



# 40th

# Anniversary Magazine

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# Foreword



# 40th

*In this very special year for Ballyoran Primary School it gives me great pleasure to introduce this Special 40th Anniversary School Magazine.*

This magazine gives you an insight into the vibrant learning environment which exists at Ballyoran Primary School and the many skills that are promoted at the school through both curricular and extra-curricular activities. It contains contributions from all our current pupils as well as a few snapshots from the past.

Ballyoran is a very special school and one which has made an outstanding contribution to the local community over the past 40 years. It is my privilege to be Principal of such a wonderful school with pupils who have been rightly described as “the best children anywhere.”

As with any publication there are many people without whose help this magazine would have been impossible to produce. I would like to thank everyone - both staff and pupils who have contributed articles to the magazine in any way. A special thank you to Mrs Huddleson for planning

and co-ordinating its publication and to the staff at In House Productions for their advice, expertise and creativity. Thanks are also due to all the businesses who sponsored advertising space - your generous support has helped make this magazine a reality. Lastly, thank you the reader for purchasing the magazine.

Finally, I commend this magazine to you and trust that you will enjoy reading it. I hope that it gives you a taste of the happy, supportive, inclusive and welcoming ethos that makes Ballyoran Primary School such a special place to be. It is a school with a tremendous history and an exciting future.

Happy 40th Birthday Ballyoran Primary School.

**Richard Woolsey**  
Principal

# A Note from the Chairperson of the Board of Governors

It is my very great privilege to be able to express my personal greetings and the greetings of the Board of Governors to all at Ballyoran Primary School as it marks its 40th Anniversary. As Chairman of the Board of Governors over these past 13 years I am very proud of what has been achieved by the school and I would like to wish the Principal, staff and pupils every blessing for the future. I trust that this anniversary magazine will rekindle the memories of many who have been associated with the school over the years.

Jim Campbell



## A Short History



Ballyoran Primary School in 1974

*Ballyoran Primary School was officially opened on 3rd September 1974 by Canon FW Gowing, Chairman of the Southern Education and Library Board.*

The school which was a modern design for the time was to replace local smaller schools such as Park Road.

The building design was unique to the Craigavon area and is exactly the same as two other local primary schools - Drumgor and Tullygally.

The layout of the building remained largely unchanged until a major refurbishment took place in 2012 which transformed the accommodation.



The First Staff

# A Trip Down Memory Lane



Jones Shield (5 a side) Winners  
March 2002



**Paul paints winning picture**

THE BALLYBURN TIMES, JANUARY 9, 1999

## Pupil Paul's artistic touch is a real winner

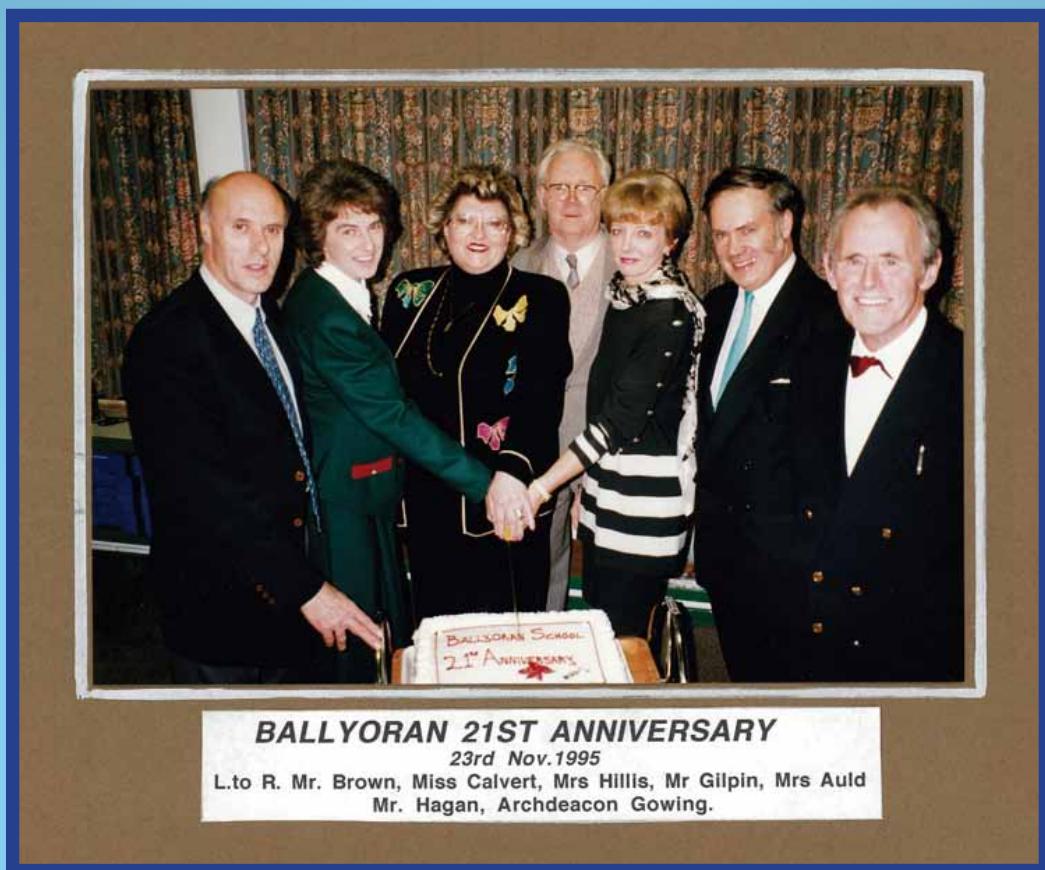
Illustrator Paul Loughrin, 11, from Ballyoran Primary School, has won the Young Artist Competition at a local shopping centre. The competition, organised by the Ulster Carpet Mills, invited local school children to paint and draw around the theme of 'The Great Outdoors'. Paul, from the Ballyoran area, was the overall winner of the competition, which had 12 entries. Paul's painting, which depicts a landscape with a river, was chosen as the best by the judges.

Paul's painting will be displayed in the window of the Ulster Carpet Mills shop in the Ballyoran Shopping Centre, and the artist will receive a £100 cash prize.



Ballyoran Primary School Credit Union poster winners June '98  
L to R: Natasha Loughrin, Cathal Donnelly, Megan O'Neill,  
Bryan Conwell, Tracey O'Neill and Clare O'Hara.

## Previous Anniversaries



## 25th Anniversary



# Official Opening of Newly Refurbished School



**Education Minister, John O'Dowd, has attended the official opening of a new £500,000 refurbishment at Ballyoran Primary School in Portadown - Wednesday, 13 June 2012**

During the event Minister O'Dowd unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion and a blessing was carried out by Parish Priest, Fr Michael O'Dwyer. The works which commenced in November 2011 included the relocation of the nursery unit to brand new state of the art and modern accommodation to allow it to become a more integral part of the main school building. A brand new suite of Foundation Stage classrooms for P1 and P2 as well as the refurbishment of the entrance area, the provision of a new library and new toilet facilities as well as additional resource and storage space.

Following a tour of the school the Minister said: "It is a pleasure to be in Ballyoran Primary School today to celebrate the completion of their £500,000 refurbishment project. I had previously visited the school in October last year just before the refurbishment works kicked off so I can clearly see just how much of an impact these improvements have made."

