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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### November Pupil of the Week Stars

Years 1 & 2: Evie McCracken, Ella Mills, Lewis Collins, Ryan Mitchell

Years 3 & 4: Lucy Webb, Amy Collins, Jess Whittley, Alex Steele

Years 5 & 6: Zach Irvine, Ollie Marks, Shelby Johnston, Will Smyth

Years 6 & 7: Teddy Law, Blake Welshman, Joel Massey, Joy Hutton

**Great job, everyone!**



### Monthly Award

During November our monthly value was to **Be A Good Friend**. Well done to our winners!

☺ Ella Mills (P1)

☺ Lily Wilson (P2)

☺ Lucy Webb (P3)

☺ Josh Lyons (P4)

☺ Matthew Morrison (P5)

☺ Salma Neill (P6)

☺ Judith Duncan (P7)



**Monthly Award for December**

**Be Attentive**

### After School Clubs Finish on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to everyone who attended this term. We will inform you of our new rota for Term 2 shortly. They will commence on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### Anti-Bullying Week and BLUE Day



We had a very successful Anti-Bullying Week. We had a special Assembly and each class had lessons and activities linked to Anti-Bullying and Internet Safety. Thank you to everyone who completed their questionnaires. The results are enclosed.

### PTA say THANK YOU!!

Our recent Sponsored Walk raised an amazing £991.55!! What a fantastic amount which will go towards a new reading scheme for the school!

The PTA coffee morning on 14 November raised a fantastic £420 for Ward A3 in Antrim Area Hospital. Miss Bell wishes to pass on her thanks for all the support she has been given over recent weeks from you all and she sincerely appreciates your generosity. The hamper was won by Mrs McCutcheon.

Our children have been busy drawing their faces to make into a tea towel which will make excellent Christmas presents! Further details will follow. Any funds raised will go to PTA.

If you are shopping online, please remember to use [easyfundraising.org](http://easyfundraising.org). This means that we would earn a percentage of your purchase to put to school funds. Happy shopping!!

## Winter Active Challenge – Journey to Santa

Mr Dowds has set us another challenge to keep fit and active! Children can collect stamps every time they walk, scoot or cycle to school. All completed sheets will be put into a box and prize winners drawn out on our last day before Christmas.

### Christmas Events

As we are going to the Pantomime on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December there will be no hot dinners served on that day. Packed lunches will be available. We should be back at school around 3:15pm.

The Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Our School Fair takes place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please send in any contributions to our tombola as soon as possible.

The PTA Sing-a-long Coffee morning is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please send in some tinsel or a Santa Hat/ decoration for your child to wear when performing. Come along for a cuppa and some entertainment!!

Our Christmas Concert is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All children go home at 1:55pm on that day. There will be 2 performances – at 9:30am and 7pm. Please ensure your child is in/has their costume for these performances.

Our Beetle Drive for the children is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – again your child may add a little Christmassy Sparkle to their uniform!

As Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is our last day of term, it will be non-uniform and children may wear a Christmas jumper if they wish. £1 contribution to school funds please.

I'm sure you will agree that our choir were fantastic when they performed at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree last Thursday. Congratulations to everyone involved!

**P1 and P2 will be busy during the month of December delivering Christmas Post. If your child wishes to write Christmas cards to their friends in school, they can post them in school and P1/2 will deliver them. Please make sure that the child's name and class is on the front of the envelope – We don't want any undeliverable mail!!**

### For your information

#### Post Primary Open Evenings

- Ballyclare Secondary School: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 7pm. Principal's address at 7:45pm
- Ballyclare High School: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 6:00 – 9:30pm

#### Ballyclare Nursery School Open Event

If your child will be 3 years old before 1 July 2018 then you will need to apply very soon for them to start Nursery school in September 2018! Ballyclare Nursery School wish to invite you to come along to their open afternoon on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 – 4.30pm to pick up an Application Pack or give them a call on 02893352982 for further information. If you are unable to attend the open afternoon they will have packs available for collection from the Nursery School office after 5 December.



