

# NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

Book Fair Week	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Ballyclare Music Festival	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Road Safety Quiz NI Final	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Ulster Hockey Qualifiers	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March
P6NMcI Digital Schoolhouse	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March
P7 Bee Safe visit Mossley Mill	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Netball Match	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March
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
Last day of Term 2 12 noon finish	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March

## 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 have read on a previous newsletter that Online Payment for parents is to be introduced in Fairview. We have been working with School Money and this system is now good to go. Earlier this week, you will have received a note by email and a paper copy with further details. Everyone will need to set up their online School Money payment account as we move away from cash payments, with no further cash payments being accepted after Easter.

All indications are that online payment is a more efficient and convenient way for parents and school to manage transactions. We hope to make this transition as simple as possible so if you require any support or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Movement for Good

Please nominate Fairview Primary School PTA at [Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award](#). Click on 'nominate a charity for £1000' and search for Fairview PTA. There will be nothing to write, just simply fill in some details and then nominate. We would really appreciate your support.

## Holidays for 2024/2025

An email was sent to parents recently with start back date and all school holidays for the new academic year. Please let the office know if you have not received this and we will get it sent again.

## Football Team at Northern Ireland Match

Some of our Primary 7 football squad members got the opportunity to play at half time during the Northern Ireland versus England Under 18 Centenary Shield match last Friday night at The Blanchflower Stadium in East Belfast. This was a wonderful opportunity for the boys involved and such a lovely memory to take with them from their final year in primary school.



Our squad played against Andrews Memorial and earned a well-deserved 1-0 win, although the score line was less important than the overall experience. A wonderful night was had by all, with a special thank you to Mr Kennedy for organising.



### **Antrim and District Primary Schools Football Tournament**

On Wednesday, Mr Kennedy accompanied two football teams to Allen Park in Antrim for the third of the Antrim and District Schools Football Tournaments. The first game for the senior team was against Antrim PS who beat us narrowly last time out. Fairview started brightly and almost opened the scoring early through Tyler McCreery. Tyler beat his man on the wing and drove his subsequent shot just wide of the far post. Bobbie McCullough saw his shot go narrowly wide soon after while the Antrim goalkeeper made an excellent reaction save with his legs following a deflection from another Tyler McCreery shot. Antrim pushed for a goal of their own but Jay Crawford and Angus Hassard were resolute in defence. Rueben Lambe, playing in goals for the injured Amelia, made a couple of good saves of his own to thwart the Antrim attack. Teddy McGrath was finding more space on the left and after receiving a pass from Angus, his scooped shot beat the keeper but went narrowly over the bar. Aiden Mouatakef received a through ball from Teddy but saw his shot well saved as it looked destined for the top corner. With full time approaching, Fairview were awarded a free kick following a trip on Bobbie. The kick was taken by Tyler but he was unlucky to see his shot rebound off the post with the keeper beaten. Full time: Fairview 0 : 0 Antrim

Our next match was against Ballyclare PS. Again, Fairview started strongly and dominated the early possession. Bobbie and Tyler both saw early shots go narrowly wide while Aiden and Teddy both had shots saved by the Ballyclare goalkeeper. Ballyclare had an early chance too as their player found themselves unmarked at the back post following an attack up the left wing. However, the shot was comfortably saved by Rueben in goals. After a series of corners the deadlock was finally broken. As the ball was cleared it fell to Bobbie in midfield who played a neat 'one two' with Tyler before placing the ball into the top corner of the goal to make it 1-0. The goal tally was doubled just a minute later. This time it was Bobbie to play Tyler through with just the keeper to beat and he slotted past the keeper into the side of the goal. With just a few minutes left, Angus Hassard received the pass from Jay on his right and made it 3-0 with delightful half-volley into the roof of the net. Full time: Fairview 3 : 0 Ballyclare



Our final match was against St. Comgall's PS who started on the front foot. Tenacious and energetic, it was clear it would be another tough game for the Fairview boys. St. Comgall's had the first real chance of the game but Jay did well to intercept just as the striker was about to shoot. Rueben Lambe made a great save with his feet a minute later from a St. Comgall's corner and we were thankful to see the resulting shot go narrowly over the bar. It was Fairview who scored the opening goal however. Receiving a pass from Bobbie, Aiden Mouatekef side-stepped his marker and poked the ball into the bottom of the net to make it 1-0. Jay Crawford made it 2-0 moments later when his strong shot deflected off the keepers glove and crossed the line. Despite the best efforts of St. Comgall's, the Fairview defence of Angus Hassard and Jay Crawford weren't going to be beaten. Fairview made it 3-0 through Teddy McGrath. His high, looping shot was parried into his own net by the keeper before Jay finished off a super performance, scoring his second of the match and making the final score 4 nil. In the closing minutes, St. Comgall's were awarded a penalty after a trip on the attacking player. However, Rueben was up to the challenge and made a great save, low to his right. Full time: Fairview 4 : 0 St. Comgall's

