

FAIRVIEW P.S.

Child Protection / Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, as well as in, you should share these concerns with:

Mrs Burns

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding) or

Mr McAllister/Miss Earls

(Deputy Designated Teachers) or

Mrs Matthews

The Child Protection Policy can be accessed on the school website or via the school office.

Pupil Profiles and Handovers

Pupil Profiles will be issued to all pupils on Monday, 28th June. Please contact your child's class teacher if you do not receive it. If your child is not at school and want it posted, please send a SAE prior to this date.

A summer shopping list, along with the name of your child's new teacher will be given to your child on the last day of term when they will get a chance to move to their new teacher and spend some time with them.

Diary Dates 2021

PI-7 Fun Days Monday, 21st June -

Thursday, 24th June

Last day of school for P7s at 12noon Friday, 25th June

Pupil Profiles sent home Monday, 28th June

School closes for Summer Holidays Wednesday, 30th June

for pupils in P1 - 6

Staffing for 2021 / 22

As we approach the end of the school year I would like to inform you of staffing changes for the year ahead.

Mrs Cousley will be starting maternity leave at the end of August and we wish her all the best for her new arrival later on in the year!

Mrs Knowles is moving from teaching P2 and SEN to just SEN, 2 days per week. We would like to thank her for all her years of dedication and commitment to her P2 pupils.

Miss Bennett and Miss McMillan have been appointed in a permanent capacity to the staff of Fairview PS. Congratulations to you both!

Mrs Macdonald (P4 teacher) has been appointed long-term to a Primary School in Carrickfergus; Mr Emerson (P5 Teacher) has been appointed permanently to a P7 post in Belfast. Congratulations to you both and all the very best for your future!

Mrs Close, Mrs Lannie and Miss Watson were Teaching Assistants this year and we thank them for their work with the children in their care.

Mrs Stewart is taking a step back from her job and will no longer be in the office in the afternoons. We thank her for doing a sterling job over many years!

In August, Mrs Beattie will be returning from her career break and Mrs Norris will be returning from her maternity leave.

Joining the Fairview team in the new school year will be Miss Cooke, Miss Moore and Mr Creighton.

Cash for Clobber

Thank you to all those parents who had another clear out of clothes and shoes last week. We managed to raise another £96 for the Eco Account in school. As we know, all money raised goes back in to support all our pupils. So, thank you!

Eco Flag Success!

We're delighted to announce we have achieved our sixth green flag. Our Eco Schools education looked slightly different this year with no after school Eco Club but the panel was delighted to see that Eco Schools is embedded throughout our school with each year group having a link to Eco Schools through their WAU in class. Following this we organised our final Blitz Day of this academic year. We certainly missed the physical work from our parents and carers but our children worked so hard to ensure their school grounds are tidy for the end of term. We had a focus on weeding, tidying and planting bee and butterfly friendly plants. Some of you may have noticed the new tyre display in the back playground.

Sports Days

Although we were unable to hold our usual full sports day, we were still delighted to be able to provide three alternative sports days this year in our school grounds, whilst also maintaining our class bubbles. This was so important to us, especially as the children missed out last year due to the pandemic. The weather was very favourable, and all three days ran smoothly. The children got a sense of normality as they cheered their peers on from the field. They also received a delicious snack, generously provided by Spar Ballyclare. Thank you Spar for your continued support; we really appreciate it. We will be awarding certificates and medals to those children who placed first, second and third in the year group finals before the end of term.

Reading in Fairview Primary

Our P₄-P₇ pupils engage in a reading initiative called Accelerated Reader. For every book they read, they do an online test and if passed, they get the words from that book for their total. This year, we have had almost 50 millionaires! An incredible achievement. On top of this, ten of those pupils have become

multi-millionaires! A special mention must go to Aimee Morrow in P₇ who has reached **7 million** and to one of our youngest participants, Connor Simpson in P₄, who has reached **4 million**.

Well done to Ruby Crowe, Amelia Fleming, Alistair Pollock and Conor Hanley in P4, Caleb Montgomery, Jamie McCudden, Mark Lewis, Isaac Lewis, Sarah Magee and Harry Steele in P5, Harry Smyth and Hannah Hunter in P6 and Lyla Shortall in P7 who have become **millionaires** this term.

Extra special mention to Noah Morton, Jack McCrea, Lucie Morrow and Naomi Wilson who have all achieved **2 million words** recently.

We are so proud of the efforts made by all our children with their reading. There is no doubt that children who read and are read to have such an advantage in their education. We firmly agree with what Dr Seuss has to say!

Our class libraries have a range of books for children to borrow and we have a school library offering a wide range of picture books and novels for pupils and classes to visit. But we always need more books...

