

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Primary 7 pupils post primary schools confirmed	Saturday, 9 th May
Assembly with Ballylinney Presbyterian	Monday, 11 th May
Primary 7 Bee Safe Day	Monday, 11 th May
Primary 7 Resident Parent Meeting, 7pm	Tuesday, 12 th May
Sports Day	Wednesday, 13 th May
Primary 2 visit to Balmoral Show	Friday, 15 th May
Ballyclare May Fair Parade (Ambassadors and Eco Committee)	Saturday, 16 th May
Assembly with Stephen Blair (Shining Lights)	Monday, 18 th May
Choir at May Fair Community Event, 7pm	Monday, 18 th May
SEAG Registration opens	Monday, 18 th May
May Fair Day, 12.30pm finish	Tuesday, 19 th May
Primary 1 August 2026 Induction Afternoon	Thursday, 21 st May
Pupils finish for Mid Term Break, 2pm	Friday, 22 nd May
It's a Knockout Community Event – Leisure Centre Football Pitch (Come and Support us)	Friday, 22 nd May
May Fair 5K and 10K Road Race	Saturday, 23 rd May
Pupils return to school	Monday, 1 st June
Assembly with CEF	Monday, 1 st June
Primary 4C trip to Tayto Factory	Monday, 1 st June
Primary 4E trip to Tayto Factory	Tuesday, 2 nd June
Primary 7 residential trip to York	Tuesday, 2 nd – Friday, 5 th June
Stand by Me visit to Primary 6	Thursday, 4 th June
Assembly with Church of Ireland	Monday, 8 th June
Primary 1 trip to Streamvale Farm	Tuesday, 9 th June
Primary 4M trip to Tayto Factory	Tuesday, 9 th June
Primary 7 Business Day	Wednesday, 10 th June
Summer Fair	Friday, 12 th June
Great Science Share	Tuesday, 16 th June
Primary 5 trip to Breckenhill	Wednesday, 17 th June
Primary 7 Awards Assembly	Wednesday, 24 th June
Primary 7 Leavers' Celebration	Thursday, 25 th June
Primary 7 last day, 12noon finish	Friday, 26 th June

Fairview's BIG Announcement!

Last week, we received the most wonderful news from our Education Minister, Mr Paul Givan. Minister Givan was visiting us for the third time this year, and the second time in a week! Mr Givan and the Department of Education has officially given the go-ahead for Fairview's School Enhancement Project (SEP). This exciting development will bring a brand-new 10 classroom extension to the school, creating improved learning spaces for all our students.

Although we make the best of the accommodation we currently have, this announcement means we'll soon be saying goodbye to mobile classrooms for good! A big step forward for Fairview and a fantastic investment in the future of our pupils.

We thank Minister Givan for signing off on this project and for the time he has taken visiting our school and listening to all the difficulties we have shared about the current inadequate accommodation, as well as our plans for Fairview going forward. It is also important we thank two of our MLAs who have pushed our case behind the scenes and promoted investment in not only Fairview but also our friends in Ballyclare Primary. Thank you to Pam Cameron and Trevor Clarke for all your support of Ballyclare.



I am sure many of you saw us on UTV live last Wednesday, but if not take a look at our Facebook page and hear from some of our pupils about their thoughts on this wonderful announcement!

Now that our new extension has received its funding and is all systems go, we are hoping to add a MUGA (multi use games area) to our grounds following the build. The MUGA will go where the majority of the mobile classrooms are currently sited. To enable us to carry out this project, we need to fundraise for it and we have been doing this steadily for the last two years. With the extension now a reality, that means our MUGA is not too far away. This will be a game changer for sport in Fairview.



Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on Wednesday, 13th May at Hollinger Park on the Rashee Road.

The junior event, P1-P3, will be held first at 9:30am – 11:45am. P1-P3 will be dismissed from the field to parents and carers at 11:45am. Please note this earlier finishing time for our junior pupils. After school provision **will** be available and should be booked via the School Money app.

The senior event, P4-P7, will run from 12:20pm – 3:00pm. Canteen will be available for senior pupils if required, booking as normal through the School Money app.

A more detailed letter with arrangements has been shared by Mrs McQueen this week. We anticipate an enjoyable day for all and hope the weather plays its part – our weather app looks reasonably positive...potential for showers but not too heavy! If the weather does pick up, please ensure children have suncream applied before coming to school. In the event of poor weather, Thursday 14th May has been allocated as a back-up.

Please note that car parking will be prohibited along the Rashee Road at Hollinger Park and the entrance road to Readers Park. Police will be onsite to enforce this so we ask for your cooperation. We ask that you are respectful of local residents when parking.

Finally and in sincere anticipation, we would be grateful if you can spare 30 mins when you are there for sports day to help out. It could be selling teas/coffees/buns/ice cream or hotdogs or maybe a shift on the BBQ....

If you could help out for a short time then please click on the link below...