With one school not able to make the tournament, it meant the opportunity to bring a second team, giving more of our pupils the chance to play in a competitive tournament. The first game for the Fairview 'B' team was against Ballyclare PS. Ballyclare opened the scoring early, catching the Fairview boys cold. However, the Fairview boys rallied and played some neat passing, creating opportunities for Tom Livingston and Lucas Grimley who both saw their shots saved. Ballyclare doubled their lead soon after, the striker slotting the ball beneath the dive of Marc Agnew in nets to make it 2-0. Fairview pulled one back through Lucas Grimley. He ran on to a through ball from Tom in midfield before poking the ball past the keeper to make it 2-1. Ballyclare pushed hard and scored their third despite the despairing lunge of Connor Hanley in defence. Theo McDowell had a header go narrowly wide following a corner while Corey Crosbie saw his first time shot sail over the bar. With Fairview pushing for a goal, Ballyclare hit on the counter attack, running between the defensive pairing of Connor Hanley and Tommy Darragh and slotting home to make it 4-0. Final score: Fairview 1 : 4 Ballyclare Next up for the boys was St. Comgall's PS and this time it was Fairview who scored first. Corey Crosbie received the ball on the left and passed to Tom in midfield. He played a through ball for Lucas who struck the ball firmly

past the outstretched hands of the keeper. A few minutes later St. Comgall's equalised. Running from midfield, the St. Comgall's player sidestepped the defender and slotted past Marc's outstretched arm to make it 1-1. Fairview's next goal was almost a carbon copy of the first. Again, Tom Livingston played a super through ball behind the defence for Lucas Grimley to run through and score, making it 2-1. It was 3-1 soon after following an unfortunate OG. From a Theo McDowell corner, the St. Comgall's defender headed the ball past his own keeper. St. Comgall's pulled a goal back despite an excellent tackle from Tommy Darragh in the build up followed by a super, one handed save by Marc in nets. The ball broke to a St. Comgall's player who made no mistake from 5 yards out, making it 3-2. Fairview then scored two more goals in quick succession. Firstly, Tom intercepted a pass out from the St. Comgall's keeper and slotted the ball home to make it 4-2 before Lucas completed his hat-trick. Receiving the ball from Corey, Lucas spun and hit a fiercely struck shot off the underside of the crossbar and in. In the final seconds, St. Comgall's scored a consolation goal to make it 5-3. Final score: Fairview 5 : 3 St. Comgall's

The third and final match for the 'B' team was against Creggan PS. Buoyed by the previous win, the boys started well. Corey played a super pass to Tom who was unlucky to see his shot go wide. Theo McDowell had a shot well saved by the Creggan keeper while Lucas' header went just over the bar following Theo's corner. At the other end, Connor and Tommy were kept busy and made a number of timely tackles, ably assisted by Marc Agnew who made a number of saves and interceptions. However, the defence was finally beaten when the Creggan player found himself unmarked and was able to place the ball into the bottom corner to make it 1-0. Fairview continued to have chances to equalise. The best of these fell to Theo who ran clear of the Creggan defence but unselfishly chose to pass rather than shoot; the ball eventually cleared from danger. Creggan doubled their lead near the end, heading in from a corner on the right. Final score: Fairview 0 : 2 Creggan

A huge 'well done' to all 14 boys who played brilliantly all day, showing great determination and sportsmanship throughout.

### **Visit from NI Fire and Rescue Service**

Primary 5 enjoyed a visit from two local fire fighters who told them all about fire safety in the home. The boys and girls were given the important job of taking the message home to their families.

