



Ballylifford PS

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March & April 2023



TERM 2 DATES

Wednesday 4th January –
Thursday 6th April 2023 at
11am

ST PATRICK'S DAY CLOSURES

Friday 17th and Monday
20th March 2023

OPTIONAL CLOSURE

Monday 20th March 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

**World Book Day Dress up
£1 – Friday 3rd March**

**Travelling Book Fair –
Wednesday 22nd March to
Wednesday 29th March
2023**

**Green Day – Thursday 16th
March 2023**

**Spring Tea Party and
Ballylifford Great Big
Bake Off –**

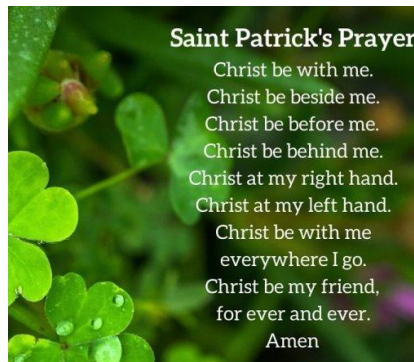
**Thursday 16th March from
10:30am to 11:30am**

**Sacrament of Penance –
Wednesday 29th March at
10am**

**Easter Raffle –
Wednesday 5th April**

Happy St. Patrick's Day

We hope you all had a lovely Mid-Term break and that all families are safe and well. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we will be having 'GREEN DAY' on Thursday 16th 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. On this day we will also be promoting Eco-Schools by wearing GREEN.



Spring Tea Party & Great Big Ballylifford Bake-Off



We hope to have a Spring Tea Party on Thursday 16th 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.



‘Nurturing Potential, Achieving Together’

KS2 Healthy Me workshop

On Monday 30th January, Colette delivered the 'Healthy Me' programme to our KS2 class. This programme further developed our awareness of Health and Well-Being and reinforced 'Our helping hand' in school.

Colette will be holding a parent workshop on Friday 24th March from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. We encourage as many of our parents as possible to attend.



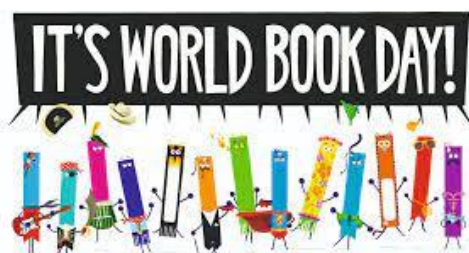
Cash for Clobber

The Eco Council were responsible for collecting all the bags for Cash for Clobber. We had a fantastic response and managed to raise £208. 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 3rd 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.



Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday 7th February, Miss Mayo and our P.7 Digital Leaders presented a fantastic assembly for all children about the importance of Online safety. All classes participated in an Internet Safety poster competition and the winners were awarded beautiful prizes. Well done, everyone!



Health & Well-Being Days

All children and staff display 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 yoga activities. **In Term 2, we will have our 'FEEL GOOD' days on Friday 3rd March, Wednesday 5th April (just before Easter Holidays) and Friday 28th April.**



After School Fitness/Games and Drama Club

A huge thank you to Mr McAlynn and Miss McPeake for taking our after-school clubs before Mid-Term break. They were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all children.

After School Art club

Miss Clements will be running an After-school Art club for 4 weeks with our P.4/5 pupils beginning on Wednesday 1st March. The cost of the club is £1 or £4 for 4 weeks.



Travelling Book Fair

The Book fair will arrive to school on Wednesday 22nd March and will remain in school until Wednesday 29th March. P.7 pupils will be responsible for organising our Book Fair along with Wendy. More details will follow.



Ditch the Stabilisers

A group of our P.1/2 children completed the 'Ditch the Stabilisers' programme with Johnny from Sustrans NI. Lots of determined little faces and some mastered the skill of riding their bike during the session. A lovely morning for these children and it was great to see the success. Keep practicing your bike skills boys and girls – we know you can do it.



Big Walk and Wheel week

During March Johnny from SUSTRANS NI will visit school to deliver a whole school assembly about 'Big Walk and Wheel' week. On Wednesday 22nd March, P.5/6/7 will participate in scooter/bike skills session with Johnny – more details in due course.

Movies and Munchies Night – FOB

The Friends of Ballylifford would like to run another Movies and Munchies night before our Easter holidays. This time children can bring their own munchies on the night. The movie night will be from 6:30pm to 8pm on Wednesday 5th April. Cost - £3.



Easter Raffle for Mary's Meals

We will be organising an Easter Raffle to take place Wednesday 5th April. The prize is an Easter hamper full of yummy treats. Raffle tickets cost £2 – all money to go towards Mary's Meals.

Confirmation Retreat

The P.7 children participated in a Confirmation Retreat with Derrychrin PS in the Ballinderry Community hub on Monday 6th February. A huge thank you to Bosco and Chloe for a thoroughly enjoyable day to help prepare our P.7 children for the special sacrament of Confirmation.



Confirmation

Good luck to our P.7 pupils who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 2nd 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.

Important Dates for your Diary

Sacrament of Penance for P.4 children – Wednesday 29th March at 10am in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinderry

First Holy Communion – Saturday 13th May



Active Kids Multi Sports After School Club

P.6/7 children will begin our Multi Sports After school programme with Dearbhla from Active Kids on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm. The children will be participating in a range of different sports over the 6 weeks – football, tennis, uni-hockey, basketball, dodgeball. The cost of the club is £2 per week.

After School Football and Camogie

We hope to start after school football and camogie at some stage during this half term. If you know anyone that would be willing to assist with this, please ask them to contact the school office.

Everyone Welcome!



'Spring Tea Party' and the Great Ballylifford Bake Off

Where:
Ballylifford Primary School

Date:
Thursday, 16th March, 2023
10.30am to 11.30am

What
Bake Off Silent Auction
Tea Party (Voluntary Donations)



Term 2 fundraiser organised by
Friends of Ballylifford for school funds

