**Ballymoney National School,**

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**15th March 2022**

**Dear Parents,**

**School inspection**

On Thursday 3rd March, we had an incidental school inspection from our school inspector. He spent three hours in the school observing the teaching and learning in both classrooms. He said that he was very happy with the standard of teaching and learning.

**Food Dudes**

The Food Dudes Programme began in the junior classroom today. The programme encourages the pupils to eat more fruit and vegetables. The initial tasting stage will last for sixteen days. The senior classroom will join the programme on day nine, Tuesday 29th March. A letter with further details will be sent home with the senior pupils next week.

**Tidy Towns**

On Thursday 10th March, the pupils assisted the Tidy Towns committee to plant shrubs and trees in the Butterfly Garden. There will be a photograph of them in The Southern Star newspaper this week.

**Changemaker Nomination**

The Board of Management has received a letter from DCU stating that our school has been successfully nominated as a DCU Changemaker School. Following an independent nomination, an introductory call, the completion of an application form, a school visit and an interview with a member of the Board of Management and a parent; they were very impressed with how our school fosters a culture wherein empathy, creativity, leadership and teamwork can flourish. They were particularly impressed with the culture of creativity and leadership which exists in Ballymoney N.S. Ms. Hawkins and I will travel to DCU on Thursday 24th March to represent our school at the Changemaker Conference. We will be one of only nineteen Changemaker schools in the country and the only Church of Ireland Changemaker school which is a significant achievement. Well done everyone!

**Lá Glas**

Tomorrow the pupils may come to school in green clothing, if they have some, to celebrate the start of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

**Board of Management**

There was a meeting of the Board of Management on Monday 14th March. The Agreed report is shown below.

**Agreed Report**

* The Child Protection Policy was reviewed.
* A Summer Works Grant will be used to resurface the playground during the summer holidays.
* An Activpanel is being purchased for the senior classroom to replace the interactive whiteboard which will be moved to the Parish Hall.
* Permission was granted for Ms. Hawkins and Mrs. Quin to job share for the 2022-23 school year.
* The Board of Management would like to congratulate the whole school community on their Changemaker Nomination.