



We aim to create a warm, welcoming school where each child feels happy, safe, self-confident and valued; and strives, with the help of caring, committed staff, to fulfil his or her potential.

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SCHOOL DISCO!



Our half term disco, supported by our Friends of Ballynure Group, will be held on Wednesday 7th February for all our pupils.
Please note the following details:

START TIMES

P1-3: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

P4-7: 7:15pm – 8:30pm

FOOD & DRINK

P1-3: Snack and drink provided

P4-7: Open Tuck Shop throughout
(max £5 per pupil please)

ENTRY COST

£2 per pupil, payable at the door in cash.

Upcoming Dates

We have such a busy term ahead so thought it might be useful to provide some key dates in advance:

Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th February – P1-P5
Parent Interviews (P6 later in the year).
12.30pm finish

Wednesday 7th February – Half Term Disco
(P1-3 @ 6pm, P4-7 @ 7.15pm)

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb – Half Term Holidays

Tues 19th, Wed 20th & Thurs 21st March – KS2
Production of Matilda JR (Times TBC)

Tuesday 26th March – Last day of term!

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our children is our top priority. If you ever have any concerns about your child, or other children, please inform Mr Trussell (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), Mrs Galashan (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or your class teacher.

Car Parking

Once again, we would encourage our families to be mindful of where they are parking at drop off and collection times. Please be considerate of our neighbours and their properties. To assist with this, we are continuing to work on a solution to the difficulties that car parking brings.

Internet Safety Day – 6th February 2024

In Ballynure Primary School we believe that it is essential to educate all pupils in the safe and effective use of the internet and other forms of digital communication. Internet safety lessons are planned for and taught throughout each year P1-P7. The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. As a parent or carer the following advice may be helpful in safeguarding your child.

What can I do right now?

- Discuss with your child and encourage them to talk to you about their internet use e.g. who they're talking to, services they're using and any issues they may be experiencing.
- Create a family agreement to establish your children's boundaries, and your expectations, when on the internet.
- Give your child strategies to deal with any online content that they are not comfortable with – such as turning off the screen, telling an adult they trust.
- Consider using filtering software to block unwanted content. In addition to filtering, remember that discussion with your child, and involvement in their internet use, are both effective ways to educate them about the internet.
- Encourage your children to 'think before you post.' Online actions can impact not only yourself but the lives of others. Content posted privately online can be publicly shared by others, and may remain online forever.
- Familiarise yourself with the age ratings for games and apps which can help to indicate the level and suitability of the content. Also see if online reviews are available from other parents as these are helpful.
- Encourage your children to use nicknames (where possible) instead of their full name online, to protect their personal information and create strong passwords for every account.
- Set up a PIN or password on devices to help protect personal information.

Other useful websites: saferinternet.org.uk childnet.com nspcc.org.uk thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

Parent/Teacher Interviews

You should now have received information regarding your parent/teacher interview. Our teachers try their best to accommodate times for parents with multiple children at our school, therefore we would urge you to stick to your allocated times as far as possible. If however, you cannot make the time given, please contact the school office or your child's teacher ASAP and we will attempt to rearrange.

This year, interviews will be held on separate dates for our P7 and P6 parents. This is to best accommodate discussions surrounding SEAG examinations and transferring to post-primary education. Mrs Livings and Mrs McIlroy will communicate with parents separately regarding this.

To accommodate interviews, school will close at 12:30pm (after lunch) on Tuesday 6th Feb, Wednesday 7th Feb, Thursday 8th Feb and Friday 9th Feb. We will be closed for half term the week after interviews.

Afternoon Club: Tues 6th – Thurs 8th February

In an attempt to help our parents during interview week, our Afternoon Club will operate between 12.30pm and 4pm. This will be charged at a flat rate of £5 per pupil, regardless of time spent at the club.

To avail of this facility, parents MUST book by emailing Mrs Millar (cmillar126@c2kni.net) the dates they wish to use, no later than 11am on Friday 2nd February. Mrs Millar will then charge the money to your ParentPay account.

Please note: There will be no Afternoon Club on Friday 9th February and there will be no Extra-Curricular clubs for the whole week of interviews.