

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 2018 was 98.5% well done everyone.

91 Children received full-attendance awards

Mrs Charles	97%	Mrs Leeman	95%
Mrs Little	95%	Miss Gourley	96%
Mr Caldwell	98%	Mrs Fowler	99%

Child Protection

Our updated policy for Pastoral Care and Child Protection is available on DOJO, 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.

Parent Teacher Association

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA- AGM. The PTA committee for 2019 – 2020 is as follows:

Chairperson: Hayley Best **Secretary:** Hazel Shields
Treasurer: Hazel Edwards **Vice Chair:** Roseanna Agnew

Committee Members:

Jackie Armstrong, Rebecca Clulow, Ed Dobbs, Lisa Goodwin, Janet Henderson, Gillian Miller, Nuala Pill, Richard Shields, Lynda Titterington and Rosie Wildwood

ADMINISTRATION

Policies etc.

Updated policies and the Board of Governors Annual report 2018 – 2019 are now available on the school website and have been posted on DOJO.

Holidays

- Half-term holidays Monday 28th October – Monday 4th November inclusive
- School will close at 12.30pm on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November for Parent/Teacher meetings. Appointments will be sent out.

P1 Intake 2020

Parents with children at home who will be 4 years old on or before the 1st July 2020 should leave their name into the office so that an admission form for next year's intake September 2020 can be sent out.

Savings

Credit Union book collections have started. 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.

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.

The school car park is for **staff cars & Blue Badge Holders ONLY.**

Dogs

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

Smoking

Please refrain from smoking (including E-cigs/Vaping) within the school grounds.

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Harvest – This year we will be presenting “Harvest Praise” on Friday 18th October at 10.00am. This year we are asking all children to bring in £1.00 for a Harvest collection. There will also be a collection taken at the Harvest Celebration.

Halloween Party – Our Halloween party organised by the PTA will be held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019, 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 – 21st – 25th October is Parents’ Week. (See over)

Free School Meals - Do you receive Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker’s Allowance, Income Related Employment & support Allowance, guarantee element of State Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16190 or less? If so application forms can be obtained from the school office for your child to receive free school meals/uniform grant

On-line Safety

Follow the link below for a very user friendly Parents Controls guide

<http://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Parental-Controls-booklet.pdf>

CHARITIES

Thank you to all who supported World Narcolepsy Day. We raised £96.50

Kids4School

Please remember that each class in school sponsors a child in Tanzania. Sponsorship is £37.00 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

Extended School Activities

Each morning from 8.15am Breakfast Club (20p to attend and 50p to purchase breakfast)

Monday	9.30am	Parent & Toddler
	2.00pm	P2 – 3 Club
	3.00pm	P4-7 Homework Club
Tuesday	2.00pm	P2 Jo Jingles
	3.00pm	P4-7 Homework Club
Friday	10.45am	P1 Jump Jiggle & Jive
	2.00pm	Play Sport



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7 th October	P7 Heads up Programme (14 th and 21 st also)
8 th October	Visit from PSNI
8 th October	Parenting NI – Top Tips for Parents
11 th October	School Council Elections
15 th October	Parenting NI – Top Tips for Parents
18 th October	Harvest Celebration at 10.00am – everyone welcome to attend
22 nd October	Parenting NI – Top Tips for Parents
22 nd October	6.30pm PTA Halloween Party
24 th October	Non-uniform day “Wear it Pink”

Parent/Teacher Consultations

This year our Parent/teacher consultations will take place on Monday 4th November (School will be closed all day) Tuesday 5th November (School will close at 12.30pm) and Wednesday 6th November (school will close at 12.30pm). A separate note will be sent out to all those parents requesting a consultation.

Parents Week

Monday 21 st October	12.15pm	Mrs Charles class - Stay and Play Lunch
	1.00pm	Mrs Charles class – Playsport Parent & child session
Tuesday 22 nd October	12.15pm	Mrs Leeman’s class - Stay and Play Lunch
	1.00pm	Mrs Leeman’s class – Playsport Parent & child session
Wednesday 23 rd October	12.15pm	Mrs Little’s class - Stay and Play Lunch
	1.00pm	Mrs Little’s class – Playsport Parent & child session
Thursday 24 th October	12.15pm	Miss Gourley’s class – Stay and Play Lunch
	1.00pm	Miss Gourley’s class – Playsport Parent & child session
Friday 25 th October	11.00am	Mr Caldwell’s class – Playsport Parent & child session
	12.15pm	Mr Caldwell & Mrs Fowler’s classes – Stay and Play Lunch
	1.00pm	Mrs Fowler’s class – Playsport Parent & child session

“Big Garden Tidy Up”

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 2.00pm – 5.00pm “Big Garden Tidy Up!” in association with RHS **BIG SOUP SHARE**

Tidying up our garden for the winter. Come along, lend a hand and have some delicious soup.