



Learning Together



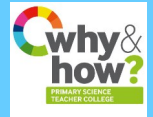
Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School

Week beginning — 4th November 2024

School App



School
Facebook Page



For all the latest news see our **School Website** www.ballymoneymodelips.co.uk

Our November value is Friendship.



Road Safety Week 4th – 8th November 2024

As part of our involvement with *Sustrans* Active School Travel programme we are excited to be holding a special Active Travel to school day on:



Friday 8th November — *Ditch the Dark Day!*

The theme of the day is to 'Ditch the Dark'. To raise awareness of safe travel to school during the darker days, we are encouraging children to *actively* travel (*walk, scoot or cycle*) to school wearing the brightest clothing they can

Pupils are invited to enhance their uniform so that they can be clearly seen in the dark. The possibilities are endless – bright clothing, glow sticks, fluorescent orange socks, a pink tutu, a neon green wig – get bright, brighter, brightest!

Parents/Carers are more than welcome to also join in as well! Parents/Carers please feel free to dress to impress in your best neon bright clothing and travel to school *actively* with your child on the day! We understand that it might not be possible for everyone to actively travel to school the *whole* way, particularly if you live far away. In this case we'd encourage you to park up along your way and walk the final bit to school with your child. In doing so we hope we'll reduce the number of cars around school and have lots of active kids! If you allow your child to travel by bike/scooter we highly recommend the wearing of a helmet and ask that you check that clothing/decoration doesn't interfere with the mechanisms (brakes, wheels etc). We hope that everyone enjoys taking part and getting active on the school run!

What would our school look like if everyone were to leave the car behind and travel *actively* to school?

Let's try it and see!

Mrs Robinson, Sustrans School Champion

Johnny McCrystal, Sustrans Active Travel Officer



Year 5 — Tuesdays — 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November

Cramsie Court Visit — Wednesday 6th November, 2-3pm — Y7 pupils that were previously involved

**Poppy
Appeal
2024**



Within school we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal Collection. Pupils if they wish will be given the opportunity to purchase a poppy.

Sunday 10th November — Remembrance Sunday



Friendship Week

11th — 15th November

Year 7 SEAG Assessments

Year 7 have been working hard in preparation for their SEAG Assessment that will be taking place over the next few weeks. We send them our best wishes as they give of their best over the next few weekends.

Saturday 16th November — Paper 1

Saturday 23rd November — Paper 2



November Assemblies

Wednesday 6th November — led by Mr Clarke's class

Wednesday 13th November — led by Mrs Carson's class

Wednesday 20th November - led by Miss Magee's class

Wednesday 27th November - led by Mrs Thom's class

Our school is an integrated primary school, unique in the Ballymoney area. We welcome families of all religions or none and endeavour to cater for everyone's religious requests with professionalism and care.

If you do not wish your child/children to partake in any activities noted within this newsletter, please complete an online Communication Form on the school app to let us know.

Mrs Jamison



Leader — Miss Hemphill

Wednesday
6th November
2.00pm

ECO COMMITTEE

Leader — Mrs Murphy

Wednesday
13th November
2.00pm

DIGITAL
LEADERS

Leader — Miss Graham

Wednesday
20th November
2.00pm



Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School
Safeguarding and Child Protection Team

Remember if you are worried about anything please talk to any adult
in our school or one of these teachers.



Mrs McNaughton
Designated Teacher
Year 4 Teacher



Mr Clarke
Deputy Designated Teacher
Vice Principal



Mrs Jamison
Principal

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We are an Operation Encompass School,
for more information please go to the
school website and within the
Parents-Carers Area more information
can be found .

HOME/SCHOOL LINKS

Every effort is made to maintain close contact with parents/carers, who should not hesitate to get in touch with their child's class teacher on any matter affecting the welfare, progress or development of their child/ren.

Should a parent/carer have any concerns about their child, we would encourage them to make immediate contact with their child's class teacher in the following ways:-

Contact school in one of these two ways:-

- Ring the school office – 028 276 62340 – and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.
- Complete an online Communication Form available on the school app.



Your child's class teacher will be contacted and a time for a phone call/meeting will be organised as appropriate.



If a further phone call or meeting is required, please ring the school office and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer or complete an online Communication Form. The most appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team will also be involved.



If a further phone call or meeting is required, please ring the school office and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer or complete an online Communication Form to make an appointment with the Principal.

Please note the relevant member of staff will return your call or organise an appointment when it is practical to do so. Unfortunately, as you can appreciate with staff completing their roles, phone calls and appointments cannot be returned/arranged immediately.

Bookings

If your child is unwell we can move your child's dinner booking to another day.

If your child is unwell or unable to attend we are unfortunately unable to move bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Clubs etc. to another day, due to having to pay the linked staff.

Please ensure to book on time, late bookings unfortunately cause additional administration within the school and so have a higher linked charge.

Stay and Play Club

Our after school Stay and Play Club is available for Y1—3 pupils.

Stay and Play Club will cost £3.50 per session and run from 2–3pm.

Bookings must be made by 12 noon on a Friday for the following week. We cannot stress the importance of this as it allows us to appropriately plan staffing and space requirements for the following week.

If a parent/carer needs to book their child in at short notice, we would ask them to complete a Communication form on the school app to request a space.

You will then be contacted by school and if a space is available it will cost £5 for the session.

Activity/Homework Club

Our after school Activity/Homework Club is available for Y1—7 pupils.

Activity/Homework Club will cost £3.50 per session and run from 3–4pm.

Bookings must be made by 12 noon on a Friday for the following week. We cannot stress the importance of this as it allows us to appropriately plan staffing and space requirements for the following week.

If a parent/carer needs to book their child in at short notice, we would ask them to complete a Communication form on the school app to request a space.

You will then be contacted by school and if a space is available it will cost £5 for the session.

Good Communication

At Ballymoney Model we are eager for good communication between home and school. As an Eco-School we are also trying to reduce the amount of photocopying that we do by communicating with parents/carers through our school apps and website. If you are unable to access the school apps and website please contact the school office and we will endeavour to help you find a solution.



School Jotter App

- All main notes and newsletters are added to our Schools NI App.

(Apple or Play Store — School Jotter — Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School)



School Communication App

- Communication Form
- Absence Form
- Bookings — School Dinners
- Bookings — Milk Order Form

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School Facebook Page

We share what is happening within school with our local community through our school Facebook page.

Please endeavour to ensure your child/ren is/are in school for 8.55am to start their learning at 9.00am.

Too many pupils are arriving late and this is impacting on their own and the rest of their class's learning.

Within school we have a large number of policies. Each year we endeavour to review a number of our policies.

As we work through reviewing our policies, we will share with parents/carers through the school app.

School Office Hours

Monday — Thursday 8.45am — 4pm Friday 8.45am — 3.30pm

Closed at lunchtime 1.00 — 1.30pm

Our phone line is always very busy, we encourage parents/carers to communicate with school through completing a Communication Form on the School App.