The Minister also commented on the music and





dance performance provided by the pupils: "As I visit schools across the north I am continually amazed by the fantastic talent displayed by our children and young people. That talent has been in evidence yet again here today at Ballyoran and I would like to thank the school choir, the instrumental group, the Irish dancers and all the children for their great welcome and the entertainment they have provided."

"I also welcome the fact that Ballyoran Primary School is represented by many different cultures and nationalities so it was particularly good to hear the beautiful singing from a group of Polish children at the school."

In conclusion the Minister said: "I would like to thank the school Principal, Richard Woolsey for inviting me to participate in this special event today. As we approach the end of the school year I also want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all those involved with Ballyoran Primary School and I hope that all the staff, pupils and their families have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break."



# Opening of Community Learning Centre

## Thursday 11th October 2012



**The Minister for Social Development, Mr Nelson McCausland was in Portadown to officially open the new Community Learning Centre at Ballyoran Primary School on Thursday 11th October 2012.**

The new facility comprises an ICT Suite, multi purpose Community Room, Interview Room, toilets, changing rooms and baby changing facilities.

The Community Learning Centre is used by the school during the day and is available for the local community to use both inside and outside school hours. Blossom Surestart are already using the Community Room three days each week to house one of their In Tune Programmes for Two Year olds and the school has hosted an ICT Beginner's Course for adults.

Mr McCausland said: "Ballyoran Primary School is well known for its welcoming, friendly atmosphere and its happy, caring, safe and stimulating learning environment and I am pleased to experience this at first hand this morning."

"Too many people continue to experience barriers to employment because of a lack of qualifications. I am determined to help remove these barriers. Education is one of the issues which must be addressed if we are to tackle the cycle of deprivation in the three Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in Craigavon, and greater parental





involvement in children's educational development is a key factor.

"The Community Learning Centre at Ballyoran Primary School will not only facilitate such engagement but it will also provide a local venue through which parents might be encouraged to undertake adult education courses in more familiar surroundings."

The centre, costing in excess of £140,000, was financed through the Department for Social Development's Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund, with an in kind contribution of approximately £13,000 from the Southern Education and Library Board.

The Minister concluded: "To date my Department has assisted the Southern Education and Library

Board and the Southern Regional College to provide a range of education and training programmes in the three Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in the Borough of Craigavon. These programmes span the entire age spectrum, from primary school, to secondary school to adult education. I am confident they will help address the economic, educational and social problems facing residents in these communities and will, in time, contribute to an increase in prosperity and quality of life."

The Principal Mr Richard Woolsey in his speech thanked the many people who had supported him in making the vision of a Community Learning Centre at Ballyoran Primary School a reality. He paid tribute to the Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and in particular its Chairperson Mrs Margaret Connolly who was pivotal in bringing this project to fruition. He also thanked Mrs Nicola Mitchell, Project Officer from the SELB for her support.

Mr Woolsey stated "Ballyoran Primary School is a school at the centre of the community, it exists to serve the people of this community and we are very excited about the opportunities that this new facility gives us to further strengthen the links with the local community."

Anyone wishing to book the new centre should contact the school office.

## Awards



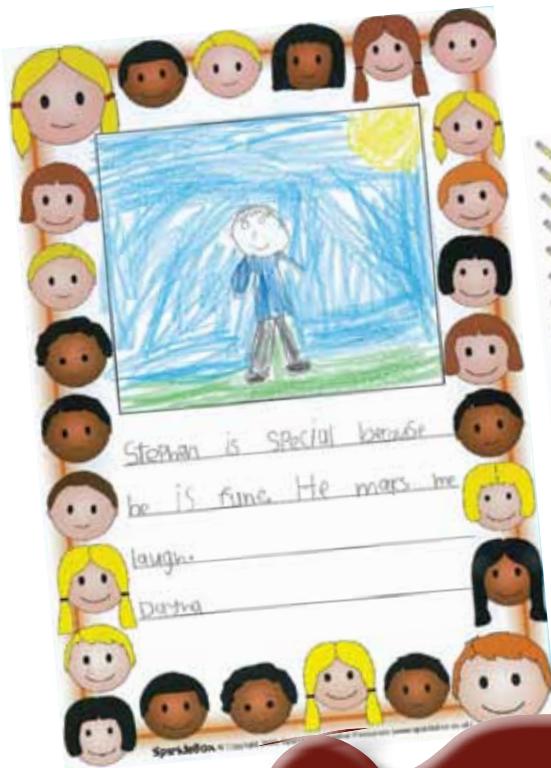
Eco School Green Flag Award - 2013



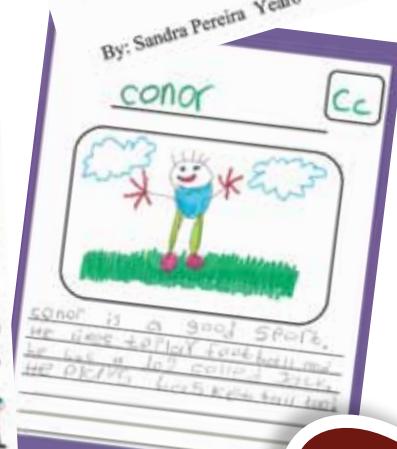
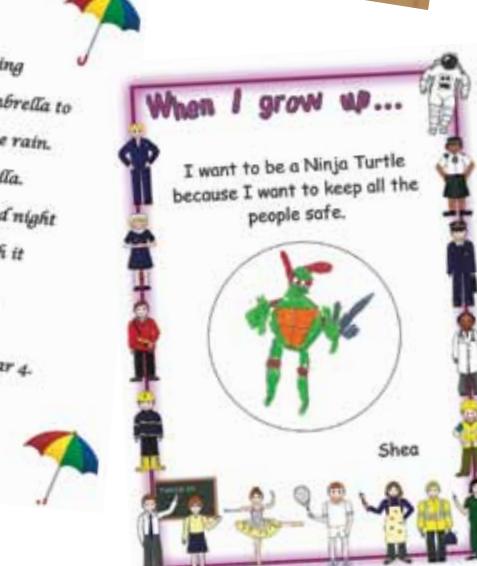
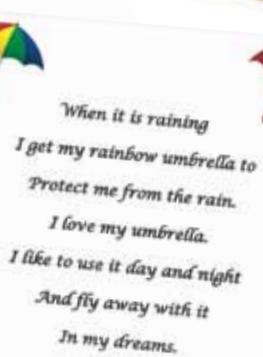
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Winner - SELB Medium School -  
Best Kept School Award 2006



# Work From Current Pupils



## The writer of this Poem

The writer of this poem  
Is as smart as a dictionary  
As cute as a tiny baby  
As sporty as Cristiano Ronaldo  
Scoring a goal every minute  
  
As busy as a teacher  
As friendly as a dog  
As calm as the Mediterranean Sea  
As funny as a joke book  
  
As chatty as two best friends  
As fast as Usain Bolt  
The writer of this poem  
Is quite likely telling a few fibs!!

