

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

School Closed – Staff Development Day	Friday, 25 th September
School Closed – Staff Development Day	Monday, 28 th September
Fairview Ambassadors visit to Mossley Mill	Friday, 2 nd October
Assembly with Shining Lights	Friday, 2 nd October
Harvest Assembly with CEF	Monday, 5 th October
Primary 1 in until 2pm	Monday, 5 th October
Girls' Hockey Blitz	Wednesday, 7 th October
Boys' Hockey Blitz	Thursday, 8 th October
Individual and Family Photos	Monday, 12 th and Tuesday, 13 th October
Football Competition	Wednesday, 14 th October
Flu Vaccine	Thursday, 15 th October
Parent Teacher Interviews	w/b Monday, 19 th October
Early finish for pupils to accommodate interviews (canteen lunches will be served)	Tuesday 20 th October – Thursday 22 nd October 12:30pm
Primary 7 visit to BHS musical production of 'Sister Act' ** 1.30pm return to school **	Wednesday, 21 st October

****Please remember school is closed for pupils tomorrow (Friday) and Monday. We will be back in as normal on Tuesday 29th September.**

Pupil of the Month

We have adapted our pupil of the month targets to reflect our new Core Values in school. Our target for September is:

We show: Respect

Respect is our first Core Value and is based around showing respect to ourselves, others and our environment. It is at the heart of how we learn, play and work together every day. Throughout this month, staff will be looking out for pupils who demonstrate respect by listening carefully to others, using good manners, following school rules, caring for property and equipment, valuing different opinions, and showing kindness and consideration to everyone in our school community. By showing respect in both words and actions, our pupils help make Fairview a happy, safe and welcoming place for all. We will celebrate those pupils who have made a particular effort to show respect in an upcoming assembly.

Visit our New Website

We are delighted to launch our new website:

www.fairviewps.co.uk

You will see a number of new features on the revamped website, with a calendar you can sync to your own phone, school policies available to download and an opportunity to view our promotional video. Lots of information about school is available on the website and we will be adding more as the year progresses. We hope you, and any prospective parents, find this a good starting point for keeping up with school life!

Safe and Responsible Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up

The safety of our pupils, families, staff and neighbours is extremely important to us. Following complaints from local residents, our own parents and even pupils coming into school, I am writing to remind everyone to park and drive safely and responsibly when bringing children to school in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon.

Please also remember not to park inside the school gates, either before school for drop off at Breakfast Club, during school hours or after school for pickup at clubs.



At these busy times, please take particular care to:

- keep local residents' driveways and entrances completely clear, especially at Merion where we have had issues raised on a regular basis since starting back in August;
- maintain access along surrounding roads at all times, including access for residents, service vehicles and emergency vehicles;
- avoid parking on corners or in any location that restricts visibility or makes it difficult for other vehicles to pass;
- stop only where it is safe and permitted to do so; and
- allow extra time so that children can enter and leave vehicles safely, without anyone feeling rushed.

I am also asking drivers to be especially alert for children crossing roads or walking between parked vehicles. If possible, please consider parking a short distance from the school and walking the remaining distance, helping to reduce congestion immediately outside the school. With Hillmount and Merion so busy, it may be an option to park at our Thornhill entrance where it is generally less congested.

Thank you in expectation of your cooperation and for helping us to show kindness and respect to our local community while keeping everyone safe.

Early Days in Primary 1

All our little Primary 1s have settled into life at Fairview brilliantly. There have been lots of fun activities including Autumn walks, playing in our extensive school grounds and staying for lunch with their friends. The children have enjoyed getting to know everyone in their classroom and have embraced our daily routines and exciting learning opportunities. We couldn't be more proud of them! We have one more week with a 1pm finish, then from Monday 5th October Primary 1 will be in for a full day until 2pm.

Attendance

It seems obvious to say that regular attendance is directly linked to better academic performance. Missing school – even just 10% of the year – can result in a child losing up to **120 guided learning hours**. Attending school consistently helps children:

- Build friendships and social skills.
- Develop teamwork, resilience, and confidence.
- Feel less anxious and more settled in their learning environment

Children who attend regularly are more likely to feel happy and secure at school, which contributes to their overall well-being.

We celebrate good attendance in school and try to make our school a place where pupils want to be each day. This month, we celebrated those pupils who achieved full attendance last year. We had an incredible 45 pupils with full attendance, maintaining the high standard we set last year.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will commence in a couple of weeks, with the majority being week beginning 19th October. Notes with your allocated time are currently being prepared and will come home next week. We would ask you to do your very best to be available for the meeting or call, but if the time doesn't suit, then please contact the teacher to have it rescheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Pupils will leave school early on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October to facilitate the interviews.

- P1 - 3 pupils will start to leave from 12.15pm
- P4 & 5 pupils will leave at 12.25pm
- P6 & 7 pupils will leave at 12.30pm

Please make sure that all pupils are collected promptly on these days. Canteen lunch will be available. After school provision will also be available to book online on the three early closure days.



Book Fair Evening

What a fabulous time our pupils had at our Bedtime Stories & Book Swap evening!

They enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas, cosying up with some toast and juice and spending time with their friends. A huge thank you to Suzanne from Ballyclare Library for leading the night and reading so many wonderful stories! Pupils enjoyed buying books from the book fair and our parents even enjoyed a cuppa too! A very successful night with lots of support from our Fairview family and school community.



