediately. By doing this you could help prevent further such incidents. You will not get into trouble.

ADMINISTRATION

ICT Home Learning Support

Some children in school have been using the program 'Espresso' in class and they really enjoy it. As we have purchased the licence you are able to access this from home. Go to www.espresso.co.uk and enter:-

Pupil Username: student8906
Password: bally1

Mathletics



Year 3 – 7 have been using the Mathletics programme in school. This is a great fun interactive way to practice maths. To access the programme go to: <http://uk.mathletics.com/> Pupils should have their own login details

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dogs

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

Car Parking

At the start of the month there was a near miss in the car park. Only permit holders are allowed to use the school car park at 'Peak' times. We would also like to remind you that it is dangerous for children and adults to use the vehicle gate. This situation will be discussed at the next Governors meeting. If parents continue to abuse the parking facilities the Governors will have to reassess all access to the car park. When parking around the estate please park carefully. The PSNI are clamping down on irresponsible parking.



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SCHOOL EVENTS

Friday 10 th March	Belfast Giants
Thursday 16 th March	P2 and P3 Scooter Training
Tuesday 21 st March	PTA Family Quiz Night
Wed 22 nd March	Primary 1 Health Appraisals
Thurs 23 rd March	Primary 1 Health Appraisals
Friday 24 th March	Primary 1 Health Appraisals
Friday 24 th March	Cheerleading
Friday 24 th March	Red Noses on Sale for Comic Relief
Saturday 25 th March	Green Gym from 9.00am
Monday 27 th March	Armagh Planetarium
Tuesday 28 th March	Primary 2 Tesco Visit
Tuesday 28 th March	P6/P7 Antrim Bizz Club
Wed 29 th March	9 aside Football
Friday 31 st March	Primary 1 trip to Clementsmount Farm
8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	P5 - P7 Film Club
20 th - 24 th March	Big Pedal

Coffee with the Cops



Mobile Police Station
School Car Park

Saturday 25th March 2017
9.30am – 12.30pm

Wed 29th March P5 Chester's Challenge

After School Activities

Mon - Friday	Breakfast club
Monday	6 th 13 th 20 th March P1 - P3 Jump, Jiggle and Jive from 3.00pm
Monday	Parent and Toddlers at 9.30am
Monday	Homework Club P4 - P7 at 3.00pm
Tuesday	7 th 14 th & 21 st March P1 Jo Jingles
Friday	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th 31 st March Bricks4Kidz

COMMUNITY

Greenfingers club Monday 27th March - Every Monday Weather permitting.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

UNCRC Article 29

.... Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full.

World Book Day 3rd March



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CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

We have been given an Easter basket to raffle. It costs £1.00 per go if children wish to enter. All proceeds go to Action Cancer.

Next PTA event will be a Family Quiz on Tuesday 21st March from 6.30pm.

Dress up for digits raised £116.75 thank you all.

Thank you for taking part in World Book Day activities. The costumes on Wednesday were amazing.