

# NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

P6E visit to NI War Memorial Museum	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November
P6B visit to NI War Memorial Museum	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November
P6McI visit to NI War Memorial Museum	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Primary 6 Forest School Day 3	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Day Parade with Wreath Laying	Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Day Assembly	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
PTA Meeting	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Primary 6 Forest School Day 4	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November
SEAG Test 1	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November
P6 'Hot Chocolate and Buns' sale for Hope 365	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
SEAG Test 2	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Infant Concert (P1-P2) 9:30am	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Junior Concert (P3-P4) 9:30am	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Infant Concert (P1-P2) 7:00pm	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Junior Concert (P3-P4) 7:00pm	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November
P1-P3 Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November
Grandparents Concert (P1-P2)	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Open Day	Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December
P4-P7 Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December
PTA Wreath Making evening	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Assembly	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December
P1-P3 Panto trip	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Senior Concert (P5-P6) 7:00pm	Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December
P7 MAC Theatre visit	Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Senior Concert (P5-P6) 9:30am	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December
P4 Panto trip	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December
P7 visit to Ballyclare Secondary School performance of The Wizard of Oz	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Fairview Christmas Trail	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December

## Half Term

As we approach this first half term of the school year, I want to say how well all our boys and girls have done since they returned to school at the end of August! This has been a long half term and we can see that everyone is now ready for a break! Well done to all our pupils from P1-P7 for working so hard and making a great start to this new school year. I hope all our families can now take a bit of time to recharge and get ready for returning to school after the break, into the excitement of Christmas preparations for P1-P6, and final SEAG preparations for many of our P7 pupils. I look forward to seeing everyone back, ready and refreshed for the run into the festive period on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## Fairview's First Ever Pumpkin Patch!

On Saturday, we hosted our first ever Pumpkin Patch in school. Between the storms of last weekend, the sun shone brightly and gave us the nicest autumnal day. Our school grounds were beautifully decorated with harvest decorations and there was a brilliant trail set up before pupils entered the patch to pick their own pumpkin. Children were treated to hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows while the adults were able to sit and have a chat. Many thanks to our wonderful PTA who organised this fabulous event. To everyone who made resources, bought pumpkins and volunteered their time on Saturday, this event wouldn't have happened without you. We hope you all have fun carving your pumpkins over half term!



## Parent Teacher Interviews

This week we have had our Parent Teacher Interviews. Thank you to those parents/carers who either attended in person or took a phone call to discuss their child's progress in school so far this year. The next scheduled set of interviews will be just prior to the half term in February but please remember that phone calls or meetings can be arranged between now and then, if you have something which you wish to discuss with the teacher.

## Open Day

As ever, we will be hosting our Open Day on the first Wednesday in December. This year, that will be Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you have friends, family or neighbours with a child ready to start Primary 1 in August 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 today using the QR code below, or by contacting the school office.

Each tour will be led by one of our staff members. We encourage you to bring your preschool child along, accompanied by a maximum of 2 adults. Please do take a look at our Facebook page and website for more details, including our amazing promotional video. We feel it showcases all that is great about Fairview! Do share the Open Day posts widely on your own social platforms so the message is seen by the whole Greater Ballyclare community...you could even add a comment to encourage some new families to join us in August 2025! It is that personal touch that makes all the difference.



**Fairview Primary School**

# OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 4th December**

Come and get a taste of life in  
Fairview Primary School



Book a space on one of our tours by scanning the QR code,  
visiting the Facebook page or website or by contacting the  
school office on: 02893352094

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### **Half Term Disco**

We had a few sleepy pupils in school today after a late night at the Half Term Disco on Thursday evening. Can I say a huge thank you to our PTA team, led by Emma Armstrong, for organizing the evening. The hall looked great, but not as great as some of our pupils and their amazing outfits! A lot of effort has gone into the preparation and it was well worth it! As ever, the tuck shop queue was the place to be in all the discos!