"We learnt that it is really important that we don't leave our devices on charge overnight as they might go on fire." Jude Forsythe P5P

"We found out that we should be testing our smoke alarm every week." Isaac Wilson P5P

"They told us about the dangers of matches and lighters. At the end of their talk, they gave us lovely activity packs about fire safety." Jude Jenkins P5McC

"The firemen told us to make sure there is only one plug in each wall socket and reminded us to put candles out and keep them away from curtains." Hayley Montgomery P5McC

### **After School Activities**

Our teacher led after school activities began again last week and will run until week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March. There will be 3 weeks of clubs after Easter. We appreciate the continued support of Mr Lewis, our Chair of Governors, in assisting with Eco Club and Carolyn Stewart, a past parent, who is one of our Scripture Union leaders. We also want to say a huge thank you to Mr Wilson who comes back each Thursday to coach our rugby squad and to Ballyclare High School who make Hollinger Park available for our rugby training and enable senior pupils to support with our Thursday after school programme. Thanks to Mrs Reid and Mrs Ennis who have got our orchestra up and running again and ready to perform at Ballyclare Festival next week.

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 have been emailed previously.

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.



## 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 is with Miss Cooke's Primary 4 class and they have been learning 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.

## Netball League

Our netball team continued their busy programme with a match against Greenisland Primary. The game was played in a great spirit, with some super netball on show from both teams. Greenisland came away with a 3-1 win, with the last score coming right on the final whistle.

Huge thanks to Mrs McQueen and Miss Dickson who have invested so much time this year giving our girls more competitive game time, all part of the amazing opportunities and experiences our pupils get in Fairview.



## School Book Fair and World Book Day

We are delighted to announce that our Book Fair arrives back in school next week. It will be open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 8.45am-9.15am and 2pm-3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. Pupils will receive their £1 voucher which they can use towards books.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is World Book Day. This year our theme is based around 'Book Heroes'. Pupils can dress up as a character from their favourite book. Please do not feel you need to go and buy costumes – just be creative with what you have at home.

# Celebrate World Book Day at Fairview 7th March 2024

Dress up as your favourite book  
character!



## EXTERNAL NEWS

### 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)**



# Autism and Fussy Eating

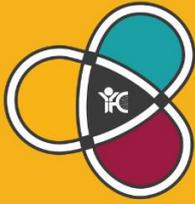
Join our session on fussy eating and autism, led by Dr Kirsty Porter a Children's Dietitian from Nutrition4kidsNI. Discover practical strategies to help master fussy eating including mealtime challenges, sensory eating and food acceptance tips.

When: Thursday 29th February, on Zoom  
Time: 10am-11.30am

To book a place call free  
0808 8020 400

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# JUNIOR DROP IN

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have fun through  
crafts, games and  
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Show times  
11am and 1pm  
followed by  
crafts and  
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**BALLYCLARE**



**BOOKING REQUIRED VIA THE QR CODE BELOW**





## Managing Screen time from Internet Matters

Are you worried your child has too much screentime or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time? Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you.

This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time based on their age:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child>

This second link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of too much screen time might be:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/>

This final link provides a guide on how to balance screen time:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/>



## Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.



### What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

### What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

### Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

### Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

## Does your child need a mobile phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find this article from Family Lives useful as it discusses things you need to consider:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/does-your-child-need-a-mobile-phone>

# Instagram

You will probably know that Instagram is used to post photos and videos, but did you know that it can also be used to message, voice/video call and send disappearing messages? Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

**You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account.** To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but it is not verified). *When you set up an account for users under 16 years old, the account is set to Private. This is the recommended setting so that your child approves who follows them and sees their content.* Even if your child's profile is private, their bio (at the top of their profile) can still be seen by **everyone**. Check they have not included personal information here e.g. they should not be wearing their school uniform in their photo.

Instagram includes several privacy settings, so go through these with your child and ensure they are set appropriately. Settings include:

- Messages/Group chats – set who can message you/add you to groups.
- Story replies – you can turn this off or choose who can message you.
- Hidden words – turn this option on to hide comments/messages that may be offensive. You can also add your own custom words or emojis.

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

## Supervision

You can set up supervision on your child's (aged 13-17) Instagram account. This gives you access to a set of tools including the ability to see who they follow/who follows them, how much time they are spending on Instagram, set a time limit and view accounts your child has blocked. Your child can also share when they have reported anything to Instagram with you. Learn more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

## Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

## Quiet mode

Your child can activate quiet mode, so they do not receive notifications (to provide less distraction whilst studying and at night time).

## How can I keep my child safe on Instagram?

The NSPCC have published a blog with everything that you need to know: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/keeping-children-safe-on-instagram/>

## More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/>
- Download a parent's guide to Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/299484113584685>

## Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

### Google Family Link

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google.com/familylink>

### Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

### Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>