

NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Wishes

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to you for all your support over the last year, and especially since I took up post formally in September 2023. It is the greatest honour of my life to be Principal of this amazing school and it makes me proud every day to see the achievements of all our pupils, led by a talented staff like no other.

Life is always busy in Fairview, and this is encapsulated in December with all our concerts, Open Day, panto trips and the Christmas Fair. But what a month we have just had! Can I say thank you to you, the parents, for supporting all our events, but also praise the pupils and staff for embracing all that is put in front of them. I am sure you will agree, our December festivities have been a remarkable success.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to pass on our appreciation for the gifts, cards and words of encouragement which have been shared over the term and particularly now at Christmas.

Luke 2:10: "And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'"

In the midst of all the busyness at this time of year, we have taken time in classes and through assembly to remember the real reason for Christmas. The Board of Governors, staff and myself would like to wish you all a most peaceful Christmas and God's richest blessings for the new year. I hope all of you will get some much needed time with your loved ones over the holiday.

I wish all the staff and pupils a very Happy Christmas and a well-deserved rest; you all need it but I know we will all be looking forward to returning to school in January!

Please take a look at our whole school video as we celebrate a busy December together in Fairview Primary School.

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Happy Christmas everyone and Best Wishes for 2024!



Dates for Your Diary

Last Day of Term 1 12noon finish
(no healthy break or food at Breakfast Club)
Ballyclare Secondary School Open Afternoon
Ballyclare High School Open Evening
Term 2 starts 8.45am
Open Enrolment begins 12noon
Primary 7 swimming commences
Assessment Week
PTA meeting

Friday, 22nd December

Wednesday, 3rd January

Thursday, 4th January

Monday, 8th January

Tuesday 9th January

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Monday, 15th January – Friday 19th January

Tuesday, 16th January

End of Term Arrangements

School will close on Friday, 22nd December for the Christmas break. There will be no canteen staff on duty that day so Breakfast Club will be supervision only. There will be no healthy break available on 22nd December either.

Dismissal will be from 11.45am. Please ensure someone is at the gate to collect your child at the following times –

P1 & P2 - 11.45am

P3 & P4 - 11.50am

P5 - 11.55am

P6 & P7 - 12.00noon

Clubs in the New Term

Please see the email sent earlier this week detailing all the clubs on offer in the new term.

Accelerated Reader Update

Our most recent AR competition has been a huge hit with our pupils and has kept them busy with their reading over the past few weeks. Pupils were given the opportunity to win a family pass to Scrapyard Golf! As part of the competition, pupils from P4-7 were given a 'Reading Record' sheet and received a stamp for getting 100% on an AR test. Once they received 3 stamps, pupils could enter their sheet into a lockbox. On Friday, Mr McAllister randomly selected our winner; Meg from P4D! Congratulations Meg!

A further well done to our latest word millionaire David Racasan P6E. Congratulations also to Cara Young and Jack McCrea for hitting two million words! Excellent reading boys and girls.



Braidwater Support

Mr McAllister visited the Braidwater site on Jubilee Road this week to receive a donation for school funds to support the pastoral work which is ongoing in school. We are delighted to partner with Braidwater and really appreciate their kind donation. Braidwater is the new development with the huge lit up Christmas Tree at its entrance on the new ring road. Mr McAllister did ask if we could borrow their tree for the Christmas Trail next year....negotiations are ongoing!

Christmas Fair

Our Grand Raffle was drawn last week, live on Facebook. Winners have all been contacted and have been delighted to collect their prizes. We value the support of local businesses and the success of these events depends so much upon their generous donations, both for our tombola and our Grand Raffle. Thank you. Please see a list below of our Grand Raffle sponsors:

Kerr's tyres
Scarlett's DIY
Smyth's Toy Store
McCandless Opticians
Watt's garage
One Small Seed
Six Mile Fuels
Finney Brothers
Bangor Fuels
Down Royal Race Course
Topping's Meat

Charity Work:

Abaana Team

We work closely with our friends in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church. They will be sending a team to Uganda to work on a project in conjunction with Abaana, a charity which works with children in poverty. Many of the children they will be working with will not have footwear and we have been asked by the team to put out a call for Crocs (or similar type of footwear). Maybe you have some pairs at home you do not use anymore or that will be replaced this Christmas. Please do not throw old pairs out. We would welcome them in school after Christmas and will ensure they get passed on to Ballyclare Presbyterian Church.

Women's Aid

We partnered with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council to support the Women's Aid Christmas Pyjama Appeal. Thank you to all who donated. We were delighted to drop these off to Mossley Mill on Wednesday.



Tree Planting

Miss Paul's Primary 5 class joined Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and the Mayor in planting some trees in the Sixmilewater Park on Wednesday. The trees form part of the Queen's Canopy, which past Fairview pupils were involved in planting a few years back.

We value the importance of being part of our community and hope our pupils will enjoy watching these trees grow as they also grow up in the town.



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.

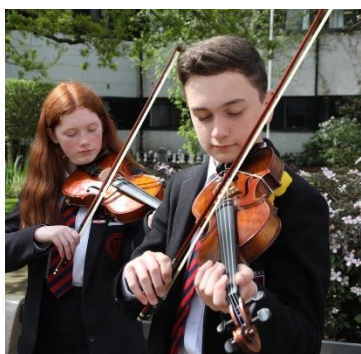


Ballyclare Secondary School



Open Afternoon

**Wednesday 3rd January 2024
1pm - 3pm**



**BE PART OF
BALLYCLARE HIGH
SCHOOL**

**OPEN NIGHT
Thursday 4th January 2024**

Doors open at 6.15pm

**The Principal will speak at
6.30pm and 8.00pm**

The evening will end at 9.00pm

Parking is available at the rear of the school.

