BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONLINE NEWS 19th November 2020

PHOTOGRAPHS

All school photographs ordered online were distributed home this week. Should you not have received your order, please contact the Lafayette company on: 02882 243773 to ensure your order was received and processed.

APPOINTMENTS

Doctors, Hospitals, Dentists etc

Parents please note that once a child leaves school, and the bubble they are in, they cannot return on that same day. All appointments should endeavour to be made in the afternoon please. Please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Mulligan re: morning appointments only.

FOLDERS/BOOKS

Parents, please ensure all folders are returned on a Friday to allow for quarantine and books to be distributed on a Monday. This really helps our staff for organisation.

ACCELERATED READER (A.R.)

Our P4-7 pupils have started their Accelerated Reader Programme and we are already seeing lots of enthusiasm in many pupils keen to teach their next target. When this happens, we like to offer a prize to encourage.

Should anyone wish to sponsor some prizes for A.R. - please contact Mr McAuley or Mrs Mulligan. This would be a great help to us. Any money left from our Parent School Fund, from last term, will be used for Reading Resources. Thank you for your help with this.

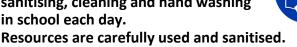
Quizzes for A.R. are completed in school. Should your child be off school, they will be able to catch up on their return after illness, isolation or holidays.

SEESAW

Parents – please note that messages sent to you by class teachers, requiring a response, should be responded to via Seesaw or phone call, if your Seesaw is not working well. This enables teachers to deal with matters quickly. Thank you.

SANITISING

We are still being really strict with sanitising, cleaning and hand washing in school each day.



I.T. HUB

School had a "Refresh" of new computers this week, funded by DE. We are delighted to get these and hope to launch their use very soon.

We also received two class sets of Chrome Books. These are valuable resources, gratefully received.

CHILD PROTECTION

As you are aware, we take all Child Protection and Safety Matters very seriously in school. Our pupils are taught, both at home and in school, about how to keep themselves safe. includes Road Safety, Be Safe Be Seen, Stranger Danger and Online Safety.

Each term, we also do the PANTS programme (NSPCC) in school and we ask you, as parents, to do this at home. Sadly, research shows that most children, who are abused, know their This can even be another child. abuser. Children need clear messages to know how to disclose this and the safe people they can talk to. This programme is a very child friendly way to approach such a sensitive issue - please use the attached sheet to help you. Each class in school has done this this term with their teacher.

Please notify Mrs Mulligan, Mr McAuley or Mrs McCollum the Designated Teachers for Child Protection, if you are worried about child safety. If it is an out of hours concern, contact the Ballyclare Gateway Team (028 94424377). Someone will guide you on the procedures to follow.

Please, never allow a child to be at risk because you are afraid to do something about it, or to have it checked out. Child welfare and protection is everyone's concern.

Please note also that we have a school policy re uploading children's pictures online from school events. This must not be done unless it is your own child or you have the consent of the child's parent.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER - REMINDER

All orders must be placed, via Seesaw, by 3:00pm on Friday 20th November.



FUNDRAISING

We really need your help with fundraising.

Please see below details of how parents, carers, family and friends can help raise funds for our school by registering for our Easy Fundraising Scheme.



HELP US WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE THIS CHRISTMAS





Help us Raise money for school - for free!

We have signed up to raise money for our school every time you shop online. This is a really easy way to help us raise vital funds and won't cost you a thing!

The fundraising is run by a website called www.easyfundraising.org.uk.
You can access it directly by clicking the link on our school website homepage.

To start, you have to register. It's free and will allow the money fundraised to go directly to our school page. They website won't ask for any additional money, other than to pay for the item you are shopping online for. This is a very safe and easy way to help us raise money for our school.

Please take a few moments to register and help us start collecting. This website has helped raise over £5 million pounds in the UK for various causes, let's see how we can do!

HOW IT WORKS

1. START AT EASYFUNDRAISING:

Let's say you want to buy a book from Amazon. Instead of going to amazon.co.uk, you go to <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> first - or you can download the easyfundraising toolbar or app.

2. MAKE A PURCHASE:

You click from the easyfundraising website through to Amazon to make your purchase. The price of the book is exactly the same as if you'd visited Amazon directly.

3. GET A DONATION:

After you have bought your book, Amazon will make a donation to your cause as a thank you for shopping with them. Easyfundraising collect these donations, and it costs nothing!

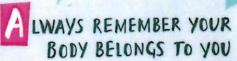
Mrs Mulligan

LEARN THE UNDERWEAR RULE

TALK PANTS AND YOU'VE GOT IT COVERED!

PRIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Parts of your body covered by underwear are private. No one should ask to see, or touch them. Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask if it's OK first. No one should ask you to touch or look at parts of their body that are covered by underwear.



It's your body, no one else's. No one should make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If anyone tries, tell an adult you trust.

NO MEANS NO

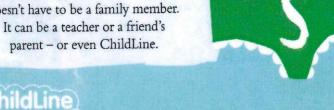
You have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. Remember, you're in control of your body and your feelings are important.

ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

Secrets shouldn't make you feel upset or worried. If they do, tell an adult you trust. You will never get into trouble for sharing a secret that upsets you.

SPEAK UP, SOMEONE

Talk about stuff that makes you worried or upset. An adult you trust will listen, and be able to help. It doesn't have to be a family member. It can be a teacher or a friend's parent – or even ChildLine.



NSPCC Curuelly to children must stop. FULL STOP.