



Ballylifford PS

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March & April 2024



TERM 2 DATES

Thursday 4th January –
Thursday 28th March 2024
at 11am

ST PATRICK'S DAY CLOSURES

Monday 18th March 2024

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 29th March to
Friday 5th April

Mid Term Break

We hope you all had a lovely Mid-Term break and thankfully the colds and sniffles are starting to clear up as the better weather arrives. We are looking forward to the Spring and Summer months during which we will have more opportunities to take our learning outdoors.

St. Patrick's Day

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we will be having 'GREEN DAY' on Friday 15th March. Children can come to school dressed in Green and all classes will enjoy fun activities in their classes – arts and crafts, ceili session and special dinner.

Saint Patrick's Prayer

Christ be with me.
Christ be beside me.
Christ be before me.
Christ be behind me.
Christ at my right hand.
Christ at my left hand.
Christ be with me
everywhere I go.
Christ be my friend,
for ever and ever.
Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Book Day Dress up
£1 – Friday 8th March

Travelling Book Fair –
Friday 15th March to
Wednesday 20th March
2024

**Green Day – Friday 15th
March**

**Spring Tea Party and
Ballylifford Great Big
Bake Off – Friday 22nd
March 10:30am – 11:30am**

P.4 Sacrament of Penance
– Tuesday 26th March at
10am

Easter Raffle –
Wednesday 27th March
2024

Spring Tea Party & Great Big Ballylifford Bake-Off



We hope to have a Spring Tea Party on **Friday 22nd March from 10:30am to 11:30am**. This will give all parents, grandparents and friends of our school community the opportunity to enjoy some home baked treats, a cup of coffee/tea and a friendly chat. All children will be asked to donate buns/scones for the morning. There will be several cakes on display for our Silent Auction (see poster on page 4 for more details). We would really appreciate if parents could make a voluntary donation at the door. We look forward to seeing you all.



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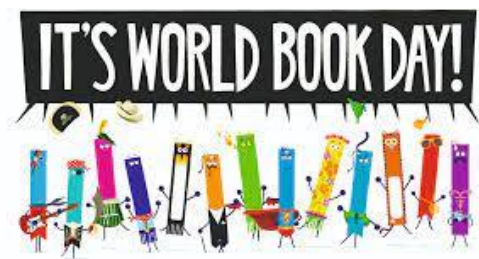
Cash for Clobber

The Eco Council were responsible for collecting all the bags for Cash for Clobber. We had a fantastic response and will shortly hear from Cash for Clobber regarding the amount raised. This money will go towards purchasing flowers and plants for the front of our school and our Eco- Garden. A huge thank you to everyone for all the Cash for Clobber donations.



World Book Day - £1 donation

On Friday 8th March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. All children can dress up as their favourite character from a book. Please do not buy a new costume – homemade costumes are perfect and if you have no costume, children can just wear their own clothes and bring their favourite book to school. Throughout the day we will be participating in fun activities to celebrate World Book Day.



Travelling Book Fair

The Book fair will arrive in school on Friday 15th March and will remain in school until Wednesday 20th March. P.7 pupils will be responsible for organising our Book Fair along with Wendy. More details will follow.



Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday 6th February, Mrs Conlan and our P.7 Digital Leaders presented a fantastic assembly for all children about the importance of Online safety.



Health & Well-Being Days

All children and staff displayed great enthusiasm during our 'FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS' at the end of January and February. It was lovely to see the children enjoying a treat during their extended Break time and joining in mindfulness activities. **In Term 2, we will have our 'FEEL GOOD' days on Friday 1st March, Wednesday 27th March and Friday 26th April in Term 3.**



After School Science Club

Miss Clements is taking an After School Science club for 4 weeks for P.4 and P.5 children from 3pm – 4pm every Thursday. Check out the website for photos of the Science activities. Cost £1.

After School ICT Club

Miss Lee is running an After School ICT club focusing on Coding using our new Micro-Bits. This club is for our P.6 and P.7 children for 4 weeks from 3pm to 4pm every Thursday. Cost £1.



After School Fundamental Skills Club with Aidy

Aidy has very kindly offered to come back to Ballylifford to take a Fundamental skills After School Club for our P.5/6/7 pupils every Tuesday for 6 weeks from 3pm – 4pm. Cost £1.

Easter Raffle for Neo Natal Unit – Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast

We are organising an Easter Raffle to take place on Wednesday 27th March. There will be lots of egg-cellent prizes. Raffle tickets cost £2 – this year all funds raised from our Easter raffle will go to the Neo Natal Unit in the Royal Victoria Hospital. As you are all aware, our Classroom Assistant Jessica had her little baby Cooper early at 26 weeks in September 2023 and he was extremely ill. He spent several months in hospital and was in our prayers every day. Thankfully Cooper is now home and thriving thanks to all the nurture, care and support from the Neo Natal Unit. We would like to support this great cause and appreciate your help.



1st Prize – £200 voucher for overnight stay in Balmoral Hotel, Belfast including breakfast and an evening meal (Kindly donated by Brendan Hurl)

2nd Prize – Easter Popping Bunny

3rd Prize – Easter Hamper

A selection of large and smaller Easter eggs as additional prizes

Ceremony of Light

Our P.7 pupils will celebrate the Ceremony of Light in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinderry on **Wednesday 28th February** along with P.7 pupils from Derrychrin PS. **P.7 pupils must wear full school uniform and we ask Parents/Carers to attend if possible.**

Love for Life

Love for Life will be coming into school on Friday 19th April to speak to our P.6 and P.7 pupils. A separate letter will be sent out with more details in April. 'Love for Life' is parental choice so parents can request for his/her child not to participate in this session.

Confirmation Retreat

The P.7 children will participate in a Confirmation Retreat with Derrychrin PS in Ballinderry Community hub on Monday 4th March. Bosco from Siolta will help prepare our P.7 children for the special sacrament of Confirmation throughout this day. Brigid Ann will provide dinner to the Hub for our P.7 pupils.



Confirmation

Good luck to our P.7 pupils who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday 14th March at 5pm** in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinderry along with pupils from Derrychrin PS. We hope they enjoy their very special evening with their families.

All pupils will go home at 12pm – BRUNCH will be provided before children go home.

Important Dates for your Diary

Sacrament of Penance for P.4 children – Tuesday 26th March at 10am in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinderry

First Holy Communion – Saturday 11th May 2024 at 11am

All God's Children Mass – Sunday 10th March, Sunday 14th April and Sunday 12th May.



After School Football and Camogie

We hope to start after school football and camogie at the beginning of Term 3. More information will follow in due course.

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