

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Fairview!

I was able to welcome back most of our pupils last week. I can now say a huge welcome to all our P1 pupils and families who started with us this week. I have loved visiting the classrooms and trying to learn lots of new names. It has been lovely to see our youngest pupils so well settled at such an early stage, and looking wonderful in their new uniforms. After sharing lots of information in our newsletter last Friday and today, newsletters will now come out each fortnight.



Uniform

I mentioned last week how all our pupils are looking extremely smart at the start of the new school year. I have no doubt this high standard of presentation and pride in the uniform will continue. There have been a few boys and girls wearing earrings. Earrings are not permitted. If ears have been recently pierced, beige plasters may be worn but only until they can be removed. Plasters are not to be worn as a matter of course. Thank you for co-operating with this.

Pupils now know their PE days. Pupils in P4-P7 may come to school in their PE uniform (plain navy tracksuit bottoms over navy shorts for boys or plain navy leggings for girls, red Fairview PE t-shirt and hoodie – all available in Sport 'n' Sound).

The Education Authority provide support with uniform costs for some eligible families. If we can support you with this application, or indeed in applying for free school meals, please contact the school office and we will gladly assist.

Email Communication

We are aware some parents are not receiving our school emails. This seems to be predominantly gmail accounts. We are working on a solution. The majority of email addresses sent to us this week which didn't receive the newsletter last week are correct on our system. Any incorrect have now been updated. The newsletter, and other school information, will be available on the school website each week and often through our Facebook page.

Would you like a job?

We are looking for a lunch time supervisor and a cleaner to join our team. If interested, one person could fill both roles. If you would like to join our team in Fairview, contact the school office and Mr McAllister will be in touch.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to be able to offer our early morning Breakfast Club each day. Doors open from 7.45am (please do not arrive any earlier than this) and last breakfasts will be served at 8.30am. Pupils will be accompanied to their class at 8.45am. Parents are asked not to drive into the school grounds when dropping their child to Breakfast Club – we appreciate your support with this.

We are also able to offer Free Breakfast Club to those pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. If you would like your child to avail of this please email Mrs Norris at fnorris303@c2kni.net.



Parent Information Sessions

Our Parent Information Sessions commenced with P6 yesterday and will continue next week. These sessions will be no more than 30 minutes and are very useful for you to meet your child's new teacher and to find out what your child will be working on in that particular year group. There will be separate sessions for P1 and P7 parents on an evening later in September. Please note that these sessions are general and are not for individual pupil discussions. Anything you need to share with the class teacher can be done either through Seesaw or contacting the school office.

For those of you who have a younger sibling (P1-P3) who needs to be looked after for the duration of the talk, they will be brought to the Assembly Hall by their class teacher. Please inform the class teacher in advance. Unfortunately, we cannot look after any children who are not already at school.

Parent Information Sessions (2.15pm – 2.45pm):

Primary 3	Room 4	Monday, 4 th September
Primary 4	Room 18	Tuesday, 5 th September
Primary 5	Room 9	Wednesday, 6 th September
Primary 2	Room 6	Thursday, 7 th September

P1	P1 classrooms	20 th September 2024	7pm
P7	Assembly Hall	13 th September 2024	7pm

Eco News:

Active Travel

We are having an Active Travel Week on w/b 11th September. Our theme for the week is Be Bright Be Seen.

At Fairview, we encourage Active Travel for a variety of reasons; it reduces the number of cars on the road, it eases congestion at our school gates and we're doing our part to reduce pollution. We also find that children who travel actively to school often arrive more relaxed, alert and ready to start their day. Active Travel counts as walking, cycling or scooting and this week we want to focus on increasing awareness of road safety, particularly as we head towards the darker mornings and evenings. Remember, helmets are essential. We know lots of you live too far away to walk, cycle or scoot your whole journey, but perhaps you could park nearby and do a combi journey. There is a theme for each day as outlined below:

Monday: Find your Safe Route to school.

We encourage an adult to walk, cycle or scoot alongside their child to show them their safest route to school, including the safe places to cross.

Tuesday: Attach a light / reflector to your bike or scooter before travelling to school

Wednesday: Bling your bike or scooter

We always love this day! Children are encouraged to decorate their bikes or scooters with all things bright and reflective! Have fun and go wild with your decorations! The Active Travel Fairy might even make an appearance to give out some prizes!

Thursday: Reflective Clothing

Wear a reflective piece of clothing on top of your school uniform.

