

# Ballycraig 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 94.3%.

P1 = 95%      P2/P3 = 97%

P3/P4 = 93%    P4/P5 = 95%    P6 = 94%      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.**

### **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

#### **Holidays**

School will be closed on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March for staff training.

School will close at 12.00noon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Easter Holidays will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.

School will re-open Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

#### **PTA**

Our next PTA event will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

The Parenting Councillor, Kate Preston is available on a Tuesday in Ballycraig 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**

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for staff cars ONLY, especially at peak times. For health and safety for your child/children the School gates will be closed from 1.45pm – 2.15pm every day.

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### SCHOOL EVENTS March 2019

Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	P1 Jo Jingles
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Committee meeting at 7.00pm
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Assessment for Boxall Award
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	P4 – P7 “All About Me”
	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm P1/P2 Mini Me Yoga
	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm P5/P6 Mini Me Yoga
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	P4-P7 Shared Clubs
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 Health Appraisals
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 Health Appraisals
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	P2/P3 Parent and Child Shared Education Trip
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebrating World Book Day
	14 <sup>th</sup> March	P2/P3 Shared Education Workshop
	14 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm P5 Amazing Jesus with SU
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 – P7 Drumming Workshops
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm Board of Governors
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Mother’s Day Shop

### **Before/After School Activities**

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

### **Sure Start**

Family Support Workshop 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Nurturing 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Parenting NI** Parenting Café each Wednesday from 1.30pm

**Wee Workshop** each Thursday from 2.00pm

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

This year our theme is **Bedtime Stories**. Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing their pyjamas or onesies. We will have some book activities and treats throughout the day.

### **RIGHT OF THE MONTH International Mother Language day**

#### Article 30

*You have a right to enjoy your own culture*

#### Principle 4

*Language is a vital means of communication*

### **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. We raised £36.52 in January and February 2019.



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