

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Harvest Assembly	Friday, 11 th October
Flu Vaccination	Monday, 14 th and Tuesday, 15 th October
P6 Forest School Session 2	Friday, 18 th October
Pumpkin Patch PTA event	Saturday, 19 th October
Parent/Teacher interviews (12:30pm finish for pupils)	Tuesday, 22 nd – Thursday, 24 th October
PTA Disco	Thursday, 24 th October

Open Day

As ever, we will be hosting our Open Day on the first Wednesday in December. This year, that will be Wednesday, 4th December. If you have friends, family or neighbours with a child ready to start Primary 1 in September 2025, please let them know this date and tell them to keep the morning free. A visit to walk around our school and grounds is the best way to find out what our school is all about. Tour places will be available to book online from Friday 25th October, or by contacting the school office.



Pupil of the Month

Mr McAllister was delighted to visit assemblies last week and present some of our wonderful pupils with the Pupil of the Month certificate, sticker and pencil. The target for September was 'Making a Good Start'. As ever, this was a tough choice for all the teachers. The target for October is 'Building Independence' and this has been discussed in classrooms, with teachers sharing what they are looking for. We will be launching our new Pupil of the Month certificate in October as well, so it will be an extra special one to achieve!



Attendance

We have had a strong start back to school with overall attendance for August and September at 97.5%. Well done to all our boys and girls for being such regular attenders. Do try to have you children in school by 8.55am at the latest, with doors open from 8.45am. We know mornings can be a stressful time in many houses but being ready to start class at 8.55am is a valuable routine to establish and settles everyone for the day ahead.

I had the pleasure of visiting P3McQueen this week to present them with their attendance trophy for August/September, achieving an incredible 99.1% attendance. Well done to P1Graham/Strong who were top Junior School attenders with 98.9%. Our top attending Senior School class was P5Paul achieving 98.2% attendance.

As you know, if your child is ill, it is right and proper to keep them at home. Similarly, if your child has been vomiting, please keep them at home for 48hours. This reduces spread of any bugs around their peers and staff. Please continue to let the teacher or office know if you have a child off school.





PTA and School Fundraising Target

Although our fundraising will be used year on year to maximise school life for your child, our PTA agreed a fundraising target for the future. Plans for our new extension are well advanced and we hope to have this completed within the next few years. As the extension opens, our current mobile classrooms will be removed and replaced, if all goes to plan, with a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). As a school, we have to fund this ourselves and we are already well on the way to doing this. Over the next three years, we hope our PTA along with business support can help us reach our target.



Will you join us to run (or walk) a leg of the Belfast City Marathon in May 2025?

We want to enter up to 20 teams in next year's marathon, made up of a Fairview staff member team captain and 4 parents or friends. All participants will pay a £25 entry fee and then aim to raise as much sponsorship as possible, with all we raise going directly to the MUGA fundraising pot. This will be our first big event and we would love our whole school community to get involved. Look out for more details coming out on our Fairview Facebook page over the next couple of weeks. If you are interested then please contact Mrs Norris on fnorris303@c2ken.net

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will commence next week, with the majority being week beginning 21st October. Notes with your allocated time have now been sent home. We would ask you to do your very best to be available for the meeting or call, but if the time doesn't suit, then please contact the teacher to have it rescheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Pupils will leave school early on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October to facilitate the interviews.

- 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

Please make sure that all pupils are collected promptly on these days. Thank you. If you are booking your child into Extended After Schools on these days, you will need to purchase a school dinner or send in a packed lunch to be eaten in Extended After School club.

Half Term Disco

One of the most popular events on the school calendar, the Half Term Disco, is fast approaching!

Please note, it is on a Thursday evening again this year – your child will get a note home with further details next week. We are also offering a Sensory Disco for pupils in school who find the crowd and noise in the hall too much. This will run in advance of the whole school discos, from 5.15pm-5.35pm.

Pupils are very welcome to come in fancy dress and we always look forward to seeing a range of costumes on the evening! Thanks to all those members of the PTA and our own staff members who will be facilitating the disco. We couldn't run the evening without you!

There is an entry fee donation of £2 per child – payable at the door on the night.

Friday 25th October will be a non-uniform day in school as we finish for half term, with a £1 donation suggested for each child going towards school fund.

ASDA Cashpot

We know many of you shop in our local ASDA store. The 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative is a great way for you to support your local school simply by doing your shopping!

It is a really straight forward process. Please get involved and start raising money for Fairview. We have already over £800 raised for school. Wouldn't it be amazing to reach £1000! We know of another local school well above £1000 already...so get shopping! Please share the word, especially with our past parents and all in the local community. We would really appreciate all your support.



