BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

4TH May 2022

ONLINE NEWS

REMINDER - SCHOOL CLOSURES

Thursday 5th May - Election Day

Friday 6th May - Staff Training Day

Thursday 2nd June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Friday 3rd June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee

* As a school, we are planning a few Jubilee events for week beginning 30th May. More details to follow.



INTERNET SAFETY

The internet and the use of modern technology can bring wonderful benefits but also can bring dangers for children such as being exposed to inappropriate material and messages.

We strongly encourage you to place parental controls on any devices your child has if they access the internet. Social media/chatrooms all come with age guidance – please check them out.

Have conversations with your child about their technology usage and ensure they know that they need to report to you anything they are not happy with. We continually reinforce this message in school. Parents regularly checking their child's device is another way of picking up any concerning issues.

The CEOP website has some useful guidance on keeping your child safe. We also recommend again to you the Safer Schools NI app (see attached information page). If you need help with setting up parental controls on your child's device, please contact us here at school. We would be glad to help.

Let's work together to keep our children safe.

CHANGE TO CANTEEN MENU

Due to produce supply issues, please note the following changes to our canteen menu.

On Wednesday 1st and Wednesday 20th lune

On Wednesday 1st and Wednesday 29th June roast pork will be served - not roast turkey.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAY – Remaining Dates

P5 & P7	P4 & P6
Monday 9 th May	Tuesday 10 th May
Monday 16 th May	Tuesday 17 th May
Monday 23 rd May	Tuesday 24 th May

Please ensure your child is aware of arrangements for pick up or walking home (for older pupils)

After School Activity Days finishing time is 3:45pm.

	STAR OF THE MONTH APRIL 2022		
P1	НС	LOTTIE HILL	
	FH	JESSICA STARRETT	
	SF	SETH SKENE	
P2	KI	JESSIE SOMMERVILLE	
	LMNS	JACOB TURKINGTON	
	RKSH	SCARLETT WILSON	
Р3	RH	ANNA-HOPE McLEAN	
	RMCA	ELIZABETH YOUNG	
	VG	JAMES McCLINTOCK	
P4	AMSJ	JACK POLLOCK	
	SB	REGAN LAVERTY	
	SS	OLIVIA REID	
P5	KR	MIA CRAWFORD	
	MR	SOPHIE LOWTHER	
	JS	CARSON DAVEY	
Р6	DA	MASON BELL	
	RM	MATTHEW RAMSHAW	
	RW	GRACE WRIGHT	
P7	NG	DANIEL TREACY	
	CMLM	LILY McCRORY	
	ТВ	ZAK WELLS	
١	Well done to all of these pupils		

for the past month



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite you to download our new Safer Schools NI App, provided to your school by the Department of Education and INEQE Safeguarding Group. (Downloaded Safer Schools last year? This new and updated App replaces it!)

Did you know?

92% of children in Northern Ireland use video sharing platforms, with 53% using social media and 65% accessing messaging apps (Ofcom, 2020). If your child hasn't already been using these platforms, they soon will be! Therefore, it's more important than ever to be aware of how to keep your child safe.

How will the Safer Schools NI App help you?







Provides you with easy-to-follow steps on how to make your home and devices safer in the 'Need-to-Know' section. It's a great place to start!



Keeps you up to date with the current online trends, threats, and risks to your child. This information is sent directly to your device!



Delivers the information you need to know on social media and gaming platforms, helping you understand the latest buzzwords and how to set privacy and parental settings on platforms like Among Us, Minecraft and TikTok.



Offers expert guidance to help you navigate important issues such as bullying, mental health and healthy relationships. Giving you practical tips on how to approach these conversations with your children.



Gives you access to your school's latest news, updated policies, and calendar all within your App.



The Online Safety section will signpost you to help and support where you need it when you need it – it's in your pocket!



SAFER SCHOOLS NI

now

To download and login to your Safer Schools NI App, follow the steps below! Make sure to enable your push notifications when prompted to keep up to date with the latest safeguarding alerts and your school news.



Downloading your App

Step 1

If you are using an iOS device, go to the Apple App Store and search 'Safer Schools NI'. If you are using an Android device, go to the Google Play Store and search 'Safer Schools NI'.

Step 2

Select 'Download'.







Logging In

Please follow the below instructions.

Creating An Account:

Step 1

If you haven't already, please create an account by clicking 'Parent/Carer' on the login screen of your App.

Step 2

To create an account, click 'Register here' and input your full name, email and password you wish to use. You'll also be asked to confirm your password. Once you're ready, click 'Register' and this will create your account.

Step 3

After you register, you will be asked to read and agree to the Terms and Conditions. After reading and scrolling to the bottom, the 'I agree' button will be available to select.

Step 4

Time to pick your school! To add your school, simply type it in within the search bar and click 'Continue'.

You will then be asked to input the Entry Code that you have received from your school that is relevant to your role. Type in your code and click 'Submit'.

You'll be asked to confirm this by clicking 'Continue'. To scan a QR Code instead of your Entry Code, click 'Scan QR Code'.











Top Tip: Did you know that your App features Multi-School Login? This means that you are a Staff member in one school with a child in another, or if you are a Parent/Carer of children in different schools, you have access to multiple schools without having to log in and out of the App.

Step 5

To add another School, simply repeat Step 3! You can also view all of your added schools under your name.

Logging into your App:

Step 1

When you have opened the App, you should input your email address and password that you used to create your account. Once you're ready, click 'Log in'.

Step 2

When you log in, you will see your chosen school(s) that you have added to your account. Simply click the school that you would like to view!

