

# NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE ~ SUPPORT ~ ACHIEVE

## Diary Dates

Wellbeing Week	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Parental Resilience Workshop 7pm	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Love and Light Yoga 7pm-8pm	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Post Primary enrolment portal opens 12 noon	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Wellbeing Jamboree 7pm-9pm	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Netball Blitz Day	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Coffee Hub 1.30pm	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February
Interview Week Commences	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Day Closure for Interviews (12:30pm)	Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February and Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Rugby Blitz	Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Valentine's Disco	Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February
PSNI Online Safety presentation to P7 pupils	Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February
School Closes for Half Term Break (2pm)	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Staff Led After School Activities recommence	Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Post Primary enrolment portal closes 12 noon	Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February

## SEAG Results

Our Primary 7 pupils who sat the first ever SEAG tests back in November will be getting their results tomorrow morning. As we approach the weekend, there may be some nerves or worry about what lies ahead after they receive their scores. As a school we want to say to our wonderful boys and girls that what you get on Saturday will not change who you are, or what you want to be. You are all great children of whom we are very proud! You will have done your best and that is what matters. We will be thinking of you all at the weekend!

For parents, you will have seen the letter I sent out last week and your child's P7 teacher will have sent again by Seesaw today. Results are available on the SEAG portal from 8am tomorrow morning. If you have issues accessing, please contact SEAG directly. I am happy to meet with parents next week to discuss the Post Primary application process. Please contact the office on Monday and an appointment will be set up. If you are thinking about Ballyclare High School for next year, remember the information evening they are hosting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm.

## Assessment Week

Well done to all our pupils on getting through assessment week this month. Whether it be quizzes with our younger ones or tests with our more senior pupils, assessment week is an invaluable opportunity to see where pupils are at and plan for next steps. Thanks to all you parents who supported your child with some revision or revision homeworks, at whatever level your child is working at in school. Staff will share results and advise on ways you can partner with us in your child's education over the coming months at the parent interviews next month. You should have your date and time for the interview by now – if not, please look in your child's schoolbag as a first step, then contact your child's teacher if it is not there.

## 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.



## Greater Ballyclare Wellbeing Week

We are delighted to announce our Greater Ballyclare Wellbeing Week which is running from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We have a wide range of events on offer for **everyone** in the community, including:

The **Parental Workshop** on Monday evening is highly recommended. If you have trouble getting your child into school in the morning, or they find school life a challenge sometimes, this workshop is for you.

Our **Wellbeing Jamboree** is on Wednesday evening. This is open to everyone, even if they have no connection to the school. There will be something for everyone – and it is entirely free!

Check out our poster on Facebook for all the details and we look forward to seeing you all there!

- **And for our Fairview pupils.....**

**Daybreak Dance** is a wonderful way to start the day. It will take place every morning at 8.30am in the front playground. And parents are welcome to join in of course!

Our **Awesome Obstacle Course** will be making a return! All our pupils will get a chance to take on the challenge at some stage on Thursday or Friday.

With next week being such an active week for all our pupils, P4-P7 pupils can wear their Fairview PE kit each day – navy tracksuit bottoms (or leggings for girls), red Fairview T shirt and the Fairview hoodie

## Extended School Provision and online Payments

When we last surveyed parents in 2022, two things which were mentioned as something for us to think about as a school were online payments and extended after school provision. We have worked on both of these and have made considerable progress towards introducing them this school year.

We hope to start using online payments after half term in February. It will be a phased introduction. Please be patient as we gradually add more payments to the system, and learn how to make it work effectively for parents, office staff and teachers. We will be in touch with more details soon.

This week, you will have received a questionnaire about extended after school provision. This was an emailed link to a Google form. Thank you to all for your feedback so far. We hope to have this in place for Summer term, making use of online payments to book your child in each day.

## Supporting your PTA with online shopping

There are several ways to support Fairview when you shop online. Any fundraising, no matter how little, helps funding for additional resources and experiences for our children.

Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It doesn't cost you any extra as the cost is covered by the brand. Some of the brands include John Lewis & Partners, Expedia, Argos, Just Eat and many more! Plus, join before Wednesday 31st January and we could win an extra £250 donation!

Join today: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fairviewpta/u1ol3p/s2s/S6FIupB/SE786/whatsapp>



## Parent Teacher Interviews

Interview week will be week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February for most parents. School will finish at 12.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February to accommodate interviews – please ensure pupils are collected promptly on these days.