We continued with our Sensory Disco on the night and this proved to be a huge success, enabling some pupils who may not have been able to come to the other discos to join in the fun. All three main discos were well attended, making this another important fundraiser for our PTA. We will confirm how much we raised after half term. Take a look at Fairview Facebook for some pictures from the evening.

### **AR Success**

Our Accelerated Reader programme in P4-P7 is a hugely popular way to get children reading. Already this year, we have three millionaires. Well done to Eva in P6E, Orin in P7N and to Sophia in P4C. Our first competition of the year was linked to our wonderful Pumpkin Patch, with Elle in P6McI winning a family ticket to the event, after filling her bookmark with 100% tests! Great reading Elle. We hope you enjoyed the event.

### **ASDA Cashpot**

We know many of you shop in our local ASDA store. The 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative is an amazing 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 £1000 raised for school.

Please share the word, especially with our past parents and all in the local community. We would really appreciate all your support.

### **Lost Property**

We have huge amounts of lost property gathered up since the start of this school year. Anything named has been returned to its owner. We put some photos of the items on Facebook, and many of them are on a table at the front door for parents to claim as they come for interviews. All pupils have been shown the items but no one seems to own any! If your child has lost a coat, jumper, cardigan or even football boots, please call to the school office and take a look. Any remaining items after the first week back in November will go to our 'Bags2School' collection.

### **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 first half term. Our teacher led clubs will return again 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.

### **Visit to BHS for 'The Addams Family' Performance**

Our P7 year group were invited to Ballyclare High School this week to see their performance of The Addams Family. What a wonderful show it was! The acting, singing, dancing and music was akin to a Broadway Musical, such was the quality! It was also lovely to see so many of our past pupils on stage in lead and supporting roles or in the choir ensemble. We want to thank Ballyclare High School for their kind invitation to attend, all of our pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the production.

"I loved the show. My favourite part was when Fester sang about falling in love with the moon." Holly P7K

"My favourite character was the Grandma because I loved how she acted and how she talked. She was really funny." Aaron P7K

















## TTRS 'Ireland Rocks' Competition

Last week some of our pupils from P4-P7 took part in the 'Ireland Rocks' competition - a times tables competition run by the internationally renowned, award-winning app and learning platform, Times Tables Rock Stars. The competition was fierce with over 14 million questions answered collectively by over 17,000 pupils from around the whole of Ireland; North and South!

As a school we placed 102nd out of 284 schools who took part and P7K was the best performing class, finishing in 99th place out of 1130 classes altogether. This year our top performing pupil was Louis from P7K who finished in 27th place overall out of 17,012 pupils who participated, answering 11,341 questions in the allotted 3 hours! This is an incredible achievement Louis, well done! The second best performance in school was by Isla in P7K, followed by Megan in P7N. Well done to everyone who took part.

"It was such a great feeling seeing my name moving up the leaderboard. I'm really happy I finished in 27<sup>th</sup> place out of so many pupils." Louis P7K

"The competition was fun getting to compete with other pupils around Ireland. I think it helped me to become faster at my tables." Isla P7K

"It was fun competing against other people. I'm proud that I was the best performer in my class." Megan P7N



## Ballyclare and District Football Tournament

Last Wednesday the senior football team walked the short distance to the 3G pitch at Dixon Park to participate in the first Ballyclare and District 7-a-side football tournament of the year. In our first game we were drawn to play Ballynure PS. The Fairview boys started strongly and were soon 2-0 up, both goals coming from Aiden Mouatekef after super through balls from Jude Forsythe in midfield. Ballynure had a shot comfortably saved by Alexander Brown in goal while the defensive duo of Araron Hawe and Hunter Moore thwarted any further opportunities. Jude Forsythe received a cross from Teddy McGrath which he quickly dispatched to make it 3-0 before Teddy scored one for himself to make it 4-0. It was the turn of Aiden Mouatekef to complete his hat-trick with a neat turn and shot before making it 6-0 with his 4<sup>th</sup> of the day. Thomas McNeilly and Jude Forsythe saw efforts go wide of the target before Aiden had another shot well-saved by the Ballynure keeper. Not to be outdone, Teddy McGrath scored another 2 goals to complete his own hat-trick before Thomas McNeilly got in on the action to make it 9-0 after a clever pass from sub Charlie Cross now playing in defence. Teddy rounded off a commanding 10-0 by scoring his 4<sup>th</sup> of the day.

