

Thursday 12th March 2020



TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA QUIZ AND AUCTION:

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising a very successful 'Quiz and Auction' on Friday 28th February, in the Five Corners. Thank you also to all those who supported the event and for your generosity. The money raised on the night was £1946.00!

MUSIC FESTIVAL:

A big well done to all of our children who took part in the Ballyclare Musical Festival this week. They all played really well and did themselves and our school very proud!

Special congratulations to: - Molly Lyttle - 3rd place - piano
James Nolan - 3rd place - violin
Darren Johnston - 3rd place - violin

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

School will be closed on Monday 16th (Staff Training) and Tuesday 17th March (Harmonised Closure).

ULSTER RUGBY:

A team of P6/7 pupils will be taking part in a tag rugby tournament at Ballyclare Secondary School on Wednesday 18th March from 1.30 to 2.30pm. A separate note will be sent out to the pupils involved. In preparation for the tournament, could all P6/7 pupils please bring their P.E. kit to school on Friday 13th March for a final practice.

SWIMMING:

P5 swimming will commence on Friday 20th March. Please ensure permission slips and your choice of payment are returned by tomorrow (Friday 13th March).

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY TREAT FOR P1/P2 MUMS—reminder!

MUMS— have you been in touch with Mrs McClay to confirm you can attend for afternoon tea on Friday 20th March at 1.15pm? If not, please do so as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

- ⇒ 'Marvellous Me' afterschool club will continue each Monday until Monday 30th March.
- ⇒ 'Playsport NI Limited' after school football club will continue until on Tuesday 31st March.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY - P7:

An educational course for P7 pupils will commence on Monday 23rd March after school from 3pm - 3:45pm. Full details have been given to pupils in a separate letter. Cycling forms must be returned by Friday 13th March 2020.

SPRING CLEAR-OUT FOR BAG2SCHOOL:

Our next collection for Bag2School will be on 24th March. Please try and gather up as much as possible, in order to help raise money for school resources.

SCHOOL TRIPS:

Wednesday 25th March—Poetry in Motion trip to Ulster Hall—P5/6. Packed lunch required. At the moment this trip is going ahead.

However, the P6/7 Hive Hackers trip to the Hilton Hotel, Belfast on **Friday 27th March has been postponed.**

WOODHALL OEC RESIDENTIAL - 29th April to 1st May 2020:

Staff from Woodhall gave the pupils a presentation yesterday. Hopefully pupils found this useful and are looking forward to their stay. All information and consent forms were sent home with your children yesterday (11/3/20).

SPELLING BEE:

Congratulations to Layla (P6) and Danny (P7) who won the class Spelling Bee competition. Billy will go on to represent our school at the Eason Spelling Bee Regional Final in May.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS/READING BOOKS:

Please check if you have any school text books or reading books at home which should have been returned to school, as we still have some outstanding.

SCHOOL FUND:

All school fund money to be paid by Friday 13th March, please. Thank you to those who have already contributed, but there are still quite a few outstanding. If you are unsure if you have paid, please be in touch with the school secretary. Your support in this matter is extremely important and will be greatly appreciated, as I am sure you are aware that this money is used for the benefit of each pupil.

ACCESS NI:

If you have offered to help in an unsupervised role e.g. driving for hockey / football, you **must** apply for Access NI Clearance. There is step by step guidance on how to do this on our school website under, [Parents—Documents/Correspondence—Useful documents](#). A huge thank you to those who have volunteered to help. We greatly appreciate your support.

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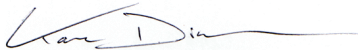
A big thank you to those companies who sponsored our school website last year. We would be very grateful if you would be willing to continue sponsoring our website, a minimum fee of £50 for the year 2020, payable by cheque, cash or bank transfer. As a thank you for sponsorship we will include your logo on our home page, which will be linked to your business website. We also welcome new sponsors. If you would be interested in this, please contact me via email: info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk

CORONAVIRUS (COVID -19)

Please ensure that you follow the advice from the Public Health Agency. (PHA) The latest guidance can be found online <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/>. To help reduce any potential spread of coronavirus, the PHA is also urging people to follow the steps that we recommend for similar illnesses such as cold and flu:

◇ **catch it, bin it, kill it**

Always carry tissues to catch your cough or sneeze, dispose of the tissue as soon as possible after using it, and clean your hands as soon as you can, as germs can spread to every surface you touch. We would ask that pupils adhere to this guidance in school.



K. Dickson (Principal)

NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FOOD:

The Department of Education has launched a public consultation on proposed updates to Nutritional Standards for School Food. The consultation period will run from 30th January 2020 until 27th March 2020 inclusive. The consultation document and on-line response form can be accessed on the Department of Education website at: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations>

By Phone 028 9127 9852

By e-mail: nutritional.standards@education-ni.gov.uk

By writing to: Food in Schools Team, Department of Education, Room 6.06, Rathgael House, 43 Balloo Road, Bangor BT19 7PR

The consultation will close for comments at 5pm on 27th March 2020. A summary of the responses to this consultation will be published on the DE website.

- **School Closures**
Mon 16/03/2020
Tues 17/03/2020

- **Mother's Day**
P1/2 Afternoon
Treat 20/03/2020

- **P5/6 Trip**
Poetry in Motion
Ulster Hall
25/03/2020

- **P6/7 Trip**
Hive Hackers
Hilton Hotel
27/03/2020
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