



Newsletter: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We aim to create a warm, welcoming school where each child feels happy, safe, self-confident and valued; and strives, with the help of caring, committed staff, to fulfil his or her potential.

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### Matilda Production

The show is coming together and we are very excited about showing you what our pupils have produced!

#### SHOW NIGHT!

On the nights of the shows, please adhere strictly to the following times. This will allow us to operate the shows in as smooth a fashion as possible:

**Main Characters:** Arrive at school for 5:45pm.

**All Other Pupils:** Arrive at school for 6:00pm.

**Doors Open:** Door open to audience at 6:15pm (please note, there is no allocated seating and we are unable to guarantee all members of your party will be sat together. A queue will be allowed to form at the main school gates.

**Refreshments:** A selection of refreshments will be sold during the interval for our audience. The pupils will be provided with a snack during the interval. All pupils should come to school with a water bottle. **Please note:** Parents will not be allowed access to the pupils during the interval.

**Photographs:** Photographs of the characters will be available to order on the evening of each show. These will be available in digital or printed versions and in two different sizes. Orders will be delivered after Easter.

#### School Times

On 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of March, school will close at 2pm to all pupils. Afterschool Club will be available for all pupils on these days. This can be booked via ParentPay.

On 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, pupils in P4-7 will have the option of coming to school at 10am. Younger siblings in P1-3 can also start at 10am.

#### P4 & P5

Please note that **ALL** P4&P5 pupils are expected to be in attendance for **ALL 3** show nights (19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March). P4&5 pupils play an important part in the show as a choir and as such, they are placed in a specific location. Being absent during a show upsets these pupil placements, which is difficult to fix at short notice. Plus, they are all exceptional at raising the volume of our songs!

## Upcoming Dates:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed for St. Patrick's Day**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term (12 noon finish for all pupils)**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term.**



For the last 2.5 years Mrs Moore has been working on a very exciting project. Along with two other teachers she has been helping the charity 'Stand By Me' to plan and resource four kindergarten classrooms in Ethiopia.

During the Easter holidays she has the wonderful opportunity of going to train the teachers on how to use these amazing resources. This will hopefully mean the move away from very structured learning for these young children and instead they will be able to learn in a fun and interactive way – just like we do in Ballynure!

These resources have already arrived at the school in a giant container (as pictured) but Mrs Moore is able to bring 2 additional large bags with her.



If your family would like to support her trip she would love to fill these bags with donations of:

- Colouring pencils
- Bars of soap
- Sanitary pads
- Children's underwear.

Any support would be very welcome and Mrs Moore is looking forward to sharing her experiences with the school when she returns.

## Safeguarding

**The safety and wellbeing of our children is our top priority. If you ever have any concerns about your child, or other children, please inform Mr Trussell (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), Mrs Galashan (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or your class teacher.**

## Car Parking

Once again, we would encourage our families to be mindful of where they are parking at drop off and collection times. Please be considerate of our neighbours and their properties. To assist with this, we are continuing to work on a solution to the difficulties that car parking brings.

## Lost Property

In school, we have a growing number of items in lost property. It is very difficult to return these items when they are unnamed. Please ensure all items of clothing, including coats, are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Community News



**BALLYCLARE RFC**

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL  
THURSDAY 4TH APRIL  
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

9.30AM-2PM  
AGES 7-14  
£50PP  
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WHAT TO BRING...