PTA AGM

The first PTA meeting of the year was held in school this week. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces returning but also welcoming many new parents who have not come along before. Some of our post holders from last year were proposed and seconded for another term. With our co-chairs stepping down, I am delighted to announce a new Chairperson:

Chair	Fiona King
Secretary	Gina Beattie
Treasurers	Emma Armstrong and Gillian Hamill

A huge thank you to the ladies for continuing their good work, to Fiona for stepping up into the role of chairperson, and to Ruth Livingston and Emma Meikle who have served as co-chairs for a number of years now and have done a wonderful job.

A huge thank you also to all those other mums who have agreed to lead on the various events we have already planned for the year ahead. Our PTA is a great group and it is a wonderful way to become part of school life – your child loves to see you involved and they get advance viewings of all the events! We really need your support, ideas, enthusiasm and skills! Don't be shy, give PTA a try!



TOGETHER WE RAISED AN AMAZING

CHRISTMAS FAIR



£1,273

SUMMER FAIR



£905

GRAND TOTAL



Thank you to everyone who has supported, donated and helped at our events this year.

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Primary School

Artist Success

Miss Horner's after school club pupils entered a competition last year to produce a piece of art linked to the ocean. Lots of our pupils had work chosen to be included in the book – well done! I have to say a huge congratulations to our exceptionally talented pupil, Isla! Not only was Isla's piece of work selected as a winning piece, it was also chosen to be the front cover of the book.



After Schools Programme

Many of our Senior School pupils have been enjoying after school clubs led by school staff over the last two weeks. There will be two more weeks of these clubs before half term – week beginning 28th September and week beginning 5th October.

Children's Heartbeat Trust

We were delighted to celebrate with James and Ms Glasgow last week as they presented a cheque to the Children's Heartbeat Trust. Huge congratulations to Ms Glasgow as she handed over her final fundraising amount, an incredible £7277, following her skydive during the summer.



Half Term Disco

One of the most popular events on the school calendar, the Half Term Disco, is fast approaching!

Please note, it is on a Thursday evening (22nd October) again this year – your child will get a note home with further details later in October. Check out the times for each session on the poster which will appear on our Facebook page next week. We are also offering a Sensory Disco for pupils in school who find the crowd and noise in the hall too much. This will run in advance of the whole school discos, from 5.15pm -5.35pm.

Pupils are very welcome to come in fancy dress and we always look forward to seeing a range of costumes on the evening! Thanks to all those members of the PTA and our staff members who will be facilitating the disco. We couldn't run the evening without you!

Fairview Ambassadors

This past fortnight, classes in P5-P7 held their elections for roles on Fairview Ambassadors. This is an exciting time and credit should go to all the pupils who were prepared to put their name forward and stand for election. I know the standard was exceptionally high, and many incredibly talented pupils did not even make it on to the ballot paper after initial class elections.

Following final votes in each class, the following representatives will take their place on Fairview Ambassadors for this school year:

P7K	Corey McCreery	Leah Frost	
P7S	Albie Reeve	Adam Cairnduff	
P7R	Roman Johnston	Natalie Murdock	
P6E	Beth Hassard	Summer McCreight	Gabby Mdondiah
P6McI	Daniel Lorrimer	Sophia Douglas	
P6H	Jacob Chambers	Aliza Wright	
P5P	Murren Gilmour	Ruby Dempster	
P5McC	Hannah McCreight	Mila Lawrenson	
P5O	Hunter Guy	Ruby Norris	Avery Higgins

Well done to those elected, I have no doubt you will represent your class and Fairview Primary School with distinction. Following presentations in front of both senior school assemblies, a whole school vote took place upon return to class and the following pupils have been elected:

Chairperson	Albie Reeve
Deputy Chairperson	Daniel Lorrimer
Secretary	Roman Johnston

All twenty pupils will have a huge role to play in bringing forward initiatives over the year and providing a warm and welcoming environment for all visitors to the school, not to mention setting an example for their peers! I have no doubt our Ambassadors will be well led by the three post holders above. Well done to all.

Eco Committee

We are delighted to introduce our new Eco Committee for 2026/2027. This super group of eco enthusiastic pupils is full of energy and ideas, ready to make a real difference.

Their mission this year is to take on exciting new projects that will help nurture and improve our school grounds. From planting and recycling to creating spaces that support wildlife, the team is eager to roll up their sleeves and get started. They will also be doing some work around Climate Change and how we can play our part in reducing our carbon footprint.

The team will be led this year by Brody Meikle with Luke McCrea as his deputy. Miss Harrison is our new teacher in charge of Eco Schools, with one of our assistants Mrs Anderson and our Chair of Governors Mr Lewis lending their considerable expertise.

We can't wait to see all the wonderful work they will achieve together...but we have already got a glimpse of what is to come. The work on Blitz Day sets a high standard they will be striving to maintain over the course of this year.



School Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then the following is the school team:

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teachers -	Miss Earls, Mrs Craig, Mrs McCullough, Mr McAllister
Safeguarding Governor -	Mrs Victoria Woodside

The school's Safeguarding Policy is available to all parents on the school's website or from the school office, on request.



JUNIOR DROP IN

MONDAYS 6PM - 7PM

P5-P7

GBYFC CENTRE

1 GRANGES STREET, BALLYCLARE

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