By: Sandra Pereira Year 6

## Nursery I - Hand Prints



Maria



TJ



Grainne



Marcelina



Ryan



Sandro



James



Jade



Rachel



Caitlin



Alex



Hope



Daelson



Ava



Roisin



Nayara



Ricardo



Ben



Henrique



Djasmine



Brooke



Miley



Ciaran



Dominykas



Oisin



Bryan

## Nursery 2 - Hand Prints

Stephanie



Victoria



Owen



Yara



Jamie



Lucie



Ruaíri



Daniel



Oisin



Isaac



Cristiano



Nadia



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Peter



Filip



Luke



Matthew



Eva



Callum



Nicola



Lucy



Lukas



Emma



Nikki



Taylor



Ben



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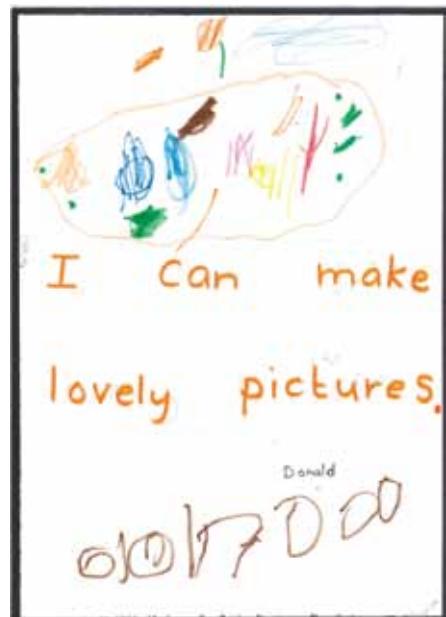
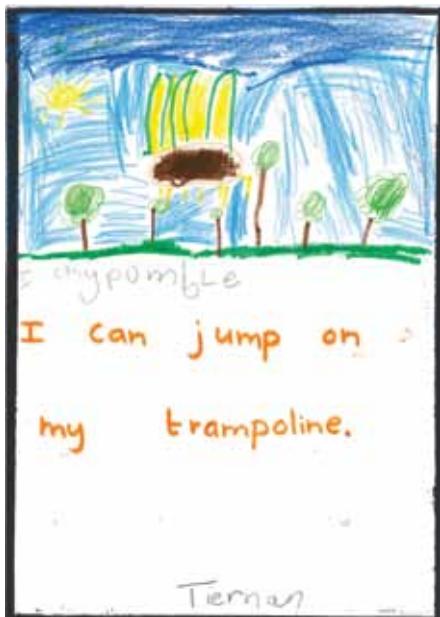
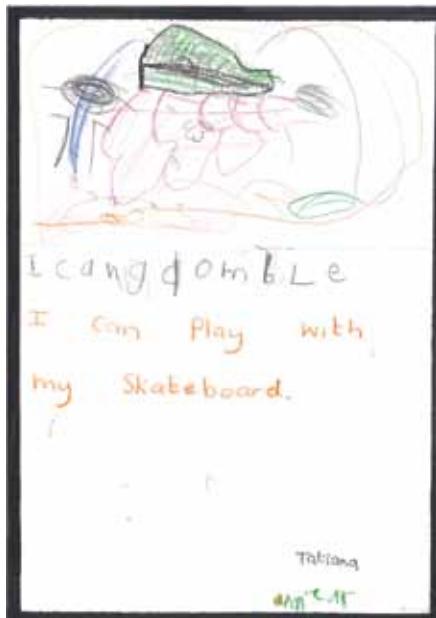
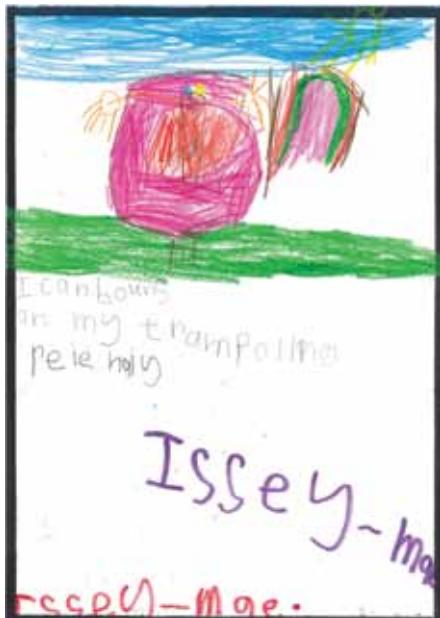
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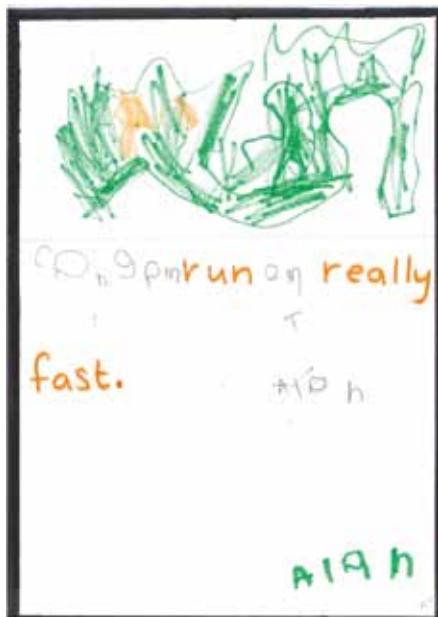
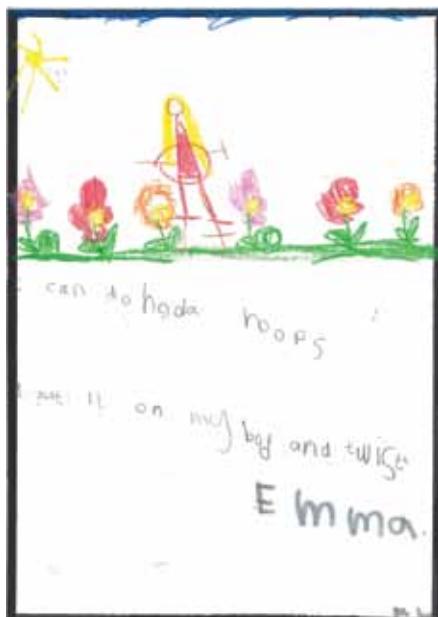
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# Year 1 - Writing & Drawing