Our second game was a much tighter match against Templepatrick PS. Fairview started brightly and created early chances for both Aiden and Teddy which were well saved. Thomas saw his shot go narrowly over the bar while Jude tried his luck from distance which went narrowly wide. Fairview did however take the lead through Aiden Mouatekef. Receiving the ball from Teddy McGrath after a short corner, Aiden side-stepped his marker before striking the ball into the bottom corner of the goal to make it 1-0. Templepatrick pushed for an equaliser and had a few chances of their own. Again, the defensive duo of Hunter Moore and Aaron Hawe blocked most attacks at source and on the rare occasion Templepatrick broke through, Alexander was there to make the save. With only a few minutes left, the ball was played into the box by Templepatrick, but the Fairview defensive tackle was adjudged to be a foul and the referee awarded the penalty which the Templepatrick player confidently dispatched past the outstretched arm of Alexander in goals to make the final score 1-1.

In our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final game of the day against Kilbride PS, it was Aiden Mouatekef who again opened the scoring after super passing and build up play from the midfield. Thomas picked the ball up from Aaron before playing a quick 'pass and go' with Jude in the middle. His cross was picked up by Teddy on the far side who played the ball through to Aiden to squeeze the ball past the Kilbride goalkeeper to make it 1-0. Again, the Kilbride team had chances of their own and kept the Fairview defenders Aaron Hawe, Hunter Moore and Charlie Cross busy. Alexander Brown was again immense in goals and pulled off a number of super saves and interceptions to maintain the 1-0 lead. However, Fairview's persistence paid off and the lead was soon doubled. This time it was Jude Forsythe, bursting from his midfield role who side-stepped the defender and struck the ball high into the Kilbride net to round off a 2-0 win.

Well done to all the boys who played brilliantly all day and a special thanks to Miss Earls who accompanied the boys on the day and even treated them to hot chocolate on their way back!





### P7 Visits to Sentry Hill

Over the last couple of weeks, the 3 P7 classes visited Sentry Hill Victorian Homestead situated just outside Carnmoney. Here the pupils were given a guided tour of the house and found out about the McKinney family who used to live there. They saw furniture and items dating back to the Victorian era and heard stories about life dating back over the past 150 years. They also had the opportunity to visit the schoolroom to see many Victorian artefacts, toys and items of clothing.

"I really enjoyed the trip to Sentry Hill. My favourite part was getting to play with the old toys . My favourite was the 'Jack in the Box'." Thomas P7K

"I learned that the Scullery Maid was only paid 10p per year. My favourite part was seeing all the artefacts, especially the taxidermy in the upstairs room." Sarah P7K



## 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.





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](mailto:chairfairviewpta@gmail.com)

Delivered in conjunction with  
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# FAIRVIEW FESTIVE TRAIL

12th & 13th December

This year sees the return of our magical winter wonderland. Take a wander down Candy Cane Lane and weave your way through our enchanting trail of fairy lights and more. Not forgetting to toast a marshmallow and visit Santa on your way.

Ticket includes:  
Santa gift for kids  
Toast a marshmallow  
Pick a candy cane

Enjoy a hot drink and Christmas treat

Children £12

Adults £10

Family Ticket £30

(includes 2 adults and 2 children)

Food will be available to buy each night.

Tickets coming soon!

Fairview Primary School, Hillmount Avenue, Ballyclare





**LOOKING  
FOR AGE 4 -11  
CHILDCARE  
this half term?**

We have SPACES for  
full day care, 8AM-6PM

no minimum no of days **£50 per day** Snacks included,  
pack lunch to be  
supplied.

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