



School News

BPS Biz & Reminders

Well, we are back again (hopefully for the rest of the term!) and settled back into our routines. Even with the disruption we have still got lots to report.

VICE PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to tell you all that Ms McGivern has recently been appointed to the post of Vice Principal and we wish her all the best in her new role.

FOOD BANK

We wish to remind any families that are struggling, through no fault of their own, in these difficult times that the Ballynahinch Food Bank is open and available, just ring 0333 050 1167.

DROP OFF / COLLECTION

Please ensure that drop off and pick up times are strictly adhered to as they allow us to maintain social distancing within the school grounds & for each class to receive a full days teaching. Persistent latecomers will be receiving a letter from school and unexplained absenteeism reported to the Educational Welfare Officer. Also, please maintain your own distance from other parents whilst on the school grounds. Thank you.

DINNER MONEY

Please remember that any money for dinners **MUST** be with the school office on a Monday to ensure correct dinners for the week are ordered. Unfortunately, all correct money must be sent in with each individual child and not per family.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The updated school holiday calendar is available for download from our school website under the School Letters Section.

PENNY WARS

Due to our early closure we have decided to roll over our Penny Wars until the end of term. So far, P2 are in the lead!

MAINTENANCE

We continue to improve the school environment for your children with P2 having their classroom floor replaced, new hand rails installed inside the school, the car park markings re-painted & new guttering installed around the school.

LOWER CAR PARK

Could all drivers please be mindful of their speed in our Lower Car Park as Mr Morrow has reported incidents of speeding.

THANK YOU

Finally, thank you to all the school helpers for their hard work in our internal garden and planting boxes at the front door.

Nursery News!

Our theme is We're going on a Bear Hunt

If possible I would like your child to be able to bring their favourite teddy bear to share with their class.

Reminders:

- I would like all children to have wellington boots to wear on wet days. These can be kept in their boxes along with their change of clothes. These are very important as we really do go out in all weathers and can get wet. Please send in a hat and a pair of mittens or gloves **to be kept in their box** for cold days. Some children are complaining about being cold outside, can you please check that their coat is warm enough for this colder weather.
- Please continue to encourage your children to put on their own coat and shoes in the morning. They are doing really well with their coats but still need work on their shoes.

More details included in the full Nursery News

Hallowe'en Class Parties – lots of spooktacular costumes on display!!



Calendar Dates

NOVEMBER

17th – P6 – Sustran Cycling Skills

18th – P3 – P7 – IFA coaching in school

19th – P5 – Sustran Cycling Workshop
P5 – Saving Water Webinar

20th – P7 – Sustran Cycling Workshop
P6 – Swimming

25th – Flu Vaccinations
P3 – P7 – IFA coaching in school

26th – Board of Governors Meeting

27th – P6 – Swimming

DECEMBER

2nd – P3 – P7 IFA coaching in school

4th – P6 – Swimming

9th – P3 – P7 IFA coaching in school

America wasn't the only place holding an election!

Meet our new House Captains & Vice Captains, Librarians, Tech Team & Recyclers.

House Captains & Vice Captains



Librarians



Tech Team



Recyclers



Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



Thank you all so much for sending your children in in such brilliant Hallowe'en costumes! We know the children had a great time in their classrooms and hopefully this time next year we will be back to our normal Hallowe'en Disco. We raised a fabulous £260!!

Again, in normal times we would be thinking about our Christmas Fete at this time of year but unfortunately we won't be able to hold it for obvious reasons. Instead, we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day and making & selling Christmas decorations and cards. More details to follow.

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