



## BALLYKEEL BULLETIN – 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

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CHILD PROTECTION - Designated Teacher: Mr J Fisher

Deputy Designated Teachers: Mrs J Thompson and Mrs S Müller



Over the past number of years we have enjoyed excellent coaching and PE lessons from Coaching for Christ and I am glad to say that this year we hope will be no different. Every Thursday this term four coaches are taking P3-P7 classes for 30-minute fitness and football skills lessons outdoors. The children really enjoy the opportunity to get outdoors, exercise and practice some new skills with the UEFA qualified coaches. The organisations' ethos is to '*encourage pupils to become better players on the pitch and better people off the pitch*' and certainly teachers see how much they care about our pupils and invest energy into building their self-esteem and confidence.

In Ballykeel we know that the pupils, staff and many parents have expressed their gratitude towards the work this voluntary organisation has done amongst our pupils. Many of you generously donated to the JustGiving page during lockdown and I want to sincerely thank you for doing this in lieu of our usual festival fun day. The charity greatly appreciates your support and couldn't continue without your financial generosity. A donation was also given from school funds.

Mrs McKelvey (PE Coordinator)



P.5 to P.7 children have been having workshops with Action Mental Health. The aim is to promote good mental health and social and emotional well being in children with a strong focus on prevention and self care. An information session was held with the staff which was really useful. Action Mental Health are also running an information session for parents on **MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 6:30** in the school. Please email to let us know if you can attend.



### PAULINES' 10,000 FT SKYDIVE In Aid of the Mark Lynn Foundation

Pauline Ward, Cameron's mum, is doing a skydive on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October to help raise vital funds for chronically ill children. Please go to Donna Lynn's Facebook page if you are able to donate something, however small. Good luck Pauline!



Mrs Sheeran worked with P.7 pupils to draw up a Code of Conduct on RESPECT. Please see the news section on the Home Page of the school's website called 'Pupil Code of Conduct in Relation to Respect'



#### REMINDER ABOUT COMMUNICATION:

- The main way from school to home is through the NI schools app and the website
- Parents should have emailed their email address and contact number to the child's teacher which means parents will have the teacher's email address also
- Absence to be sent to the child's teacher by email (not the info account)
- Medical appointments to be sent to the school's info account and copied to the teacher.
- PLEASE REGISTER FOR PARENTPAY

COMMUNICATION