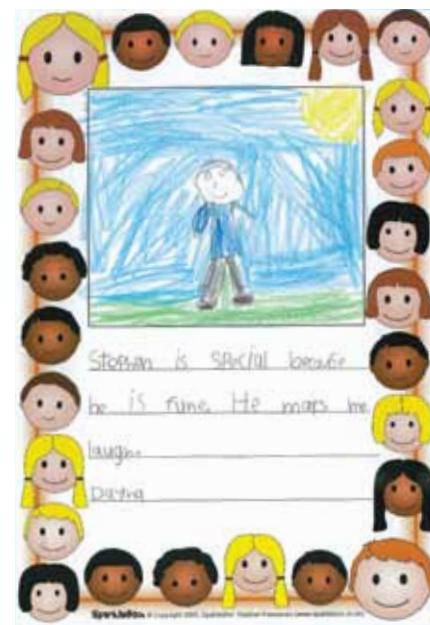
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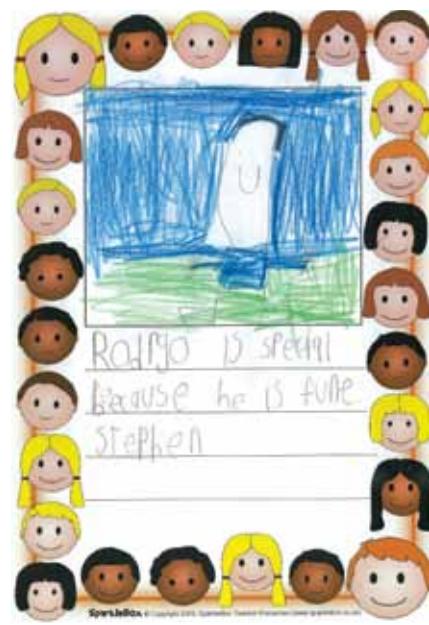
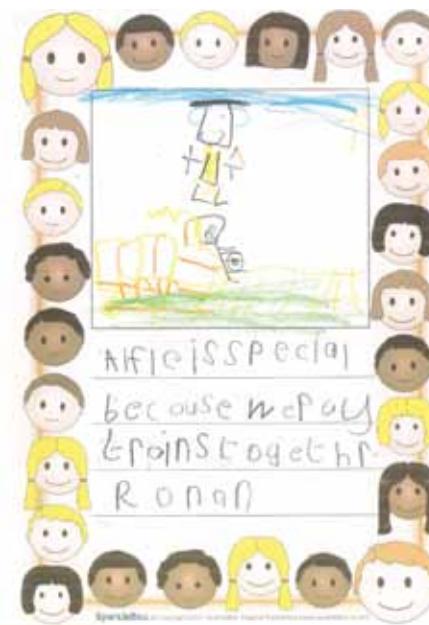
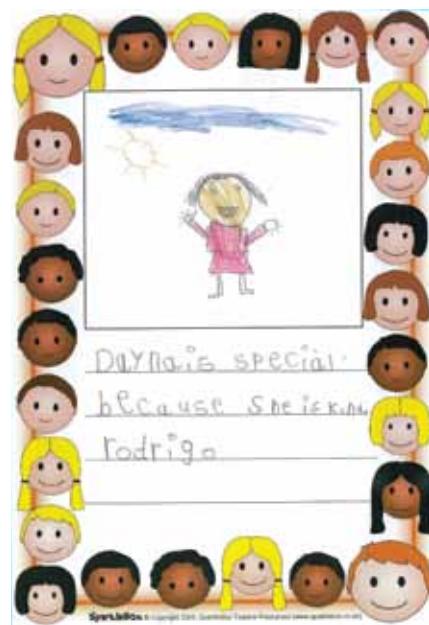
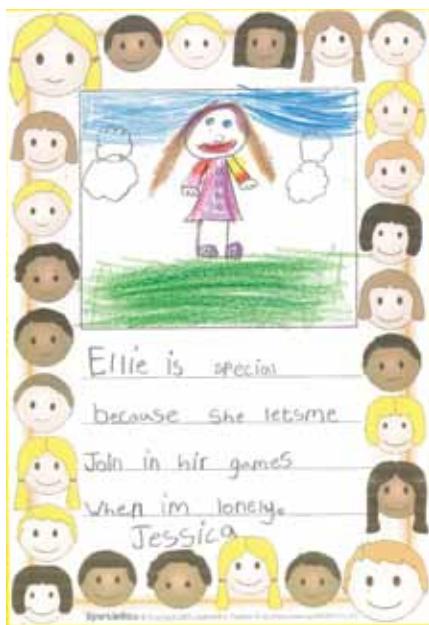
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Maurice Lavery



# Year 2B - We Are All Special





# Year 2M - When I Grow Up

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Princess because I want to live in a big Palace.



Milana

**When I grow up...**

I want to be Ben 10 because he has a big watch so he can turn into an Alien.



Mark

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Fireman. I want to put out fires and keep people safe.



Ciaran

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Clothes Designer because I want to make my own designs.



Mollie

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Power Ranger because I want to keep the bad guys away.



Ryan

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a teacher because I like to help and look after others.



Oliwia

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Hairdresser because I always dreamed of being one.



Aine

**When I grow up...**

I want to be Ben 10 because I would love to transform myself into different Aliens.



Declan

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Power Ranger so I can save the world.



William

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a teacher because I will teach the children lots of things.



Luana

**When I grow up...**

I want to be an Astronaut so I can take pictures of the galaxies.



Daniel

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Policeman because I want to keep everyone safe.



Leandro

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Nail artist. I would like to do nails for weddings.



Alisha

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Ninja Turtle because I want to keep all the people safe.



Shea

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Teacher. I will be able to teach the children and show them how to play together.



Majka

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a Cowgirl like Jessie because I like animals.



Bethany

**When I grow up...**

I want to be a T.V Star because I would pass on good news to everyone.



Emilia

**When I grow up...**

I want to be an Artist because I like to paint pictures.



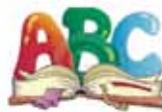
Lucia

# Year 3 - Class Dictionary

## Year 3

We have created a Year 3 Class Dictionary.

We hope you enjoy reading it!



We have been learning how to write words in alphabetical order and to use dictionaries to find definitions and facts.

We took part in an activity where we had to get ourselves into alphabetical order. We discussed things like whose name came first and whose name came last alphabetically. When we finished we looked at our class roll book to check if we had ordered ourselves correctly. We had lots of fun!

Next we had to write a definition about ourselves just like one we would read in a real dictionary. We decided to include important information like our age, our favourite foods, what we like to do in school and what we would like to be when we grow up.

We are now all alphabetical order experts and dictionary detectives!

Aa

## Adrian



Adrian can play card games.  
He is 3m and 4cm tall.  
He put soap in his family's fish tank when he was three years old.

## Antoni

Aa



Antoni is 6 years old. He has a brother who is in Year 1 and a sister in Nursery. His favourite food is bacon. He loves going to after school traffic. When he grows up he wants to be a footballer.

Aa

## Aras



Aras is 7 years old. He likes pizza. He really likes to play with his dog. Aras likes reading and writing. He enjoys getting to school. When he grows up he wants to be a cool spot coach.

Alisha

**Aa**



Alisha like's to read. Alisha is good at Gaelic. Alisha has a dog called Bow. Alisha wants to be a doctor. Alisha is good at running. She is 7 years old. She really likes being in Year 3. Her favourite food is pizza. Her brother is in Nursery.

Brody

**Bb**



Brody is 7. He wants to be in the FBI. He really loves playing Gaelic. Brody has a new baby sister called Brianne. He helps his mummy look after her.

Bronagh

**Bb**



Bronagh is a 7 year old girl. She has a brother called Cian. She likes to sing 10 songs.

Cliona

**Cc**



Cliona is a 7 year old girl. She lives in Brandon. She has two brothers and three sisters. She has a dog called Bingo who is having puppies.

conor

Cc



conor is a good sport.  
He likes to play football and  
he has a dog called Jack.  
He plays basket ball too!

Ethan

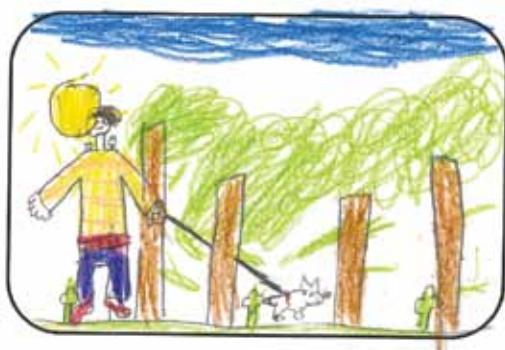
Ee



Ethan is a 7 year old boy. He loves pizza.  
He loves to play with his pet and eat  
marmalade. He likes watching  
visitors come to his new  
house!

