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# Ballykeel Bulletin - 27th September

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- The school photographer will be in on the 19th and 20th of October. (More details to follow.)
- School will be closed from 25th-29th October for staff training and the mid-term break.



## CHILDREN'S CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Thank you to all parents and staff for contributing to Children's Cancer Awareness Day on Friday 24th September. £1089 was donated by the pupils and £436 by the staff, making a wonderful total of £1525.



Thank you!

## TAKE 5 STEPS TO WELLBEING

Ballykeel Primary School is a 'Take 5 steps to wellbeing' school. This means that we aim to improve wellbeing both physically and emotionally, where everyone can feel good and function well. The headings of the 5 steps are; Connect, Keep learning, Be active, Take notice and Give.

In all classes the children will continue to participate in PDMU activities and mindfulness lessons. Some classes will have workshops on resilience, keeping healthy and positive mental health. The children will also be outside for physical activities and outdoor learning as often as possible.



## FAREWELL TO MRS. BLANEY

Mrs Blaney, our school secretary, left at the end of June. We miss her and we wish her all the very best. Mrs Greer is the new secretary who is working alongside Mrs Millar.



## Seesaw

Seesaw is a great way for staff and parents to communicate with each other. Going forward, weekly posts will be placed in the Journal section of Seesaw, rather than on the school website.

Please remember the inbox is a way of communicating important information and messages. Occasionally you may need to send something like an appointment letter or test result this way. Whilst we do love hearing all about what your children do outside of school, please let them tell us this themselves as it is a great way to develop their communication skills.

Please remember that all contact on Seesaw should be done during school hours.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND AND FUND RAISING 2021/22

Dear Parent,  
 Last year, in the absence of being able to fund raise, we increased school fund to £15 per child. We said that moving forward we would trial the higher amount and possibly have less fundraising events. We were so appreciative that approximately 85% of parents supported the school by donating to this. This school year, with the help of some non-uniform days and a planned fundraiser with St Brigid's next May/June 2022, we will have enough in the funds to keep us going this year. We therefore will not be asking for any contributions towards school funds from parents this school year.

Mrs S Sheeran