If you are having a clear out before the end of term, or you have lots of books in your house your children have grown out of, we would love to make use of them. We have sections in our school library which focus on popular authors, such as David Walliams and Anthony Horowitz, and we highlight a favourite book each week on our showcase. Class libraries always need new and updated books. So, if you have a couple of books, or indeed a bundle, please send them in with your child, drop them into the office or pass them to a member of staff as you drop your child off in the morning. All books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being added to the relevant library.

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Please do look for any Fairview reading books or novels before your child finishes for this year. Our stocks have dwindled as some books get lost at home. Please do send them back, there will be no late fee penalties! We would just love to get them back ready to start again in September.

P7 YMCA Trip

Our current Primary 7 bunch missed their residential trip to Greenhill YMCA last March. After a few date changes, we unfortunately had to cancel the trip at Easter. We were delighted when DE allowed schools to organise non-residential trips from 24th May and we took advantage of this by getting booked into Greenhill YMCA for a day visit on Wednesday 16th June.

81 pupils and 8 staff made the most of a long day, leaving Ballyclare at 7.30am and returning at 10.30pm! Everyone got two activity sessions, plus an evening hill walk and a lovely ice cream to finish the day. As ever, our pupils were a credit to the school, as highlighted by all the staff at the centre we encountered.

I had an amazing adventure day away yesterday at YMCA. We had so much fun from start to finish. The food was fantastic. We did so many different activities like paddle boarding, wall climbing, obstacle course and hiking up the river. My favourite activity was paddle boarding because I was able to jump into the lake and Freya and I were able to push Mr Kennedy off his paddle board and into the water. To finish the day off we had three different flavours of the best ice-cream in Newcastle.

By Aimee Morrow P7K

I really enjoyed the YMCA trip. My favourite activity was the climbing wall. It was a great day and I had lots of fun with my friends.

By Daniel Lewis P7McM

The paddle boarding was my favourite part because we got to jump into the water. It was a lovely way to finish P7.

By Jay Rodgers P7McA

Cricket Match v Campbell

On Thursday, 40 of our P7 pupils, boys and girls, had the chance to represent the school in a cricket match against Campbell Junior School. Both schools split into four teams, with every pupil getting to bat and bowl. It was great to see so many pupils out playing sport. The matches were competitive, with Fairview winning two and Campbell winning two. There was excellent sportsmanship on show throughout. We must say a huge thank you to Ballyclare High School for giving us access to Hollinger Park.

The Great Science Share

This week, we had our Great Science Share. Each class created a video all about a science investigation they completed. Other classes then got to watch the videos and send back some feedback and further questions. The videos were all excellent and classes loved watching them. Well done to everyone for the hard work that went into planning, the investigations themselves and the final videos. The Great Science Share have showcased our videos on their website and you will have seen many of them on our Twitter feed @FairviewFPS.

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School Council

Last week in school, P₄-P₆ were voting for the new School Council to take post in September. Class presentations took place to find three names for the ballot paper in each class. Well done to all those pupils who wanted to stand for School Council election. The standard was most impressive. Votes were collated at the start of this week and the following pupils will be representing their class next year:

P₄E - Lexi Ashton

P₄B - Ruby Crowe

P₄Mac – Conor Hanley

P₅E - Scarlett Mussen

P5C - Noah Morton

P5McC - Mark Lewis

P6H - Lillie Wilson

P6P - Bethany Gilliland

P6D - Harry Montgomery

A whole school election will take place in September for the role of School Council Chairperson. Mr McAllister is very excited about working with his new team in September.

End of Term Fun Days

The end of term will be packed with fun for all our pupils. As you will have read in the letter, we have organised for a bouncy castle and ice-cream van to be in school for our P_I - 6 pupils next Monday - Wednesday. Thank you for sending in £5 to cover the cost of these days! Then, on the P7's penultimate day, there will be additional fun activities and a BBQ to make their end of term extra special.

These days are all non-uniform (your teacher will let you know which day), so make sure your child comes dressed for an outdoor, activity morning! We hope all our children have fun on their special day.

In addition, either the Monday or Tuesday of the last week will be a 'Movie and Popcorn' Day. The pupils will enjoy a chilled end to the school year!

Last Day of Term

Our Primary 7 pupils will leave on Friday, 25th June at 12noon. Pupils will all leave via the main entrance and front gate so that they can depart as a year group.

The rest of the school, PI-6 will leave on Wednesday, 30th June from the following times. Please make sure you are punctual and that someone is there to collect your child; the end of term can often be overlooked due to a change of collection time!

Pi & 2 pupils - 11.45am

P3 & 4 pupils - 11.55am

P5 & 6 pupils - 12.00noon