Filip

Ff



Filip is 7 years old.  
Filip loves nature and animals. Filip has two  
minia pigs called Mr. and Mrs. Filip wants to  
be an animal rescuer when he grows up.  
Filip loves to play dodge ball. Filip likes to play  
tennis with his friends. Filip likes to play football.  
Filip likes to play miniature golf. Filip is in  
Taige.  
Filip's favorite food is pizza.

Humberto

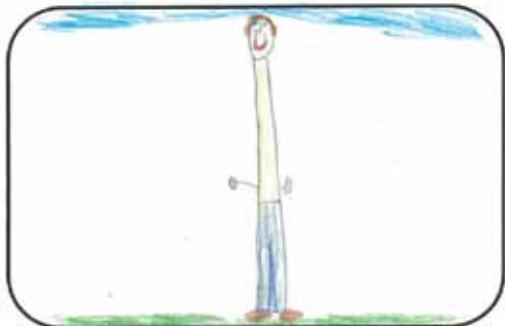
Hh



Humberto is a 7 year old boy. He  
wears a sweater and likes to play with his  
friends. His favorite food is pasta.  
Humberto loves sports. He likes being in sports.

Jack

Jj



JACK IS 7 YEARS OLD  
HE HAS A TWIN BROTHER CALLED  
JAMIE.  
JACK LOVES PLAYING THE COMPUTER.  
JACK PLAYS WITH JAMIE.

Jessica

Jj



JESSICA IS A 6 YEAR OLD  
GIRL. SHE LOVES BEING IN YEAR  
3. HER FAVOURITE TO DO  
IS DRAW PICTURES UP SHE WANTS  
TO BE A HAIR DRESSER.  
I HAVE A DOG CALLED SPOT.

Julia

Jj



Julia loves to dance. She takes part in dancing  
competitions to win trophies for dancing. Julia has a dog named  
Chloe. She is a brown labrador and he loves to go for a  
walk. Julia has a big sister called Natasha. She loves  
grapes. She is 10 years old. Julia is 7 years old.  
When Julia grows up she wants to be  
a professional dancer.

Kaius

Kk



KAIUS IS 7 YEARS OLD. HE LIKES  
TO PLAY WITH HIS BROTHER  
DANIEL. HE WANTS TO WORK AT THE  
CIRCUS WHEN HE GROWS UP. HE LIKES  
TO PLAY IN THE POOL IN THE SUMMER.  
HE LIKES BEING IN YEAR 3.

karrie

Kk



Karrie is a good fish dancer.

Karrie has dog with Mia.

Karrie has a brother called Baylee.

Karrie is 7 years old.

Karrie enjoys year three.

Karrie goes to Ballinaon.

Karrie goes to swimming.

kayleigh

Kk



Kayleigh is 7. She likes art

Her favourite food is Spagetti

She has a brother in year 4

Her favourite colour is pink

When she grows up she wants to be an art teacher

kimberley

Kk



Kimberley is 7. She loves to draw pictures of sunflowers. Kimberley's favourite food is fish cakes and her favourite colour is pink. When she grows up she wants to be an artist.

Leah

Ll



Leah likes her kitten called Smudge. Smudge is grey. Smudge's Sister Muffin is pink with different colours and Smudge is afraid of Leah's bunny rabbit.

Markuss

Mm



Markuss likes to play computer games with his friends. He has a best friend called Christopher. Markuss likes to watch DVDs. He enjoys learning lots of new things in year 2.

Niamh

Nn



Niamh is 6 years old. She has a dog called Darcy. Niamh loves pizza and she likes dogs. Niamh wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Niamh is going to have a baby brother or sister in October. She can't wait! Niamh's mummy helps us at dinner time in the canteen. Niamh really likes being in year 2.

Palla

Pp



Palla is a 7 years girl. Palla loves to play basketball and football. Palla's favourite food is pizza. Palla's favourite drink is Fanta. Palla loves to watch scary movies. Palla will like to have a dingo. Palla also will like to have a wolf. Palla will like to go to Africa. Palla loves singing and dancing. Palla's birthday is on September the 12th. Palla has a brother and sister that go to nursery. Palla enjoys going swimming.

Sean

Ss



Sean is good in sports. Football.

Sean is a strong runner.

Sean is a strong runner.

Sean is a good swimmer. Sean is very good at swimming.

Shea

Ss



Shea is a good reader. He goes to theatre on Thursday. He wants to be a cop when he grows up. He likes his dog Oddie. Shea's favourite food is chips. He loves to play his Xbox and his iPad. Shea enjoys being in Year 3!

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Tyler



Tyler's dog is called Bugs.

Tyler is 7 years old.

He got a horse for Christmas.

His horse is called Tiny Tim.

Tyler really likes school.

He is really good at telling the time.



Nigel O'Hara  
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# Year 4 - Poems



*Bees make honey  
For my tummy,  
It's so scrummy  
Yummy yummy.  
I love honey  
Yummy honey  
Especially  
When I'm hungry!*

By Ellie-Rose Bradley

Year 4



*A sunflower is  
Bright and yellow  
It comes out to play  
When the weather is mellow.  
The lovely seeds attract the bees  
So give me a sunflower  
please, please  
Sunflowers love  
The  
sun  
And  
so do  
I  
They  
make  
me  
smile*

By Roisin Larkin  
Year 4



*Pitter  
Patter  
On my  
Window  
I go outside  
To see some more  
Oh no the downpour  
Broke my umbrella. At first  
I thought it was a drizzle or maybe  
A shower but now I'm soaking wet and  
my socks soggy. My clothes are squelchy  
Wet. Oh this rain is such a pain. Now let's think...  
If I was a fish I would like the rain yet, if I was a frog  
It would keep me moist but I'm out here in the rain.  
Then my friend came and said "Do you want my  
Umbrella?" so I went home and a big  
rainbow came and my friend  
and I  
went outside  
in the  
sun.*

By Olivia Dunbar Year 4



*My umbrella is  
colourful and bright.  
It keeps me dry day  
and night.*

*If I don't hold on tight  
There's a very good  
Chance I might  
take flight.*

*When it  
is not rainy  
will I  
take  
my  
umbrella  
maybe?*



By Evie Judge  
Year 4





*Rainbow,  
rainbow way up high,  
Spreading colours across the sky  
Pink and green the brightest colours  
That I've ever seen.  
When it stops raining, the sun comes out to  
play  
The colours of the rainbow brighten up my day.  
I'll be sad when the rainbow goes  
away.*



By Anne-Marie Ward Year 4



*Ice-cream*



*Strawberry ice-cream, so delicious and pink.*

*Chocolate cream, melty and sweet.*

*Vanilla sweet with Banana flavour.*

*Minty Green so bright and good.*



 by Theilagh Pinto

*Year 4*



*When it is raining*

*I get my rainbow umbrella to  
Protect me from the rain.  
I love my umbrella.  
I like to use it day and night  
And fly away with it  
In my dreams.*



**Bees can fly.**



**Bees can sting.**

**Bees are pretty little things.**

**Bees are striped**

**Black and Yellow.**

**I hope this one won't get swiped.**



*By Christopher McGeown.*

*Year 4.*



*By Raissa Vicente Year 4.*



A sun flower is pretty.  
 When the sun rises the sun flower  
 looks up.  
 When the moon comes up the sun  
 flower puts her head back down.  
 The sunflower is made by nature.  
 Sunflowers are tall  
 And beautiful.  
 By Laura Cande. Year 4



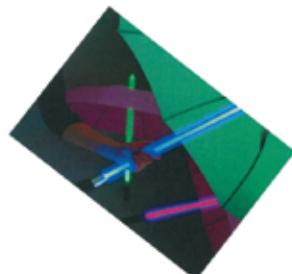
*Chocolate and toffee  
 Sauce, nuts and  
 Cream at the top of  
 My ice cream. Chocolate  
 Ice cream so tasty  
 And cold strawberry ice cream  
 So creamy and sweet  
 I've saved the best green mint choc  
 chip and I  
 Won't share.*  
 By Noah McCann.