- P1 - 3 pupils will start to leave from 12.15pm
- P4 & 5 pupils will leave at 12.25pm
- P6 & 7 pupils will leave at 12.30pm

Lunch will be served prior to dismissal.

As with our parent teacher interviews in October, you will have chosen either a phone call or a face to face interview. Regardless, the interview will be a chance for staff to share assessment scores from January and map out the remainder of the school year. Interviews will last no longer than 15 minutes and, as ever, we have done all we can to accommodate parents with more than one child in school by coordinating times.

## Road Safety Quiz

Four of our P7 pupils were selected, after class competitions, to represent Fairview in the Road Safe NI Road Safety Quiz last week. It was lovely to see so many local schools coming together to take part. The table quiz covered both road safety and general knowledge questions. This ensures that important road safety awareness is delivered in an interesting way. Our team had a nervous wait as the results were read out....after the third and second placed teams were announced, they felt they had not done enough to be the winning team! But I am delighted to announce they DID win! We are all so proud of them and wish Connor, Ruby, Tom and Alistair all the very best for the final in Cookstown. Each pupil has had the opportunity to bring the trophy home for a night and share it with their family.





## Hockey Blitz



A team of Primary 6 and 7 pupils attended a friendly hockey tournament on Wednesday at Roughfort, which was kindly organised by Ben Madigan Prep School. Despite the blustery weather conditions, the girls had a great time and played some lovely hockey. It was a super opportunity for the girls to develop their hockey skills on an Astro-turf pitch and to play longer, more competitive matches than they are used to. Daisy Adair was captain for the day and displayed excellent leadership skills, encouraging the girls throughout warm-ups and games, well done Daisy!

Game 1: vs Ben Madigan (W 1-0)

Player of the match: Daisy Adair

Goal scorer: Rebecca Malcolmson

Game 2: vs Templepatrick PS (D 0-0)

Player of the match: Rebecca Malcolmson

Game 3: vs Ballynure PS (L 2-0)

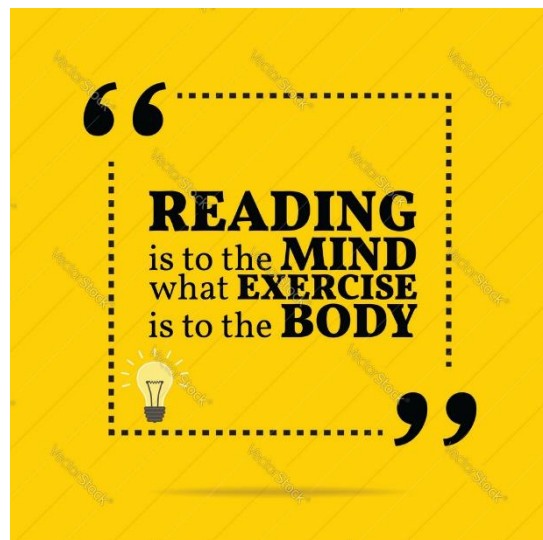
Player of the match: Lexi Watters

Game 4: vs Carrick Model (L 1-0)

Player of the match: Lucy McClelland

### AR Success

Our Accelerated Reader programme in school is a wonderful way to get our senior pupils reading. It has been a busy week with three more people reaching important milestones.



- Well done to Alice in P6H who is now a double millionaire
- Well done to Matthias in P4A who becomes the first P4 this year to reach 1 million words
- Well done to Charlotte in P6H who has reached 1 million words

We love to see our pupils reading, especially as we reach Wellbeing Week. No better way to exercise the mind!

### Valentine's Disco – date for your diary

Our half term disco in October was a huge success and we are delighted to announce our PTA are running a second disco of the year, with a Valentine's theme, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. A note with further details will follow but for now, see the poster for date and times:

Entry will be £2 donation and pupils should dress to impress!



Fairview Primary  
School PTA

# VALENTINE'S disco!

**Thursday 8th February 2024**

**Sensory Disco : 5.15 pm - 5.35pm**      **P3 & P4 : 6.45pm - 7.30pm**  
**P1 & P2 : 5.45pm - 6.30pm**      **P5, P6 & P7 - 7.45pm - 8.30pm**

*£2 admission. Tuck shop available*



