

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

School finishes for half term break (2pm)	Friday, 24 th October 2:00pm
School returns following half term break	Monday, 3 rd November
Remembrance Day Parade and Wreath Laying	Sunday, 9 th November
Remembrance Day Assembly with RBL	Monday, 10 th November
Being a Good Friend Week	Monday, 10 th – Friday, 14 th November
Last day of P5 swimming	Tuesday, 11 th November
Primary 6 Forest School	Friday, 14 th November
P6 Charity 'Hot Chocolate and Buns' sale	Friday, 21 st November
Infant Christmas Concert (P1-P2)	Tuesday, 25 th November 9:30am Wednesday, 26 th November 7:00pm
Junior Christmas Concert (P3-P4)	Wednesday, 26 th November 9:30am Thursday, 27 th November 7:00pm
Grandparents' Concert (P1-P2)	Friday, 28 th November 9:30am
Open Day for Prospective Parents	Wednesday, 3 rd December
Christmas Fair	Friday, 5 th December 5:30pm
Senior Christmas Concert (P5-P6)	Tuesday, 9 th December 9:30am Wednesday, 10 th December 7:00pm

Open Day

As ever, we will be hosting our Open Day on the first Wednesday in December. This year, that will be Wednesday, 3rd December. If you have friends, family or neighbours with a child ready to start Primary 1 in September 2026, 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 are now available to book online, or by contacting the school office. There will be a limited number of families on each tour, 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 September 2026! It is that personal touch that makes all the difference.

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.

Christmas Concerts

Our tickets for all our Christmas Performances are selling fast on SchoolMoney.

- Evening performances for all year groups are nearly sold out
- We still have good availability for all the morning shows except for the Grandparents Concert (P1&P2) which is now sold out

After School Clubs

In Fairview, 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 during the first half term. After half term, teacher led clubs will return for 3 more weeks. The final week for teacher led clubs will be week beginning 17th November. External clubs will continue to run based on the dates you have paid for.





Fairview Primary School

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 3rd 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,
contacting the office or visit our
Facebook page or website



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 www.fairviewps.co.uk



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Pumpkin Carving House Competition

This week we held our inaugural Pumpkin Carving House Competition and the creativity on display was truly spooktacular!

Pupils across all year groups impressed the judges, Mr McAllister and Mrs Norris, with their imaginative designs and carving skills. The Year Group winners were:

P4 – James Armstrong, Noah Holmes, Jaxon Wallace, and Hadley Lismore;

P5 – Sarah Baird, Luke Elliott, and Isla Magill and Dalen Frizzell;

P6 – Corey McCreery, Isla Simpson, and Jack Beattie;

P7 – Hayley Montgomery, Lily Andrews, and Martha Houston.

After much deliberation, we decided that there would be 3 overall winners, who were announced as Jack (P6E), Noah (P4M), and Luke (P5McC), each earning 10 House Points for their Houses. All Year Group winners also received 3 House Points each for their fantastic efforts. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make this year's competition such a frightfully fun success!

Pupil of the Month

Mr McAllister is looking forward to visiting classrooms after half term to present some of our wonderful pupils with the Pupil of the Month certificate, sticker and pencil. The target for October was Building Independence. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for some photos.

We adapted our Pupil of the Month targets this year to reflect our new Core Values in school.

Our target for November will be:

We show: Kindness

Kindness as one of our Core Values is perfect for November, complementing our 'Being a Good Friend' week. The Core Value is based around treating others as we would like to be treated. All classes will be thinking about what it is to be a good friend and talking about ways we can show this as we interact with others in school, and indeed outside of school.

Visit to BHS for The Wizard of Oz

On Wednesday morning, Primary 7 were invited to attend the Ballyclare High School production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. We always look forward to seeing the productions and introducing our children to the musical and drama influences within the school. Each year our children are buzzing with excitement after watching the productions.

This year we were all blown away by the outstanding acting and singing of such a well chosen cast. It was so lovely to be able to see our past pupils showcasing their wonderful talents. Not only as actors or musicians but also as stage management, lights, props and sounds.

Our pupils were mesmerized by the performance and how beautiful the singing was by all the cast. Here are some of our pupils' thoughts:

Martha Houston

"The High School performance was artistic and full of emotion!"

Jack Clarke

"Having a real dog on the stage was funny and the actors really became the characters!"

James Robinson

"I really liked The Wizard of Oz. The set changing and props were atmospheric!"

Cassie Magill

" It was so good. I loved the dancers and the dog!"

Remembrance Day Poppies

The Royal British Legion has once again left in a box of their poppies along with a small box of stationery items. There is no price as such for the poppies or stationery but rather a suitable donation is appreciated. These have been around school this week and will continue on Monday when we come return after the half term break. Please do be generous as we support this most worthy cause. As ever, three P7 pupils will be accompanied by Mr McAllister and Mrs Norris for the parade and wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday.





TTRS 'Ireland Rocks' Competition

Last week some of our pupils from P5-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 17,500 pupils from around the whole of Ireland; North and South!