*Year 4.*



My umbrella is big and bright  
 When it rains, it comes in handy,  
 I stand under it eating my candy.  
 Sometimes I lend my umbrella to my  
 Best friend Bella.  
 I love my big umbrella because it's so  
 colourful.  
 By Mia Millar year 4



The sunflower starts off small  
 Growing, stretching way up tall  
 The stem grows from  
 Inside the seed.



The flower petals in  
 Cluster are always in  
 a spiral  
 pattern.



By Ché McShane. Year 4



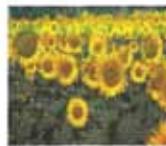
My umbrella is so big  
And the colour of it is blue  
One day I let go of it  
And up in the air it flew.  
Over the sun, over the clouds  
Over the stars and the moon  
I hope it comes back to me  
It looks like rain's coming soon.

By Katheryn Martins Year 4



CLOUDS GENTLY FLOATING BY  
IN THE BIG, BLUE, BRIGHT SKY.  
THEY MOULD INTO DIFFERENT  
SHAPES THAT CATCHES  
MY IMAGINATION.  
MAYBE THEY ARE PEOPLE,  
MOUNTAINS, SEAS OR ANGELS  
BIG FLUFFY COTTON WOOL BLOBS  
FLOATING ON A DEEP BLUE SEA.

By Dakota Wilson Year 4



I am a sunflower  
I started out small  
Then I grew up  
And now I stand tall  
My petals are yellow  
My leaves are bright green  
I'm the brightest sunflower  
You've ever seen!

By Aodhan O'Connor  
Year 4



Zoom, zoom, zoom.  
I'm going to the moon  
Zoom zoom zoom  
I'm going very high.  
High so high, way up to the sky,  
Way up where the clouds whizz by.

By Thomas Corry Year 4.





SOFT WHITE CLOUDS IN THE SKY  
FLOATING SOFTLY, QUIETLY BY

WAY UP HIGH IN THE SKY

AWAY ABOVE THE EARTH

LIKE STICKS OF CANDY FLOSS

I LIE ON THE GRASS

AND LOOK UP ABOVE

SOFT WHITE CLOUDS FLOATING WHERE?

By Darnell McConville

Year 4



Clouds are made to cover certain things  
From us clouds, clouds so beautiful.  
Fluffy warm clouds you can see stuff  
In its reflection each time.

By Aaron Prunty. Year 4



The Sunflower

The sun flower is yellow  
The sunflower is bright  
The sunflower is the tallest  
Flower of them all.  
The sunflower  
Is brighter than the sun  
That's why it always makes me smile

By Catriona Mackie year 4



One day I put my hand in

My pocket and I found a rocket that said I  
had won a day trip on a rocket I went past

Mars and I saw the stars it was a wonderful day

Sean coyle year 4



SOFT WHITE CLOUDS FLOATING WHERE?

By Darnell McConville

Year 4



By Paul Hendron.  
year 4.

You're yellow like the sunshine in the sky

You are the bee's knees.  
Blue like my slide  
You're green like the grass

My ice-cream is sweet and runny.  
My ice-cream is  
Soft and scrummy  
My ice-cream is very yummy  
I love ice-cream  
Mint choc chip  
melting  
Down my arm



By Kaya Kaplan Year 4.



Beautiful rainbow up in the sky  
I wish I could be like you up  
Sky high.



The rocket goes to outer space.  
The rocket zooms to the moon.  
The rocket lands on rocky ground  
The sky is black all around.

The rocket blasts home again  
Floating down down down  
Back to earth.



Red is the colour of an apple  
Yellow is the colour of the sun  
Pink is the colour of my peachy skin  
Blue is the colour of the clear blue sky  
Orange is the brightness of the half moon  
Purple is the colour of the King's cloak  
Green is the colour of the long, wet grass

By Sophie Griffin year 4



By David O'Hehir Year 4



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The sky is black all around.



Fluffy clouds like candyfloss

Floating, floating right across high up in  
the sky.

Planes can see them as they pass by.



By Rory Donnelly Year 4.



I think I'll build a rocket someday,  
I'll fuel it first before I fly away.  
I'll land in time for my birthday,

