BALLYKEEL BULLETIN – 20th NOVEMBER 2020



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Go for a walk or run, cycle, play a game, garden or dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity that you enjoy; one that suits your level of mobility and fitness.

Shoe Box Appeal

THANK YOU! 351 out of a total of 379 children contributed £1 to the Shoe Box Appeal, enough for each class to do a Shoe Box. Such a lovely thing for our

boys and girls to do for those who are less fortunate at Christmas time!

Christmas Cards

We have been asked if children can bring in Christmas cards for each other this year. Unfortunately, this will not be possible as there would be too many to quarantine.





The School Council met this week for the first time this school year. As well as welcoming back last year's councillors, we welcomed our new Primary 4 members Mason-Bane Stewart and Johnathan Richmond. At our meeting, our main issue was the discussion of how we can continue to fulfil our roles as 'Take 5 Pupil Champions' within our classrooms, as well as in the wider school community. We have begun to make plans that will allow us to collaborate in the writing and production of a short presentation that promotes the 'Take 5' message around our school. We will continue to focus on this in our upcoming meetings, so watch this space for further news!

Mr J Hughes

Parent Pay

THANK YOU! 97% of children are now registered for ParentPay. We are continuing to try and get the remaining 3% on.



How It Works



When you pay for a school dinner through ParentPay, the payment goes straight in to the bank account of School Meals, Education Authority, that's why you cannot pay cash for a school dinner.

Milk payments must go through ParentPay, these go into the school's account and we then transfer that to Dale Farm through the EA.

Money for other things such as the Shoe Box Appeal and School Fund go directly into the school's account.

A number of children, who are registered on ParentPay, brought in cash for the shoe boxes and school fund. CAN YOU PLEASE USE PARENTPAY IF YOUR CHILD IS REGISTERED.

Why Cash on a Non Uniform Day?



We need to keep a small amount of cash in school to pay for things such as treats for Pupils of the Month, Classes of the Month, biscuits and juice for the after school clubs amongst other things.



Your support of the school by using ParentPay, contributing to things such as the Shoe Box Appeal and school funds, and donating £1 on non uniform days, is greatly appreciated.

Diary Dates

<u>Tuesday 24th November</u> Flu Vaccine Tues 22nd December – from 11:30 to 12:30.

School closes for the Christmas Break. We will let you know the times each year group will finishing closer to the time. School reopens on Tuesday the 5th January 2021.