Fairview PTA proudly presents

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Thursday 5th December @ 7pm
at
Ballyclare Golf Club



£40 PER PERSON

Includes
light refreshments

To book your
place please email
chairfairviewpta@gmail.com

Delivered in conjunction with
Stem & Scent





FAIRVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA PRESENTS

FAIRVIEW PUMPKIN PATCH

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

From 11am - last admission 1pm

Join us for a special themed trail, crafts,
games, marshmallow toasting and scarecrow
disco all included in your ticket price.

TICKETS PRICES:
CHILDREN £10
CHILDREN (NO PUMPKIN) £7
ADULTS £3
UNDER 2 GO FREE (NO PUMPKIN)

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA SCHOOL MONEY



After School Clubs

In Fairview, we feel we offer a wide range of clubs and it has been really encouraging to see so many of our pupils getting involved with these clubs over the last weeks. This week finishes all the teacher led clubs until after half term, when there will be three more weeks before clubs stop for all our Christmas events. External clubs will continue to run based on the dates you have paid for.

Football Friendly Matches

Last Monday afternoon, Mr Kennedy travelled with a group of P6 and P7 boys to Templepatrick Primary School to take part in a number of friendly football matches. This was a great experience for our pupils, getting to play against another school in a competitive match. Altogether we had 16 boys, split into two teams. Each team played the corresponding team from Templepatrick PS twice.

The Fairview 'A' team won both their games against Templepatrick 'A' team. Goals from Aiden Mouatekef, Teddy McGrath and Thomas McNeilly secured a 3-0 win in the first game, while a single goal from Thomas McNeilly secured a 1-0 win in the second. A special mention also to Alexander Brown in goals who made a number of excellent saves to remain unbeaten all day!

The Fairview 'B' team also won both of their matches against Templepatrick 'B' team. The first game finished 4-3, with goals from Joshua Turkington (2), Alfie Hamill and Jude McQueston. In the second game Charlie Cross, Alfie Hamill, Isaac Wilson, Jace Watson and Matthew Leese all scored to secure a 5-2 win.

Well done to all the boys who took part, not just the goal-scorers. Everyone worked so well in their teams, supporting each other and giving their all. This really sets us up nicely for the year ahead.

Harvest Assembly

As a school community, we like to think about others at this Harvest time. Can we say a huge thank you to all the families who supported our collection of items for the local foodbank over the last couple days. We passed all these items on to Newtownabbey Foodbank today at our Harvest Assembly, led by Rachel and Phil from Christian Education Fellowship.

Visit to Mossley Mill for Fairview Ambassadors

Last Friday, our Fairview Ambassadors were invited to Mossley Mill to meet the Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey, Councillor Neil Kelly. Mr Mayor welcomed us into the Council Chamber where we learnt a bit about what Antrim and Newtownabbey Council do (they don't look after pot holes!) and what the role of a Councillor is. The Deputy Director of Economic Development, Mr Steven Norris, gave us some amazing facts about Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough. Did you know:

- There are 4500 businesses
- 147 000 people live in our council area
- We have 40 representatives
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council has 651 employees and a budget of over £80 million!
- Half of that budget is spent on waste!

Following questions to the Mayor, we retired to his chambers for juice and buns. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Norris and his team for organizing the visit and to the Mayor for being so kind to us and giving us so much time. It was very informative and has prepared us for our role as Ambassadors in Fairview Primary School.

Jess Dickey, Charlie Blair and Alice Montgomery





Christmas Cards

We're pleased to be partnered with Darling Stationery again this year to produce personalised Christmas cards for the children. They always print beautifully and parents have been very pleased in the past.

Over the last couple of weeks, your child has been working hard in school to create their own unique little Christmas card. These will be sent home on Monday 14th October for you to view. If you'd like to purchase these cards, please fill in the amount of packs on the order form and return to school by Friday 18th October. This year we will be using our School Money payment system rather than cash. Please ensure payment is made by Friday too, as only paid orders will be sent to the printers.

We aim to have the cards returned to school and home with the children by mid-November.

A few reminders...

In Fairview, our pupils are always at the centre of all we do. We need to keep them safe and we need your help with a few matters:

- We have noticed a number of products containing nuts being sent in lunchboxes. Please avoid this, even if you are not aware of a nut allergy in your child's class. We have a large number of pupils with nut allergies in school and we need to limit the risk of exposure to nut products
- There continues to be parents entering the school grounds for drop off and pick up. Once again this week, a child was almost knocked down as a parent reversed out having parked in the school grounds. We kindly request that no parents drive in through the front gates at any time
- Dogs should not be on the school site, even on a lead.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Safeguarding

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

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Miss Earls
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Mrs Craig
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.