On planet Mars oh it's so far away.  
I hope I land on my birthday

Better not delay  
5,4,3,2,1 I'll say  
I'd better leave today! Blast off

By Tiernan Brennan year 4



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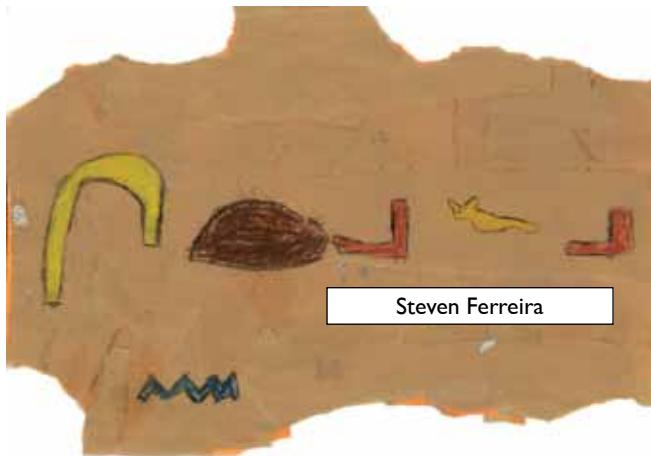
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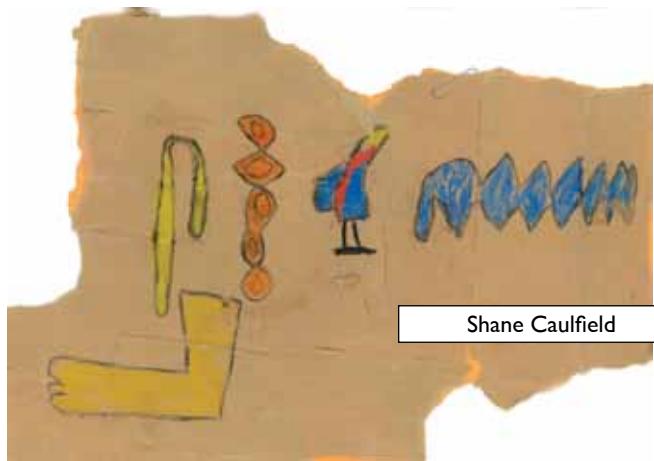
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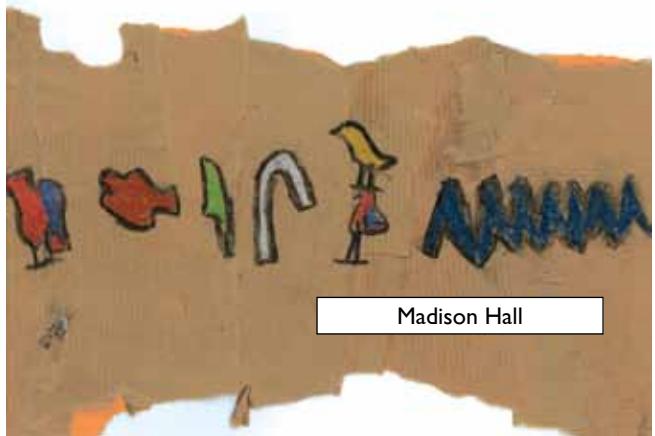
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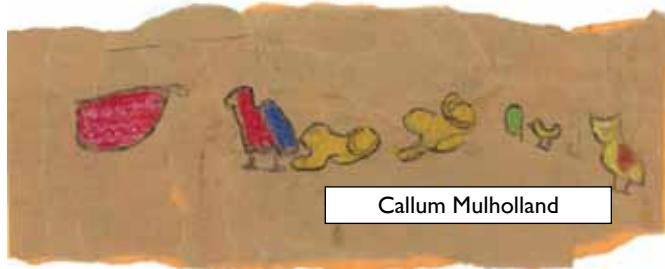
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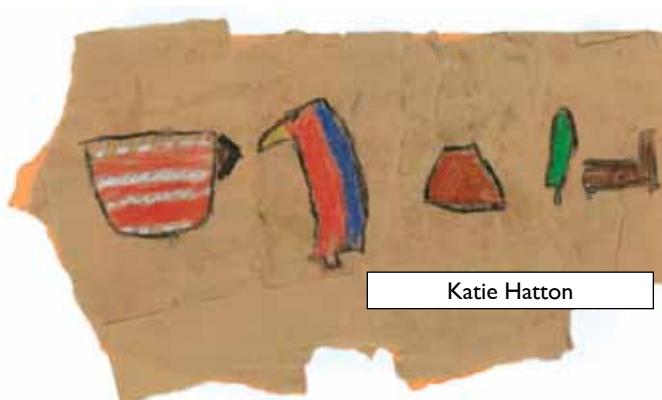
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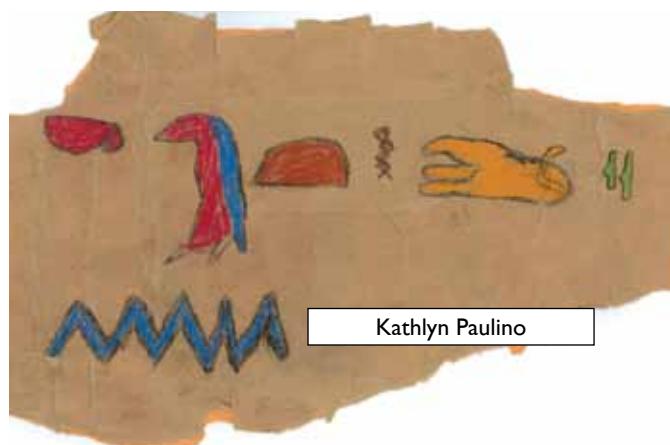
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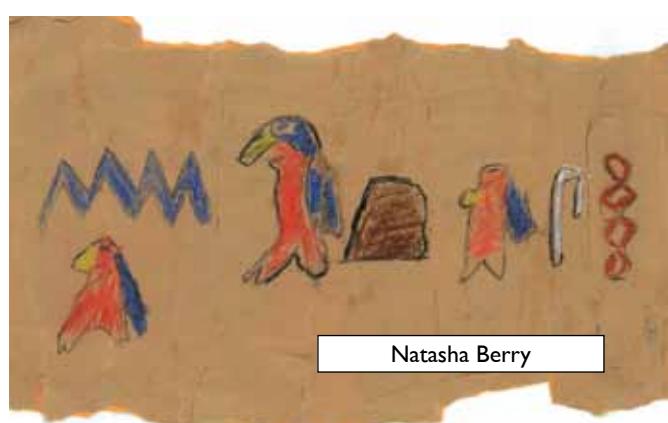
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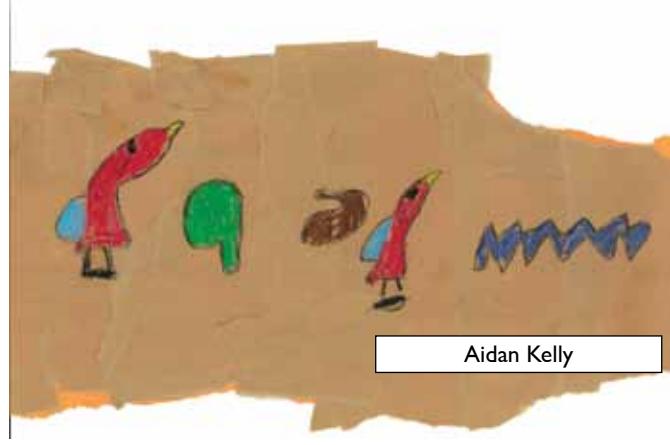
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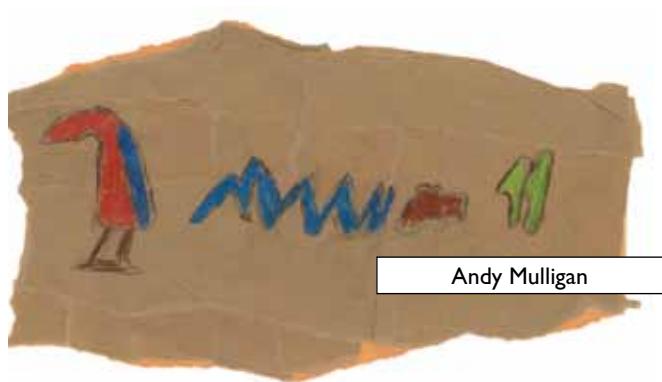
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# Year 5 - Ancient Egypt Fact Files

# PHARAOHS

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pharaohs were considered as gods of their subjects.

All Pharaohs wore a fake beard to look  
stylish.

By Kathryn Pauling

**Ramesses II** (1279-1213) is called Ramesses the great warrior. He ruled Egypt for 67 years. It is said he had 96 sons and 60 daughters.

**Tutankhamun** (1333-1323) was only nine years old when he became king. He is very famous because of the beautiful treasures found in his tomb.

**Hatshepsut** (1472-1458) was a famous female Pharaoh. She was supposed to hand the throne to her stepson, but she ended up ruling Egypt for twenty years. She even wore the Pharaoh's Ceremonial beard.

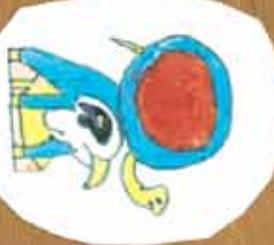
### The most famous Pharaohs

The Egyptians didn't call their king Pharaoh's.

### The importance of the Gods

The worship of the Gods influenced everyone's lives - their homes, families and food. The ancient Egyptians worshiped a lot of different gods, over 2000 of them. Their gods were very unique. The Gods and Goddesses, Each God had their own role play in maintaining peace and harmony across the land. From the Pharaohs to the humblest slave, Egyptians believed their world was under the control of Gods. Priests worshipped them in towering temples, and every mud brick house had a shrine where the family prayed.