<https://forms.gle/PTWdCxAy5LYDiuYGA>

You will not miss your child's race. You can leave your job to watch at their time.

Prior Notice – P1 Parents

You will all remember coming along for your child's induction afternoon last May. It is now time for us to plan for the new P1s who will be starting with us at the end of August, with places already confirmed with prospective pupils and parents. In order to facilitate the induction afternoon, your child/children will leave school on **Thursday, 21st May at 12.30pm**. Lunches will be served as usual and pupils will leave by their usual gate.

April Attendance

Our overall school attendance for this school year so far is 94.4%, down slightly on this time last year. 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.

It is of course right and proper that you keep your child at home when they are unwell. If we can stop the spread, fewer children will have to take time off. If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea, please ensure it is 48 hours before returning to school.

The overall April attendance was slightly above our overall average at 95.0%. Well done to P5H/S who won the attendance trophy for April with an excellent 98.3%. The Senior School attendance award went to P5D with 97.4% and the Junior School attendance award went to P2J with 96.7%.

Ballyclare May Fair Fun!

Ballyclare May Fair provides us as a school with many opportunities to get involved in local community events and celebrations. We will once again this year be taking part in 'It's a Knockout' on the Friday evening. We valued your support last year and we hope you will come down again to cheer us on this year.

Our Fairview Ambassadors and Eco Committee will be representing the school in the May Fair Mayor's Parade on Saturday, 16th May. Some of our staff and pupils will be running in the Co. Antrim Harriers 5K and 10K races the following Saturday morning.

Post Primary Admissions Confirmed for Primary 7 Pupils

An email will be issued on the morning of Saturday 9 May (tomorrow), notifying Primary 7 parents of the outcome of their child's application. An email was issued on Friday 2 May to parents who applied online to advise you of this arrangement. Parents DO NOT need to log in to the online portal on this date to find out the outcome of the application.

An Admissions Helpdesk will be operating from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 9 May to assist parents who require support and to answer queries that cannot be clarified by the information on the EA website. Phone 028 9047 0177 or email:

- postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

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.



Colour Run

We have had such an incredible evening at our Colour Run event. Our school grounds were buzzing last Thursday evening with so much joy and excitement. What could be better than having colourful powder paint thrown at you while you enjoy an evening with family and friends? There was fun for all the family and what a fantastic way to bring in the summer term.

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning, preparing and running of this event. So much effort goes in to making magical memories for our children and their families. We are so lucky to have our Fairview family and beyond.



A special mention goes to our wonderful Fairview PS PTA who consistently support our school and its exciting plans. As ever, all money raised though this event will go straight back into equipment and facilities for your child.



Thank you to Claire Sempey from Razzle Dazzle Dance for helping everyone warm up before their run and getting everyone dancing throughout the night.



Marathon

WOW! What a day at Belfast City Marathon! We had 10 teams running in the relay last Sunday in Belfast, as well as two incredible athletes running the whole thing! That's over 50 members of our Fairview Family!! Each and every one of our volunteers did incredibly well and it makes us all so proud to be part of such an amazing school community. Can I say a huge thank you to all the staff, parents and friends who signed up to be part of a team, we could not have done this without you. Can I also say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support on the day, your cheers and smiles were so appreciated and gave all the runners and extra boost of energy – I know I needed that boost!

THANK YOU especially for all the kind donations to our marathon fundraiser in aid of our MUGA (Multi-Use Games Arena). We have been blown away by everyone's generosity. We set a target of £5000 and we have far surpassed this already. Thank you.

And finally....it is our plan to run once again next year. We hope all this year's runners will go again, and I know there are lots more parents and friends out there who would love to join us. Mrs Norris will be looking for names in the new school year. Don't be shy! You can do it!

Girls Football Blitz

Well done to our P7 girls who took part in a football blitz on Wednesday 22nd April at Dixon Park. Organised by James Goodman from the IFA and Samuel McIlveen Coaching, our 2 teams of girls played matches against Templepatrick, Mossley, St Bernards and Ballyclare Primary.

Our Red squad were unbeaten on the day, with Emily and Martha attacking and scoring several impressive goals each. Isla and Imogen were strong in defence, making well timed tackles and well-placed passes - Imogen also got on the scoresheet and Isla also came very close. Faith had an outstanding stint in goals, making a number of diving saves. Her distribution to Emily and Martha was sharp and ensured we were quickly back on the attack.

Our Navy squad included some girls who hadn't played matches before and their effort and attitude was superb. Josie and Sophie both had excellent spells in nets, bravely blocking many shots. Stevie, Daliah and Leah worked hard in defence, clearing the ball and getting us back up the pitch. Esmi and Arabella both scored some great goals and had a number of shots saved by some excellent opposing goalkeepers.

The girls all worked hard and played some fantastic football; it was great to see their confidence grow as the matches progressed. We played some tough opposition and the girls' teamwork, communication and resilience was great to see.

