

# NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

School Closed for St Patrick's Day	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March
P6 Parents' SEAG Information Evening 7pm Followed by YMCA Trip Meeting 8pm	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Antrim and Newtownabbey Football Blitz	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March
External Music Exams	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Blitz Day (see separate note)	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Last day of Term 2 12 noon finish	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Term 3 commences	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April
P6 YMCA Residential Trip	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April
P7 Performance and Evening of Entertainment	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April and Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Sports Day	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May

## 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.

## Online Payment

You will by now know that Online Payment for parents is underway in Fairview. Last week, you will have received a link and a code to access the app (called 'teachers2parents') which will allow you to make payments, order dinners/healthy break and book into Breakfast Club. School trips will be added in the summer term. Thank you to all who have followed the link and got the app set up – we have had a lot of positive feedback already. If you are struggling with this, please contact the school office and we will talk you through, in person if required. Everyone will need to set up their online School Money payment account as we move away from cash payments.

All indications are that online payment is a more efficient and convenient way for parents and school to manage finances.

## Extended After School Provision

We will be starting our Extended After School Provision on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. This is a new venture for us to support working parents with after school care. A need for this provision was highlighted in our last parental survey in 2022.

Details for the Extended After School Provision were emailed last week and booking can be made for the Summer Term on our School Money app from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am. Please be aware, the provision is term time only. Parents of children in P1-P3 who wish to use the provision between 3pm and 5pm will need to book their child into one of the external providers from 2pm -3pm.

## Attendance

Our overall school attendance for this school year so far is 95.0%. Regular school attendance is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can have full access to the school curriculum and reach their potential. Thank you for your support in getting your child into school.

The overall February attendance was slightly below our overall average at 94.2%. Well done to P2P/H who won the attendance trophy for February with an excellent 97.4%. The Senior School attendance award went to P6H with 97.0% and the Junior School attendance award went to P4D with 95.8%.





### After School Activities

Our teacher led after school activities will run for one more week before Easter. There will be a final 2 weeks of clubs after Easter.

We continue to offer a range of externally led after school clubs and dates for these will vary to our teacher led clubs. Details for these clubs will be emailed to parents and links will be available on our Facebook page.

Please remember that if your child is unable to stay for an after school club for any reason, please let the teacher in charge know as a roll is taken each week.

### Road Safety Quiz Success

A huge well done to four of our Primary 7 pupils who represented the school and our local council area at the Road Safe NI quiz final last week. Alistair, Ruby, Tom and Connor were magnificent and did us all proud, coming third in the whole of Northern Ireland. This is the first time a school from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area has placed in the Northern Ireland final, a tremendous achievement! It should be noted our team scored full marks in the anagram round – the only school to do so!



## Ballyclare Music Festival Success

Many congratulations to the Senior Choir members who competed in Ballyclare Musical Festival on Friday of last week. The choir came first in both their classes and the adjudicator commented on the fine quality of their singing. He mentioned that their voices blended seamlessly together and commended their singing in the higher registers, describing it as beautiful. He commented that their version of 'Drunken Sailor' was light and energetic and never forced. We would like to thank all the children in choir for their hard work so far this year and we look forward to competing in the Larne Festival in April. Well done to Mrs Penney and Mrs Norris for preparing our Senior Choir so well.

We would also like to congratulate the orchestra for their excellent result in winning their class. The adjudicator commented on how they played with great style, energy and spirit. They were awarded 88 marks – a distinction! Mrs Reid and Mrs Ennis were rightly proud of their talented group and should be commended themselves for having the pupils at such a high standard performing together. A note of thanks to Miss McClelland who accompanied the orchestra at the festival.

Finally, well done to the individuals who participated and congratulations to Ruby Crowe who won her strings class. We are so fortunate to have so many talented young musicians at Fairview!



## Languages in Primary 4

We are delighted to have senior pupils from Ballyclare High School visit Primary 4 this term to teach some French and Spanish. The first three week block was with Miss Cooke's Primary 4 class and they enjoyed learning some French. It is great to get this language link re-established with Ballyclare High School and we look forward to building on this for the remainder of this year and in the years to come.

'I really liked learning the colours and playing the games.' - Theo Hanna

'It was fun learning about the animals and playing the rock, paper, scissors game.' - Emily Davidson

'I learnt to say 'my name is' and how to say the colours.' - Coen Sharkey

## P1 Visitors

Last Friday we had a very exciting and interesting afternoon in Primary One! We welcomed two of our parents into the classroom, Dr Ross and Nurse Steele to tell us about their very important jobs.

