



**Parents'
Weekly
News
March 8th
2024**



Monday was a really special day in the life of our school. It was a joy to welcome a whole range of people to our school including the local MP the Rt Hon Ian Paisley, the Mayor of Ballymoney, Steven Callaghan, our Board of Governors, members of Balnamore PS Support Group alongside our parents and staff and most importantly our children.

Our children give us so many reasons to be positive and hopeful and Monday's opening of the Sensory Room reminded us to Engage, Explore and Enjoy the treasures that we have in our lives and in our school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this event possible and to bring it all together.



To clarify the arrangements for St Patrick's Day.

School will be closed for all children on St. Patrick's Day as it is a Staff Training Day.

Apologies for any confusion.

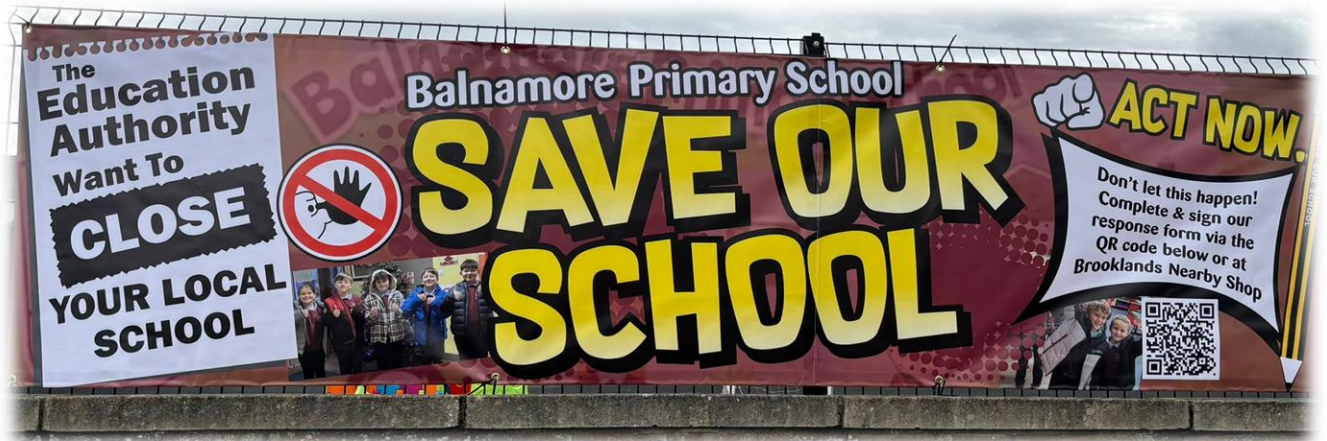
The Official opening was a wonderful occasion enriched by the many culinary delights provided by Joyce and Mandy as well as generous contributions from parents and grandparents. Centre place were the Sensory Cupcakes made by Karolyn Shephard at The Party Girl. Thank you to each and every one for this help and to Alastair, of course, for all his background work.

Thank you also to Lesley Magee for the beautiful sounds of the harp that echoed around the school throughout the event.



Instrumental in it all was the Balnamore Primary School Support Group.

This team has become the driving force for change in our school and it is a joy to see this first significant step forward.



Thank you to everyone who has responded in the various ways to our campaign to 'Save our School'. The open process has come to an end now and so the matter moves to the Minister of Education, Paul Given and to the Department of Education for due consideration.

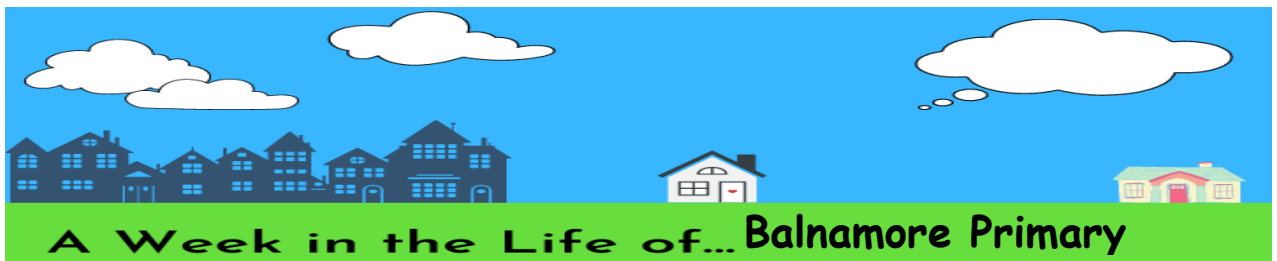
As a school we are indebted to the community of Balnamore for your support and response.

On behalf of the children, the staff and the Board of Governors, I say an enormous thank you to each, and everyone, of you.

Thank you in particular to the **Balnamore Primary School Support Group** who have worked tirelessly to raise the profile of this campaign and to energise the cause of our school. I know they are committed to continue to do so for the benefit of all our children and the children yet to come and maybe even the children to come back!!!

Thank you to Gareth, Gemma, Helen, John, Lesley, Roger & Stacy.





FARM SAFETY



Pupils received a talk from the school nurse where they found out how to stay safe when visiting a farm. They were great listeners and answered questions well.



A group of four children are posing for a photo. They are all wearing headbands with cat ears. From left to right: the first child wears a black t-shirt and a brown apron with a window cutout; the second child wears a black t-shirt and a white apron with a window cutout; the third child wears a blue t-shirt with 'WASH STATE' and a yellow apron with a window cutout; the fourth child wears a plaid shirt, a red bandana, and blue overalls. Each child is holding a small teddy bear. The background is a large green backdrop featuring the text 'The Cat in the Hat' and a large illustration of the Cat in the Hat. There are also some small decorations on the wall, including a clock and a picture of a cat.


 Hop on over for our
EASTER
 Egg hunt
 Join us on
Sunday 31st March at 10am
 for some egg-citing fun!
 Balnarnock Community Centre


What's Happening

NEXT WEEK

Monday	11 th March	• Busy Bees 2.00-3.00pm (P1-3)
Tuesday	12 th March	• Assembly
Wednesday	13 th March	•
Thursday	14 th March	• Construction Club 3.00-4.00pm
Friday	15 th March	• Busy Bees 2.00-3.00pm (P1-3)

Please note that Construction Club has moved to Thursday afternoon. From next week there is no After School Activity on Wednesday afternoons.

If there is anything I can help you with, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 028 2766 4564 or email me at smulligan569@c2ken.net

Final Comment

Hopefully, you find the provision of the Parents' News helpful and informative. If you require further information on any of these matters, or any issue concerning school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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