As a school we placed 32nd out of 281 schools who took part based on total questions answered. P7K was the best performing class, finishing in 89th place out of 1206 classes altogether. This year our top performing pupil was Audrey from P7K who answered 8,832 questions in the allotted 3 hours! This is an incredible achievement Audrey, well done! The second-best performance in school was by Miles in P5D, followed by Marshall in P5D. Well done to everyone who took part.

"I really enjoyed the TTRS competition. I loved seeing myself getting higher and higher on our school leaderboard. I hope we do more later in the year." Audrey P7K

"I really enjoyed playing against P5, P6 and P7 in my first ever TTRS competition. It was so much fun playing against other schools too!" Miles P5D

"I really loved participating in the TTRS competition this week. It helped me with my tables and I enjoyed playing against my other school friends." Marshall P5D

P7 Girls Hockey Blitz at Parkhall Integrated

On Wednesday 8th October, the P7 girls' hockey team enjoyed an outstanding day of sport at Parkhall Integrated College. Demonstrating excellent teamwork, sharp communication, unwavering determination, and a brilliant attitude; the girls dominated the tournament, winning every match they played!

The dry weather added to the excitement, allowing the girls to focus fully on their game. Their energy and enthusiasm were evident from the first whistle to the final goal, with impressive skill shown in every play. Across the blitz, the team netted 10 goals and didn't concede a single one. A remarkable achievement that highlights their strength both in attack and defence!

A big thank you goes to all the parents, grandparents, and staff who came along to support the team. Your encouragement helped create a fantastic atmosphere and made the day even more memorable. With this being only their second blitz of the season, it's clear the team is off to a flying start. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

Tournament Results:

Vs Gracehill PS: 2-0 Win
Holly Vance (1) Heidi Hassard (1)
Vs The Thompson 1 PS: 1-0 Win
Heidi Hassard (1)
Vs Camphill PS: 2-0 Win
Heidi Hassard (1) Rosanna McNeilly (1)
Vs Kells and Connor 2 PS: 3-0 Win
Heidi Hassard (2) Martha Houston (1)
Vs Broughshane 2 PS: 1-0 Win
Heidi Hassard (1)
Vs Clough 1 PS: 1-0 Win
Heidi Hassard (1)



PTA and School Fundraising Target

Although our fundraising will be used year on year to maximise school life for your child, our PTA continues to work towards a fundraising target for the future. Plans for our new extension are now complete and awaiting funding from the Department of Education. We remain hopeful this will commence in the near future and be 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 five years, we hope our PTA, along with business support, can help us reach our target. So...

Will you join us to run a leg of the Belfast City Marathon in May 2026?

This was a huge success last year and will be even bigger this year! We are almost at 10 teams in next year's marathon, made up of a Fairview staff member team captain and 4 parents or friends. All participants will aim to raise as much sponsorship as possible, with all we raise going directly to the MUGA fundraising pot. We would love our whole school community to get involved...please don't be shy and be prepared for Mrs Norris to approach you with a clipboard to sign you up – if she hasn't already!!



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.

SAVE THE DATE



Fairview Primary School PTA

Christmas

WREATH MAKING
WORKSHOP

25TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM

AT BALLYCLARE GOLF CLUB

£40 PER PERSON

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

BOOKING DETAILS

COMING SOON

DELIVERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH STEM & SCENT





BALLYLINNEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LIGHT PARTY

SAT 1ST NOVEMBER | 6:30PM- 8PM
BALLYLINNEY CHURCH HALLS

FOR EVERYONE P1 - P7

JOHN 8:12

Bible story | craft | games |
songs | quiz | food

SIGN UP
HERE



www.ballylinneypc.co.uk

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



HALLOWEEN FOOTBALL



CAMP

DATE : 27/28/29th OCT 2025
TIME : 10am - 1pm
PLACE : DIXON PARK, B'CLARE

BOYS AND GIRLS FROM P1-P7
UEFA A & B LICENSE COACHES



TO REGISTER:

email mcclurgj1988@icloud.com
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Whatsapp 07850157960 to
request a registration form






Love & Light Yoga
 40 The Square
 Ballyclare

£20
SUITABLE
AGES 4+

FANCY DRESS YOGA PARTY

**YOGA, PARTY GAMES
& SPOOKY FUN**

27TH OCTOBER
10AM - 12PM




Love & Light Yoga
 40 The Square
 Ballyclare

£20
SUITABLE
AGES 6+

Yoga, Dancing & Sweet Treats

K-Pop Demon Hunters

27th Oct & 7th Nov
6pm - 8pm

Yoga & Dance Party

Burnside community group

Special Event

Friday 31st October

2-3pm

In Ballyclare Town Hall



Booking Essential , This is a Ticketed Event

Suitable for Nursery -Primary 5

£6 pp

Contact 07977945603 to Book



Ballyclare Nursery School 'Open Afternoon' 25

Monday 8th December 3:30-4:30pm

Come and have a look at our beautiful new school building!

If your child will be 3 on or before 1st July 2026 then you need to apply online for their pre-school nursery place this coming January!

Online applications will open at the beginning of January- keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updated information!

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Have a look on our website for information about applying for a place in our school.

Go to the 'Parents and Carers' tab- and click 'Admissions Information'.

For more information on the Education Authority website and to apply online in January :

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