Dr Ross is a paediatrician and he shared how he works as part of a team in the hospital to look after sick children. On Friday he had a team of 4 very willing Fairview volunteers who helped demonstrate how he diagnoses and helps children to get better. The children got hats, masks and gloves on and got the opportunity to experiment and explore some of the doctor's medical equipment.



Nurse Steele is a neo-natal nurse, who cares for tiny babies who are born early and need help to feed and keep warm. The children were excited to see photographs of babies and her demonstrations using a tiny doll of how she looks after these babies. We were all amazed at how tiny the nappies and hats for premature babies are!

We really appreciate Dr Ross and Nurse Steele giving up their time to help bring our new topic 'Ourselves' to life!



### **P7 Visit to Bee Safe**

P7 attended the Bee Safe event at the Theatre at the Mill on Wednesday, hosted by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. At the event, a variety of safety officers delivered sessions to educate pupils on a range of community and safety issues. We received talks from PSNI, Fire Service NI, Heads Up, Translink and many more. Pupils were taught about anti-social behaviours, safety in the home, fire safety, the dangers of alcohol and drugs, bus safety and much more. We had great fun whilst learning incredibly important messages too!

'I really enjoyed the talk from Roger the Policeman. They told us about the consequences of anti-social behaviour!' – Kali Gunnion

'I loved our visit to Mossley Mill because we learnt important things like how alcohol can wreck your liver' – Jake Coates

'We were told to stay away from drugs and alcohol as they can be very dangerous for our bodies. It was such a fun day hearing from all the speakers.' – Rio Cooke

### **School Uniform**

I would like to gently remind parents about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. Trainers should only be worn on PE days for pupils P4-P7. On PE days, pupils should ensure it is a Fairview hoodie worn over their red Fairview T shirt. Jewellery is not allowed. Pupils may wear a watch but items such as earrings, bracelets and necklaces should not be worn. We would appreciate your support with this.

## Ulster Hockey Qualifiers

Congratulations to our hockey team who have secured a place in the Northern Ireland Finals at Stormont on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April! The qualifying day at Belfast High School was incredibly competitive but our girls worked exceptionally hard and were very deserving of their place.

In the group stages of the tournament the girls won every game, securing them a place in the semi-final where they faced Carrick Model. The semi-final was very intense with plenty of chances from both teams. With minutes to go, a beautifully placed ball up the line from Megan Weir was received by Alice Montgomery who scored the winning goal, securing us a place in the final *and* guaranteeing us a slot at the Northern Ireland Final!

It is very difficult to highlight individual 'key' players throughout this tournament as the girls played exceptionally well together as a team. They showed real maturity and tenacity in each game and their ability to support and encourage each other both on and off the pitch was wonderful to see.

In the final we played Ballynure Primary School. Lucy McClelland had to work especially hard in nets during the final and we were ecstatic to have gone 1-0 up in the first few minutes due to a super performance from Daisy Adair and Rebecca Malcolmson in midfield. The girls fought very hard to find their forwards and it was Alice Montgomery who found the back of the net again! Ballynure were not to be stopped. They put our defence through their paces with Rosie McAllister and Lucy Stevenson preventing many goal scoring opportunities for Ballynure. Unfortunately, Ballynure managed to find the net twice, finishing the game 2-1 to Ballynure.

Our girls finished as runners-up and were incredibly proud to be awarded their silver medals by Ulster Hockey. They look forward to the challenges the NI Finals will bring in April.

### Tournament Scores:

#### **v Silverstream Primary 7-0 W**

Megan Weir (2), Layla Taylor (2), Daisy Adair (1), Rosie McAllister (1), Emily Nesbit (1)

#### **v Central Integrated 7-0 W**

Megan Weir (3), Emily Nesbit (2), Lucy Stevenson (1), Rebecca Malcolmson (1)

#### **v Victoria Primary 1-0 W**

Alice Montgomery (1)

#### **v Mossley Primary 1-0 W**

Alice Montgomery (1)

#### **Semi-final - v Carrick Model 1-0 W**

Alice Montgomery (1)

#### **Final - v Ballynure Primary 2-1 L**

Alice Montgomery (1)