#### School Cardigans

Our new school cardigans are now available from Sport N Sound and cost £13.90. It is not necessary to buy one this year, however, they will be part of the girls' uniform from September 2018.

#### Youth for Christ Quiz

Youth for Christ are having a Christmas quiz on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7:30pm in Fairview Primary School. Suggested Donation £5 per person.

#### Thank you to the Community Association!

Doagh Community Association have kindly given us a cheque for £100 for the use of school to hold their meeting. This money will help to purchase our Open Night banners and is very much appreciated.

- *Please remember that our **Parent Suggestion Box** is located outside the Secretary's office. If you have any ideas you would like us to consider please pop a note into this or have a chat with a member of staff.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER	
Fri 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pantomime</li> </ul>
Sat 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AQE Test 3</li> </ul>
Tue 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair in school until 11 December</li> <li>• Christmas Fair 6.30pm</li> </ul>
Thur 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After School Clubs finish for the term - <b>resume Monday 8 January 2018.</b> Further details will follow</li> <li>• Celebration Assembly – Be attentive</li> </ul>
Tue 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA Coffee Morning : Sing-a-Long! Add some Christmas Sparkle to your uniform!</li> </ul>
Wed 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Christmas Dinner</li> </ul>
Thur 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Concert 9.30am and 7pm. All children leave school at 1.55pm and return to school at 6.30pm in their costumes</li> </ul>
Friday 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be Green, Wear Green Day</li> </ul>
Tues 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beetle Drive in School – Add some extra Christmas Sparkle to your uniform!</li> </ul>
Wed 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Jumper Day! £1 for school funds</li> <li>• School closes at 12.05pm for the Christmas Holidays. There will be no packed lunches/school dinners</li> </ul>
JANUARY	
Thur 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School commences after Christmas Holidays</li> <li>• <b>NB School will close at 12:05 due to staff training. There will be no packed lunches/school dinners</b></li> </ul>
Fri 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School returns to normal times</li> </ul>

*If you require any information or would like clarification on any issue, please feel free to contact me. L Brown*

### Anti-Bullying Questionnaires

I have enclosed the results of our recent Anti-Bullying Questionnaires. We are very pleased with the results. However, as we are always striving to improve we hope to complete the following points during Term 2 :

- Review our Anti-Bullying policy and procedures with children, staff and parents
- Introduce some new reward systems in the playground
- Extend supervision provision and procedures in the playground

**If you ever have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be only too happy to help.**



## DOAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

	Questions asked....	True	Mostly true	Not true
1.	The school is fully committed to creating an environment of care and trust of all pupils.	88%	12%	0%
2.	High standards of behaviour are expected and are evident in the school.	91.5%	8.5%	0%
3.	The staff are fair, firm, consistent and compassionate in their approach to keeping good order in the school.	85%	15%	0%
4.	Pupils feel able to express concerns about bullying to any member of staff, knowing that these will be received sympathetically and that appropriate action will be taken (eg the use of the class worry box)	80%	15%	5%
5.	Teachers and supervisors help my child to feel safe in the playground.	81%	14%	5%
6.	Good relationships between teachers and pupils exist in and out of the classroom.	91.5%	8.5%	0%
7.	Pupils are encouraged to value one another and to express their own views while appreciating the views of others.	90%	7%	0% (3% no response)
8.	My child feels secure and free from emotional and physical harm in school.	75%	20%	5%
9.	The achievements of all pupils are recognised, valued and celebrated so that pupils' self-esteem is enhanced.	86.5%	10.5%	3%
10.	My child feels safe from bullying on the way to and from school.	93%	5%	0% (2% no response)
11.	In school, pupils learn to respect and appreciate differences.	91.5%	6.5%	0% (2% no response)
12.	In school, pupils are given opportunities to express their feelings in ways which are not aggressive.	91.5%	6.5%	0% (2% no response)
13.	My child feels safe from bullying in school at all times.	72%	23%	5%
14.	I agree with the school's anti bullying policy and procedures.	93%	2%	5%
15.	I am aware of clearly defined procedures for reporting and recording incidents in school.	88%	9%	3%