Friday: Receive 1 extra minute of Golden Time for your class if you travel actively to school.



Pick Your Own Fruit

We have apples for sale again this year, grown in our very own orchard. Pupils can pick their own for 20p. I can assure you, they are very tasty! If you are collecting at the front gate, do feel free to try one.



Cash for Clobber

Our first Cash for Clobber collection will take place on Tuesday 19th September. This is an excellent way for us to raise necessary funds for our school. The programme is managed by Cookstown Textile Recyclers who will collect unused clothes, shoes (pairs only), handbags, hats, scarves, bed linen and curtains. Duvet covers and pillow cases can also be re-used. They sort the items to see what they can reuse or recycle. All you have to do is bag up some items and leave them in the bike shelter either on Monday 18th September or before 9.30am on Tuesday 19th September.

There are incentives for the children who take part in this scheme and these have been shared within classes.

Blitz Day

We are lucky to have such extensive school grounds and we have worked hard over the last few years to develop these grounds into an innovative and stimulating learning environment. Our pupils and staff have worked to keep these grounds tidy but we need your help! We would love a few parents to give us an hour or two next Thursday 7th September. No expertise is needed, just a willingness to get stuck in. We need some branches cut back, beds weeded, strimming and willow weaving (or chopping!). Please bring your own tools if you have any. If you have a trailer, we will need some help doing a couple of runs to Bruslee Recycling Centre. We are also hoping to replenish our outdoor teaching areas with some chipped bark. Lots to be done! Please send a note in to your child's teacher or message on Seesaw if you can help out on the day. Any amount of time, no matter how little, will be much appreciated.

After Schools Programme

We pride ourselves in Fairview on the amount of after school opportunities our pupils have available to them. All our staff are involved in delivering this programme and notes for signing up to these clubs will come out early next week. On top of what our staff offer, we have a number of external clubs which will run throughout the year, booked directly with the provider. These details are being emailed through to you as we get them from the providers, with links also available on our Facebook page.

Diary Dates September 2023

Parent Information Sessions	See above
Primary 5 swimming first day	Tuesday, 5 th September
Blitz Day in school grounds	Thursday, 7 th September
Active Travel Week	Monday, 11 th September – Friday 15 th September
Book Fair Evening 6pm	Tuesday, 12 th September
Primary 7 Information Evening 7pm	Wednesday, 13 th September
Primary 1 in to 1pm	Monday, 18 th September
PTA AGM 7.30pm	Tuesday, 19 th September
Public Consultation for school extension 4-8pm	Monday, 18 th September
Sixmile Leisure Centre	
Primary 1 Information Evening 7pm	Wednesday, 20 th September
SEAG (P7 transfer test) registration closes	Friday, 22 nd September

****If you are a P7 parent of a child intending to sit SEAG, and you have not registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you require assistance, contact your child's teacher**

School Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then the following is the school team:

Designated Teacher –	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teacher –	Miss Earls
Safeguarding Governor –	Mrs Victoria Woodside

The school's Safeguarding Policy is available to all parents on the school's website or from the school office, on request.



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PROGRAMMES

2023-2024

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SUNDAY

SHINE- DURING
SUNDAY MORNING
SERVCE (10.30AM)
SEPTEMBER

Primary School
Children

Creche (Babies-
Pre-School)

10.45AM

YOUTH
FELLOWSHIP
3RD SEPTEMBER
Year 8 to Upper
Sixth
6.00-8.00PM

MONDAY

GIRLS' BRIGADE
11TH SEPTEMBER

Ladybirds- (Age 3-P1)
6.30-7.30

Explorers (P2-P4)
and Juniors (P5-P7)
6.30-7.30

Seniors
(1st Year-3rd Year)
Brigaders
(4th Year- Upper Sixth)
7.30-9

WEDNESDAY

BOYS BRIGADE
(JUNIORS)
6TH SEPTEMBER

Juniors (P5-P7)
7.00-8.30

THURSDAY

MUMS AND TOTS
7TH SEPTEMBER
Babies to
Pre-School
9.00-11.00AM

BOYS BRIGADE
(ANCHORS AND
COMPANY)
7TH SEPTEMBER
Anchors (P1-P4)
6.45-7.45

Company (Year 8-
Upper Sixth)
7.30-10

FRIDAY

JUNIOR YOUTH
CLUB
8TH SEPTEMBER

Junior (P2-P7)
Fortnightly
7.00-8.30

