**Ballymoney National School,**

**Ballineen,**

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 **5th February 2022**

**Dear Parents,**

**Ukulele le Chéile Concert**

On Thursday 3rd February, our senior classroom had their first ukulele concert for the pupils of Kilgarriff National School and St. Multose National School. They made a video about our school to introduce themselves and then they performed six songs. The other two schools will perform for us next week. We pre-recorded each song so that the pupils wouldn't feel apprehensive about it. The junior classroom also recorded two songs on the boomwhackers. They all got very positive feedback and we were very proud of them! We have put the video of their concert on the school website [www.ballymoneyns.com](http://www.ballymoneyns.com/) if you would like to watch it, it is eighteen minutes long.

**Picker Pals**

On Tuesday 8th February, Picker Pals TV are coming to visit the school. They promote litter picking amongst primary schools in Ireland. They make TV programmes about litter and the programmes are on Youtube for primary schools to access as part of the programme. They would like to include footage and pictures of some of our children talking about the bottle top mural and they would like to speak to them about litter in general.

They will need parental permission for the finished piece to be included in the Picker Pals TV episode on YouTube and within the Picker Pals community, social media, website etc. You will be given a consent form to complete and return before Tuesday. If you do not want your child to feature in the programme, that will not be a problem.

**Changemaker Schools**

Yesterday Fiona Collins, from DCU Changemaker Schools Programme, visited our school. The senior pupils gave her a tour of the playground and she interviewed the teachers. There are currently fifteen Changemaker Schools in the country and they are accepting five more schools this year. We are one of the nominated five schools. We do not know who nominated us. Nominations are made anonymously by school inspectors and members of PDST (Professional Development Service for Teachers). The next step is another interview with several academics from the college. If we are successful, we will officially become a Changemaker school at a ceremony in March. If you would like to find out more about Changemaker Schools, you can find more information at [www.dcuchangemakernetwork.com](http://www.dcuchangemakernetwork.com/).

**Enrolment**

We are enrolling for junior infants September 2022, if you know of any children who would be interested in enrolling, please advise them to contact the school.