

Gracehill Primary School News

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PTA News

School Pitch

The Gala Ball may be over but the redevelopment of the school pitch is still very much at the forefront of all our minds. Many thanks to those contractors who have assessed the ground and to Mr Boyd who is always on hand to support. We are still waiting on a few quotations and a lot of sunshine to dry out the area before groundwork starts.

PTA Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 6pm. All will be made most welcome.

Food in School

A quick reminder that we are a “Nut Aware” school. A considerable number of our children have allergies and intolerances to some foods. Please do all you can to avoid sending food containing nuts into school at any time – especially for break time and lunch time. Whilst it is a lovely sentiment to want to share food with friends – we really must discourage this as it can inadvertently lead to allergic reactions. Many thanks for your understanding.

Child Protection Procedures for Parents

If you, as a parent, have a concern about your child’s safety, you may speak to the Designated Teacher, for Child Protection and Safeguarding, Mrs A Cousley, telephone (028 25643482). If you feel that this might be inappropriate, you may speak to the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Cameron or Mrs Kennedy in the Nursery Unit. If you are still concerned you may contact the Principal, Mr McCombe or Vice Principal Mrs Rowe, or write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, c/o Gracehill Primary School. At any time, you may talk to a social worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333 or the Regional Emergency Social Work Service on 02895 049999 – 5pm-9am Monday to Thursday, 5pm to 9am Friday to Monday. 24 hour cover over public holidays and 365 days per year. Our designated Governor for Child Protection and Safeguarding is Mr R Hall.

Online Safety Policy

Our school Online Safety Policy has been revised and is available to view on our website <https://www.gracehillps.com/s/Online-Safety-Policy-2023-New.pdf>

A range of school policies are online at <https://www.gracehillps.com/policies>

Absence notification to School

- On Day 1 of pupil absence – email khunter100@c2kni.net with the following details:
 - Child's name
 - Child's teacher
 - Reason for absence
 - Estimated return to school
- A follow up email is only required if the reason for absence changes, such as a diagnosis from the GP
 - Karen's email is monitored from 9am to 1pm

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## MINDFUL PARENTING

### FREE 6-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

**AWARE NI**, the depression charity for Northern Ireland, is delighted to offer a series of free 6-week online introductory mindfulness programmes specifically tailored for parents and carers of young children.

The Mindful Parenting course explores the many aspects of parenting and how bringing mindfulness to our roles as parents enhances our lives and wellbeing and those of our children.

**Tuesdays 10am-12pm**  
**14th May - 18th June 2024**  
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## P7 Visit to Stormont

As part of their World Around Us topic, 'Are You Wise', the P7s visited Stormont this week. They got to meet 3 of North Antrim's MLAs and heard about what goes on in the chamber. Lunch at the picnic area and a visit to the Mo Mowlam Play Park was a particular highlight.



Recently Miss Fleck's class attended a workshop to celebrate 100 years of the BBC at Ballymena Central Library. They had the opportunity to present Newsline and the weather, act in a radio drama; and commentate on Sports Sound. For those who didn't want to be in front of the camera, they had the chance to operate cameras and sound desks. A great morning was had by all. You'll never know who you might see on our screens in years to come!





Cambridge House School, Ballymena  
Saturday 27th April, 7.30pm



Tickets £15, in aid of Gracehill Moravian Church funds  
Available from 07780813809, gracehillmoravian.events@hotmail.com or bcgc.biz



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**May is National Walking Month!**

**To celebrate, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council are hosting a jam-packed calendar of FREE events and activities.**

**The full event collection can be found on Eventbrite - [Walk This Way May by MEA Outdoor Recreation | Eventbrite](#)**



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