EXTERNAL NEWS

GIRLS ONLY TRAINING SESSIONS ⚽

Announcing our first block! 😊

📅 Every Friday

🕒 5-6pm

⚽ Ages 6-12

📍 Dixon Park, Ballyclare

☑️ Girls

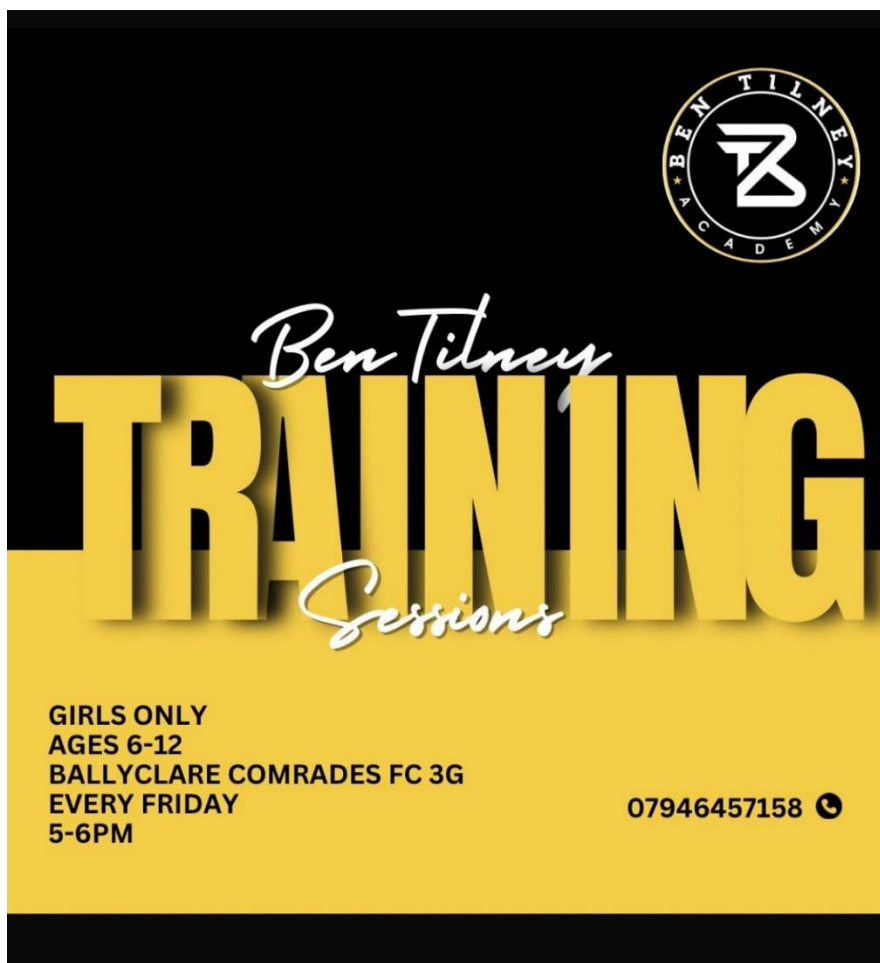
This service focuses on creating a fun and pressure-free environment where young players can explore their passion for the game. We prioritise enjoyment and personal development over competition, encouraging players to express themselves on the field, make new friends, and learn essential skills at their own pace.

📖 This programme will be coached by fully qualified coaches, Ben Tilney and Zoë Tisdale, who has a wealth of experience within the women's game and can't wait to help all the young girls on their footballing journey

For more information please message Ben on 07946457158

To book onto the Training Sessions Programme click the link 🖱️

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cCwZVM8VRrkPZEMp99IMvISq7DCGHBKGrM6vL8NFqxI/viewform>



The poster features a black background with a yellow bottom section. In the top right corner is the Ben Tilney Academy logo, a circular emblem with 'BEN TILNEY' at the top and 'ACADEMY' at the bottom, surrounding a stylized 'B' and 'T' monogram. The name 'Ben Tilney' is written in a white cursive font across the middle. Below it, the word 'TRAINING' is written in large, bold, yellow 3D block letters. Underneath 'TRAINING', the word 'Sessions' is written in a white cursive font. In the bottom left corner, the text 'GIRLS ONLY', 'AGES 6-12', 'BALLYCLARE COMRADES FC 3G', 'EVERY FRIDAY', and '5-6PM' is listed in white. In the bottom right corner, the phone number '07946457158' is displayed next to a WhatsApp icon.

