

Ballycraigy Primary School

MARCH NEWSLETTER

PASTORAL

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

Attendance average for February 93.7%.

P1 = 97% P2 = 92% P3 = 91%
P4 = 95% P5 = 96% P6 = 93% P7 = 92%

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.

Online-Safety

- Remember that if things do go wrong online, there are people who can help
- Key Stage 2 were given notes on advice about 'What's App'. If you haven't read it yet, please check your child's school bag.
- We would like to trail using google forms. We would appreciate if parents would send in up to date Email addresses.
- If you have any other online safety issues or would like any advice, please contact Mrs Fowler.

ADMINISTRATION

Holidays

School will finish at 12.00noon on Wednesday 28th March 2018

Easter Holidays will be Thursday 29th March to Wednesday 11th April inclusive.

School will re-open Thursday 12th April 2018.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Family Quiz in Starbucks. The total raised was £337.00

Our next PTA event will take place on Friday 9th March. This year the PTA have arranged for a "Mother's Day Shop". Children will be given the opportunity during the school day to visit the shop and purchase a gift for their mum/aunt/granny/carer. ALL gifts have been gift wrapped in clear plastic and cost £2.00.

Parenting NI

Rosie and Hannah from St Jude's will be running an Easter Craft workshop on Wednesday 21st March at 2.00 – 3.00pm for parents and children.

Also a new Parenting Councillor, Kate Preston will be available on a Tuesday in Ballycraigy Primary. Kate offers one to one sessions for any parent who would like advice and support.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dogs

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

Car Parking

During the Youth Club refurbishment we would remind parents that the car park is for staff cars ONLY, especially at peak times.

Ballycraigy Primary School

MARCH NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL EVENTS

Thursday	1/3/18	Vocabulary Parade for World Book Day
Tuesday	6/3/18	PTA meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday	7/3/18	P5 – P7 Football Tournament
Thursday	8/3/18	Party Science Professor
Thursday	8/3/18	P5 'Amazing Jesus' SUNI
Friday	9/3/18	Mother's Day Shop PTA
Monday	12/3/18	P1 Health Appraisals
Monday	12/3/18	Young Enterprise P6
Tuesday	13/3/18	P1 Health Appraisals
Thursday	15/3/18	P5 'Amazing Jesus' SUNI
Friday	16/3/18	Belfast Giants
Tuesday	20/3/18	Judo 2.00-3.00 P3 & 3.00-4.00 for P4-P7
Wednesday	21/3/18	Parenting NI Easter Craft Workshop
Thursday	22/3/18	P5 'Amazing Jesus' SUNI
Monday	26/3/18	Start of Walk to School Week SUSTRANS
Tuesday	27/3/18	Judo 2.00-3.00 P3 & 3.00-4.00 for P4-P7

After School Activities

Mon – Friday	Breakfast club
Monday	Parent and Toddlers at 9.30am
Monday	Homework Club P4 – P7 at 3.00pm
Tuesday	Judo

Sure Start

Time for Us Monday 5th & 12th March at 10.00am
Time for Me Wednesday 7th 14th 21st March at 10.00am
Parenting Puzzle Thursday 8th 15th & 22nd March at 10.00

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

UNCRC Article 33

The government should provide ways of protecting children from dangerous drugs.

National No Smoking Day 14th March 2018

CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

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

Kids4School = Don't forget to send 10p each Friday for class sponsorship



Bracken Avenue • Antrim • Co. Antrim • BT41 1PU
Tel: (028) 9446 2450 Fax: (028) 9446 1766
Email: info@ballycraigyps.antrim.ni.sch.uk
Website: www.ballycraigyprimary.org.uk