**Ballymoney National School,**

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**18th November 2021**

**Dear Parents,**

**Additional Activities Payment**

The Additional Activities Payment is now due, thank you to everyone who has paid already.

**Raffle**

The PTA is planning a Christmas raffle. Each family is asked to bring in some luxury, non-perishable food items to include in the hampers. Please bring them into school before next Friday 26th November so that the hampers can be created before the tickets go on sale.

**Willow Weaving**

Rosemary Kavanagh, a heritage specialist, will visit our school playground on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. She will help us to repair, prune and extend our existing willow dome. The children will also get to weave smaller items such as willow fish. As the children will be outside a lot, we strongly recommend waterproof clothes and warm hats. Wellies would also be useful as the grass will be wet in the morning. Apparently November is the best month to transplant willow.

**Fairy Door Trail**

We have embarked on a new art project. We are going to make a fairy door trail on the roadway up towards the church. Ms. Hawkins has been busy making wooden templates for each pupil in her garage. A lot of families with young children use the road outside our school to walk along as it is quiet and safe. We hope that they will enjoy spotting our fairy doors when they are completed.

**Concern Primary Debating Competition**

The second round of the debating competition has been postponed twice as the proposition were unable to field a team due to pupil absences. It has been rescheduled to Monday 22nd November at 11:30am. We are opposing the motion which is 'Billionaires should not go to Space'.

**Ukulele le Chéile**

Our ukulele project is progressing very well. We are so impressed at the enthusiasm and progress of the pupils. This project is a collaboration with St. Multose National School, Kinsale and Kilgarriffe National School, Clonakilty. The senior pupils bring home their ukuleles on Wednesdays. We usually try to practise on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please remind your child to bring in their ukuleles every Monday so that they can practise together. We usually upload a sound recording of them playing their ukuleles each week on seesaw if you would like to hear their progress. The three schools will perform for each other on zoom during the second term. It is hoped that they can meet at Inchydoney Beach next summer to play together, if covid restrictions allow it.

**Dunmanway Family Resource Centre**

Dunmanway Family Resource Centre have asked us to share the information below about an upcoming workshop. There is a flyer attached to this e-mail.

**Help Your Child to Navigate Their Social and Emotional Wellbeing Workshop – A Practical Guide for Parents**

Parents/carers of children 0 to 24 years welcome!!!

Free one off online workshop for 1.5 hours

Venue: -  Online via zoom with Dunmanway Family Resource Centre

Thursday 2nd of December at 8 p.m.

Interested? Text Aileen at 083-8514132 or email [aileen@dunmanwayfrc.com](mailto:aileen@dunmanwayfrc.com)

Send the word CYPSC your name and email address. Don’t have an email, ring Aileen for support.