With over 30 P6 and P7 girls regularly attending football training on a Friday afternoon, it is great to see the girls' game continue to grow and our Fairview girls representing the school so well. A special word of thanks also to Mrs Victoria Houston who gives of her time every Friday afternoon to help coach our girls. Her efforts are clearly paying off.

Job Opportunity

Cleaner (Job Reference: 26003113)

Primary Location : Fairview Primary School

Contract Type : Permanent

Status : Part-Time

Hours per Week : 11.25 hours per week.

Working Pattern : Monday - Friday 2.00pm - 4.15pm

Grade/Scale : £13.6288 - £14.2897 per hour

Closing Date : 19/05/2026 at 11.59PM

To apply please click on the link below;

<https://eani.taleo.net/careersection/jobdetail.ftl?job=26003113&lang=en>







Dr Bike visit to Fairview

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Beverley from Sustrans to our school as part of our Dr Bike initiative. Pupils who brought their bikes along received a free maintenance check, with minor repairs carried out, chains oiled and tyres pumped—perfectly preparing them for the summer months ahead.

This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to ensure their bikes are safe and ready to enjoy during the brighter evenings and better weather. Our sincere thanks to Beverley for her time and expertise. Keep an eye out for more cycling related initiatives taking place later this term.



Primary 6 Viking Trip

Primary 6 had a brilliant day out at their Viking workshop in North Down Museum, Bangor.

Dressed in fantastic Viking costumes, the children learnt all about the Vikings' heritage in Northern Ireland and even got to experience what a real Viking Longhouse would have been like. For a short time, we became archaeologists and excavated sand to find hidden artefacts. The children even got to have a go at making their own Viking brooches from clay, designing them using a variety of different tools. It was a very enjoyable and educational day out for all involved.



Netball Success

This week, our netball squad continued their league success with another unbeaten round and they will now progress to the NI Finals later in June.

The girls played exceptionally well, scoring at will and conceding nothing until the final game. The fact our girls were so far ahead is testament to the coaching all year from Mrs McQueen and Miss Dickson.

There were so many stand out performances, with Emily scoring countless goals and Audrey not being far behind. Rosanna was full of energy up and down the pitch, helping our team move from defence to attack at lightning speed. Isla and Hannah were so solid in more holding roles, with Kaya, Jessica, Molly and Darcy slotting in expertly when called upon.

The girls can be exceptionally proud of their team play, attitude and outstanding ability. The squad is certainly in good shape for the NI finals!



Rugby

The P7 rugby squad had an amazing day at Carrick RFC last Friday, playing in the glorious sunshine! They played matches against Carrick Model, Ballyclare Primary, Templepatrick Primary and Stranmillis Primary.

It was a fantastic opportunity to put our contact skills into action with lots of tackles and tries!

Huge thanks to everyone at Ulster Rugby for organising such a brilliant day!



Primary 6 Residential to Greenhill YMCA

Our Primary 6 year group travelled to Newcastle Co. Down for their residential trip last week. The party of 74 pupils and 8 staff enjoyed a range of activities, as well as lots of good food, fun and friendship.

The pupils were split into eight groups and each group got to have a go at 6 different activities. We went to the Tullybranigan River running off Slieve Donard to do some bouldering, a fantastic activity and made all the more exciting with a few deep plunge pools to wade through! We did paddleboarding on the Shimna River in the centre of Newcastle. Onsite, pupils had a go at abseiling, team ropes course, zip line and archery tag in the forest (a favourite activity for many). For most pupils, these activities were completely new but many pushed their boundaries to have a go at something that terrified them!



As always, the food was excellent and plenty of it! Each group was on duty for one of the meal times and had the job of clearing tables, scraping plates and cleaning up after the meal. They all did a great job.

On the first evening, we played some team games up on the football pitch before heading down into Newcastle to get an ice cream. The second night we enjoyed a couple of games of rounders before heading up into the hills for our night walk. A few tired souls stayed behind to chat, chill and enjoy a few buns and hot chocolate before an early night. The walkers were delighted to return to hot chocolate and buns (thank you to all those at home who did the baking!). Yum yum! I know Mr McAllister especially appreciated the Fifteens! Both nights were late to bed but that is what happens on a big sleepover with your friends!

As ever, our pupils were a credit to the school. We received multiple compliments, be it from centre staff or the ladies at Bon Bon where we bought our sweets and presents for the trip home. Reading the evaluations, it seems everyone had a great time and that is always lovely to hear. Do take a look at our Facebook feed for some videos of our adventure.

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P1-3 Boys & Girls	Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30PM	Starting 6 th May
P4-7 Boys & Girls	Wednesday 6:30 - 8PM	Starting 6 th May
U13 Yr 8 & 9	Friday 5:30 - 7:30PM	Starting 1 st May
U15 Yr 10 & 11	Monday 5:30 - 7:30PM	Starting 27 th April
Girls & Ladies Yr 8 Up	Monday 7:15 - 9PM	Starting 27 th April

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