



School News

BPS Biz & Reminders

As we approach Half Term we always say 'Is that half term already?!' and then we wonder how we have crammed so much into 8 weeks.

THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to those parents / guardians that attend parental interviews – we consider it vitally important that we get time to meet with you to discuss your child.

TWITTER

For those of you that follow our Twitter feed (@BallynahinchPS) you may have recognised some of the people commenting on our new library & quiet room. So far we have received 'Likes' & comments from: David Walliams (Billionaire Boy, The Boy in the Dress, Gangsta Granny), Anthony Horowitz (Alex Rider novels, Bond & Sherlock), Dan Freedman (Jamie Johnson novels & CBBC series), Cressida Cowell (How to Train your Dragon novels, TV series & movies) & Jeff Kinney (Diary of a Wimpy Kid novels). This is very exciting for our pupils to have interaction with such talented people.

MAINTENANCE

Our Nursery & P1 pupils will be coming back into the smell of fresh paint as their classrooms are being painted over Hallowe'en as part of our ongoing drive to improve our classroom environments.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to both our boys & girls football teams who went undefeated at the Crossgar Tournament! The boys won all their matches & didn't concede a goal, the girls drew 2 matches and won 1. Special mention to Ben (P7) who was awarded the Fair Play Award! Another huge 'Well done' to Arabella (P7) who is going to Blackpool in March with her dance troupe to compete in UK showbiz dance finals.

COMMUNICATION

We have been made aware that people with an iPhone have not been receiving notifications via our app, our website developer have advised us that to fix this you should uninstall and then reinstall the app. Don't forget can also follow us on Twitter (@BallynahinchPS).

SHARING IS CARING

Many thanks for your support at our recent Harvest Service and for the Book Fair. We raised £131.93 for the Food Bank (along with the food donations) and a phenomenal £767.27 for our Book Fair!!

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Andy Hill (The Edge) has now started in school as part of our programme to support our P6 & P7 pupils with any worries or anxieties.

Nursery News!

Our theme is Autumn!

The children will be out in the school grounds and will be observing changes taking place. We will be collecting colourful autumn leaves, chestnuts, beechnuts and cones. Please help us by talking to your child about the changes in trees and gardens. We would also love it if you could send in some items for the interest table related to the change of season from your walks or garden.

Reminders:

- Nursery door opens at 8.55am;
- Please ensure your child is sent in with a pair of wellies;
- School will finish on Friday the 26th of October for half term. School will start back on **Monday the 5th of November** **and the children will be staying until 1.20pm.**

More details included in the full Nursery News

Market Visit – P2 took a dander down to the market as part of their Harvest topic – they loved eating some orange and trying some fish!



Calendar Dates

NOVEMBER

5th – School resumes for all pupils

8th – Ulster Scots Programme – P6

10th – AQE Paper

15th – Ulster Scots Programme – P6

16th – Christmas Fete

20th – Ulster Museum Visit – P3 & P6

**Accelerated Reader
Parents' Evening**

22nd – Board of Governors

24th – AQE Paper

Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



Thank you all for supporting our first event of the year – The Monster Mash Disco! All of the children had a great time.

It is wonderful to have so many new members joining our PTA (but we still have room for more!!) and they have already started to help out our school.

Our next event is the Christmas Fete – details to follow.

Our Penny War collection is going really well and is so close between all the classes but at the half way point in this term P7 are winning!!

If you have any ideas for fundraising or know of bursaries we can apply for please speak to a member of the PTA – details are on the school website – or let Mr Moore know.

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The nights are fair drawin' in but look what we've got done!

Food Bank Presentation



P4 made apple crumble



Hallowe'en Disco