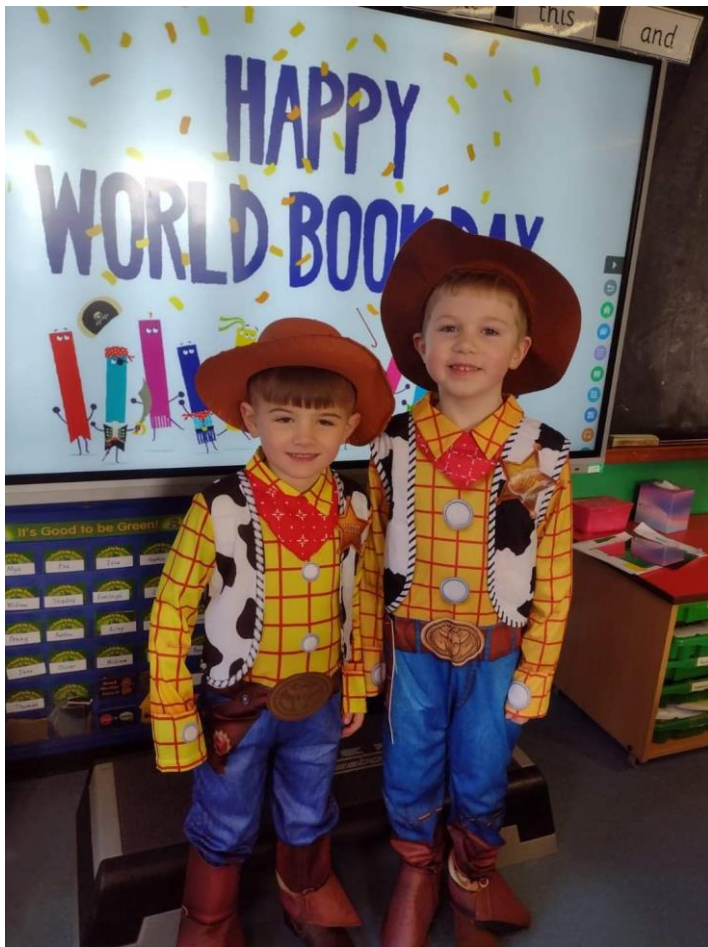


### School Book Fair and World Book Day

We were delighted to have our Scholastic Book Fair in school last week. It was a very successful week, with a packed hall of browsers each morning and lots of books being purchased. Your support raised an amazing £2651 in book sales, with a huge percentage of this coming back into school to buy new books for the library and classrooms. Thank you so much for prioritising reading with your child or children, and a special thank you to all those parents who volunteered to work the tills during the week. We couldn't have had such a successful Book Fair without your support!

On Thursday 7th March all of our pupils, and many staff, brought their favourite book characters to life to celebrate World Book Day. There were Gangster Grans, Wicked Witches, Cool Cowboys along with plenty of other creative characters. Everyone looked fantastic and there was great excitement around school with lots of chat about favourite stories and authors. A big thank you to our parents, carers and staff for their enthusiasm. Our classes enjoyed celebrating their love of books and reading with lots of fun activities. P3McQ enjoyed sharing reviews of their favourite books for our Facebook fans, many classes tuned into live Author video chats and P6 made beautiful bookmarks.





# Summerhill Programme

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## 4 week programme for parents

**Week 1 Nutrition and Healthy Eating**

**Week 2 Play and Reading**

**Week 3 Cost of living**

**Week 4 Wellbeing**

 **Meet and discuss family life  
in a safe environment**

 **Pick up tips on how to  
become more confident in  
handling the daily pressures  
parents face**

**£20 gift  
voucher on  
completion**

**Date:**

**March 2024**

**14th, 21st**

**April 2024**

**11th, 18th**

**Venue:**

**Fairview PS**

**Time:**

**9.15am - 11.15am**

**It is our hope that this programme will allow families a  
happier home life and children will feel more secure as they  
are given the support and love to enable them to reach their  
full potential in life.**

**To book a place please email:**

**[fnorris303@fairviewps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:fnorris303@fairviewps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk)**







# Blitz Day

Friday 22nd March

9:30am - 1:30pm



**We need your help to tidy prepare  
our school grounds for Spring!**

**Jobs include strimming hedges,  
weeding and general tidying up.**

**Please bring any garden tools if  
you have them.**







# ACTIVE TRAVEL WEEK

TUESDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 22ND MARCH



COLLECT A STAMPER FOR EACH DAY YOU MAKE  
A JOURNEY BY WALKING, CYCLING OR SCOOTING

LOOK FOR AN EASTER TAG ON YOUR  
BIKE/SCOOTER TO WIN A PRIZE



REMEMBER TO WEAR A HELMET  
AND BRIGHT CLOTHING

### County Antrim Harriers...an invite to Fairview parents

County Antrim Harriers are pleased to launch this year's 2024 Couch to 5k programme.

