



**ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FROM 19TH OCTOBER AND
WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

We are preparing some activities for the children for the first week and these will be sent home with them on Friday 16th. Your teacher will email you regarding your parent/teacher interview.

NON UNIFORM DAY IS NOW FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

This will hopefully help to cheer us all up as we are very sad not to have the children with us next week! The theme is 'yellow' as this colour is deemed to be cheerful and improve your mood and counteract stress. Children can wear anything yellow, eg socks, hairband, hat, scarf. item of clothing, face paint etc. Don't worry if you haven't anything yellow, a school polo shirt will do! We are asking each child to please bring in £1 (not through ParentPay). We will be doing lots of health and well being activities during the day.



School Fund Update

Thank you very much to those who have paid school fund so far. The response has been super. Friday the 23rd October is the deadline for Term 1.



Milk Money

Children who have paid for milk will get this until Friday 6th November. If you wish your child to have milk from Monday 9th November to Tuesday 22nd December the cost is £6.60 and should be paid through ParentPay by Tuesday 3rd November.



Have You Done a Take Five This Week?

Connect with people around you, family, friends, neighbours, colleagues. Think of these relationships as the cornerstones of your life and spend time developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you every day.



Power Hour Clubs



**Power Hour for P.2 and P3 Children is Starting Monday
2nd November, 1:50 to 2:50 (P2) and 2:00 to 2:50 (P3)**

**Power Hour for P.4 to P.7 Children is Starting Tuesday
3rd November 3:00 to 3:45 for P.4, and 3:00 -4:00 for
P.5, P.6 and P.7**

The focus is on mindfulness and mental health and well-being. We aim to encourage and promote the 'Take 5 - Steps to Wellbeing' through doing a wide range of fun and interactive activities.

Eco Flag Success!



You might remember that last year our main focus was the renewal of our school's Eco Flag status. The whole school and the Eco Committee worked hard from September to March, focusing on the following topics: Litter, Energy, Transport, Biodiversity and Healthy living.

Owing to Covid19, the assessors were not able to visit the school in May, but we are delighted announce that they did a 'desk assessment' and confirmed that Ballykeel Primary School had successfully renewed its Eco-Schools Green Flag!

This is what the assessor Dr F. Di Palo had to say:
"I am very impressed with your school's work. Congratulations to all concerned - staff and pupils alike, and not forgetting the caretaker and many parents who helped your school achieve its environmental targets. You will hold the flag for two years, and then you are asked to apply again, addressing a different topic or looking at ways of making sound financial savings."

Mrs Allen and Mrs Henry, World Around Us Co-ordinators

Does Your Child Like to Eat Grapes?



If so, when you are sending them in to school can you cut them into quarters please. They are deemed to be a choking hazard by EA catering services and we always have to cut them before serving.

Thank you!
Mrs Bradley, Head of the Canteen

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