Starting on Monday 18th March at 6pm from Ballyclare Leisure Centre, the programme will ease you into running at a gentle pace with a graduation run at the May Fair 5km race on Saturday 27th May.

The sessions are facilitated by Athletics NI Coaches and Leaders in Run Fitness along with members of County Antrim Harriers, including those who have completed previous couch to 5k programmes. They will be there to fully support you during this process.

The programme consists of two coached sessions a week and an additional homework session, and is strictly for over 18's only

Overall cost of the programme is £40. This includes entry to the May Fair 5k race.

If you would like more information or to sign up, check out the County Antrim Harriers Facebook page.

We look forward to helping you on your running journey.

COUNTY ANTRIM HARRIERS PRESENT

## COUCH TO 5KM



- Nine week course
- Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm
- Meeting at Sixmile Leisure Centre
- Led by qualified run leaders
- Over 18s
- For beginners to improvers
- Course fee includes race entry into the May fair 5km and lots of fun, fun, fun!!

**£40**  
plus £1.50 admin  
fee

**Starts Monday 18th March 2024**

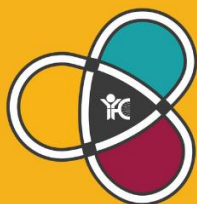
**SIGN UP HERE**

**[www.countyantrimharriers.co.uk](http://www.countyantrimharriers.co.uk)**

Or get in touch via email  
[caharriers.info@gmail.com](mailto:caharriers.info@gmail.com)







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P5-P7

# JUNIOR DROP IN

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

A safe space for young  
people to hang out and  
have fun through  
crafts, games and  
more!

To register your young  
person, contact us on our  
social media or scan the QR  
code below.



1 Granges Street, Ballyclare, BT39 9ZJ



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# PATRICK'S STORY



Show times  
11am and 1pm  
followed by  
crafts and  
activities!

**16TH MARCH 2024**  
**ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF IRELAND**  
**BALLYCLARE**

Perfect for  
families and  
Sunday School  
Groups!



**BOOKING REQUIRED VIA THE QR CODE BELOW**





# Parent2Parent



## Autism & Fussy Eating



*Join our online Parent Chat Group*

*Thursday 28th March 7-8pm via Zoom*  
*Caring conversation can make all the difference!*

A parent space to  
connect with others  
who can offer empathy,  
support and solutions

Call us free to book  
0808 80202 400





LOVE & LIGHT YOGA



# KIDS YOGA EASTER WORKSHOP

**WHERE:** Love & Light Yoga, 40 The Square, Ballyclare, BT39

**WHEN:** Sunday 24th March 2024  
10am - 12:30pm

**PRICE:** £20per child, includes snack & surprise  
(sibling discount available)

**SUITABLE AGES 4 - 11**

**YOGA / CRAFTS / GAMES**





# MULTI-SPORTS EASTER CAMP

**Venue:** Ben Madigan Preparatory School

**Dates:** 1st April - 5th April (Mon - Fri)

**Ages:** 4 - 12

**Times:** 9am - 3pm

**(early drop off/ late pick up available)**



## ABOUT US

At Multi-Sports Academy NI we want to grow your child's love for activity through sports and adventurous activities. We do this by ensuring our sessions have four common themes. They are fun, active, specific to the age group and inclusive! In one day your child will experience 4 different sports that are lead by our expert coaches.

## HOW TO SIGN UP

- ✓ Follow the sign up link or QR code.
- ✓ Fill out your child's information.
- ✓ Follow the payment link at the end to complete the booking.

**Use Code: "EARLYBIRD"**  
**for £10 off!**

Valid Until: 19/3/24

## PRICE LIST

Full week package: **£80**

Single Day: **£17.50**

Early drop off per day: **£3**

Late pick up per day: **£3**

## SIGN UP LINK

[Click Here](#)

or



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