By Grace O'Connor



Ra

Ra-sun God, King of the Gods a falcon crowned with a sun disk or a man with a falcon's head. Ra was the God of the sun. He sailed across the heavens in a boat called the "Barque of Millions of Years". At the end of each day Ra was thought to die and split on his night voyage through the Underworld, leaving the moon to light the world above. The boat would sail through the twelve doors, representing the twelve hours of night. The next dawn, he was born again.

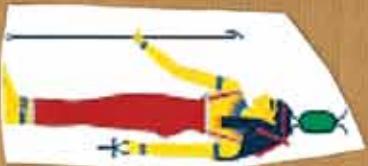
By Aidan Kelly



Tau

Tau was a protective Goddess. She used powerful magic spells to help people in need. It is often shown holding hours on her lap. Tau is associated with hours because her lap the first throne that Horus sat upon. A temple was built to honour Tau at Philae. It is still standing today.

By Andy Mulligan



Seth

Seth was the God of chaos. Seth represented everything that threatened harmony in Egypt. At certain times in the history of Ancient Egypt Seth was associated with royalty.

By Natasha Berry

# RELIGION AND GODS

### Religion/Gods

Religion played a central part in Egyptian life. It helped people to understand the world around them and to cope with the difficulties of everyday living. They also had a strong belief in an even better after life.

By Grace O'Connor



Osiris

Osiris was the God of dead, and ruler of the underworld. As well as being a god of the dead, Osiris was a god of resurrection and fertility. In fact, the Ancient Egyptians believed that Osiris gave them the gift of barley, one of their most important crops. A large temple was built to honour Osiris at Abydos.

By Ethan Donnelly.



By Grace O'Connor, Ethan Donnelly, Aidan Kelly, Andy Mulligan and Natasha Berry - Year 5



Seth

# PYRAMIDS

## What is the biggest pyramid?

The great pyramid of Giza, made as a tomb for Pharaoh Khufu, is the largest stone monument ever built on earth. Construction work took place almost 4,600 years ago. It contains over two million carefully shaped blocks, each weighing, on average around two and a half tonnes.

It stands 146 metres tall and it contains 3,300,000 blocks. The smaller pyramids in front of it were built for Khufu's three main wives.

By Emma-Rose and Megan.



## The Valley of the Kings

The Valley of the Kings was a great burial ground for the Pharaohs. After around 1500 B.C. the Pharaohs no longer buried Valley.

There are over 60 tombs in the valley of the kings. They vary from small tombs. There are little more than a large hole in the ground to very large tombs with over 100 underground chambers.

Most of the tombs were locked. Thousands of years ago and the treasure was stolen or removed by thieves.

By Ellie Delaney

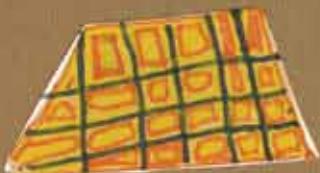
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## Why were pyramids built?

The pyramids were huge tombs for dead Pharaohs and other very important people. No one knows exactly why the pyramids were shaped this way. Some people think they were built to point to the sun and stars, so that dead person's spirit could fly to heaven like a rocket.

To make sure that their bodies were had huge preserved forever. The Egyptian Pharaohs tombs built for them. They hoped that this would be a safe place to hide their precious things. They believed they would need these things in the after life.

By Shay Kelly and Steven Ferreira



By Ellie Delaney





Mummification is the process by which the body is dried out and preserved.

#### Making a mummy

It took about 70 days for a dead body to be made into a mummy. People who made a mummy were called embalmers. They first took out the dead person's lungs, liver, intestines and stomach. These organs were kept. The brain was pulled out through the nose and thrown away. The Egyptians believed it was no use. The heart and the liver were left inside the body. Then the body was covered in natron (salty crystals). The natron slowly sucked the liquid out of the body until it was completely dry.

By Kathleen Ward.



#### Wrapping and burying

Once the body was dry, the embalmers prepared it for burial. They made the body look like again by filling the empty abdomen with rags, sand and even mud. The skin was oiled, the face was painted with make up and a wig was put on the head. Last of all the body was then wrapped head to toe in strips of linen, then put in a coffin. The mummy was to be buried.

By Madison Hall.

By Madison Hall, Shane Caulfield, Katie Hatton, Vitor Guerra and Kathleen Ward. Year 5

# MUMMIFICATION

#### Canopic Jars

The lungs, liver, intestines and stomach of dead body dried with natron. They were wrapped in linen strips and packed into four vases called Canopic jars. Each jar had an image of the God who protected the organ inside. Imseti protected the liver. Hapi protected the lungs. Duamutef protected the stomach. Qebehsenuf protected intestines.

By Katie Hatton & Shane Caulfield.



#### Life after death

After death, the body has its insides removed. Then the body is covered with salt-like powder called natron. After 70 Days, the body has dried out and is wrapped in bandages. This is called mummification. Once the mummy is wrapped it can last thousands of years. The Ancient Egyptians believe that the dead person will need their body in the after life.

By Vitor Guerra



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# Year 6 - Poems

## The Writer of This Poem

**The writer of this poem**

Is as chatty as a group of friends  
As friendly as a cuddly kitten  
As sporty as Usain Bolt  
As quiet as a tiny mouse  
As bossy as a teacher  
As smart as a scientist  
As kind as a caring mum  
As cool as a cucumber  
As gentle as a new born baby  
**The writer of this poem**  
Knows how to tell some fibs!

By Shannon Berry year 6

## The writer of this poem

**The writer of this poem**  
Is as quiet as a mouse  
As chatty as a monkey  
As funny as a clown  
As messy as a dog  
As bossy as a mum  
As loud as a lion  
As cute as a baby  
As pretty as a rose  
**The writer of this poem**  
Sure knows how to pose.

By Keila Bradley Year 6

## The Writer of This Poem

**The writer of this poem**  
Is as energetic as a jaguar  
As clever as Albert Einstein  
As bossy as a school teacher  
As artistic as Leonardo Da Vinci  
As clumsy as someone  
Dropping the wedding cake  
As noisy as road works  
As brave as a lion tamer  
As disobedient as an untrained pup  
As cool as a motorbike  
Roaring down the street  
As cool as a Lamborghini  
As sleepy as a crowd of old folk  
**The writer of this poem**  
Knows how to make a joke.

By Nathan Campbell year 6

## The Writer Of This Poem

**The writer of this poem**  
Is as sneaky as a fox  
As messy as a pig  
As strong as an ox  
As talented as Leonardo Da Vinci  
As smelly as a fart  
As daft as a giggling baby  
As pointless as modern art  
As loud as a deafening chainsaw  
Chopping down a tree  
As prickly as an old man's beard  
As awesome as Bruce Lee  
As boring as watching paint dry  
As slippery as a bar of soap  
**The writer of this poem**  
Would please you I hope.

By Calum Caulfield year 6

# The Writer of this Poem

*The writer of this poem  
Is as bossy as a teacher  
As daft as a baby  
As crazy as a monkey*

*As sneaky as a jaguar  
Sneaking up on his prey  
As smart as my mum  
As bright as a sunny day*

*As fast as a Lamborghini  
On an empty motorway  
As silly as my little bro  
As energetic as my dog*

*A brave as the hero Perseus  
Fighting the Gorgon Medusa  
The writer of this poem is...uh...  
AWESOME..... I hope you agree!!!*

By Joao Paulo Ferreira yr.6

# The Writer Of This Poem

The writer of this poem  
Is as clumsy as a clown  
As sporty as a footballer  
As grumpy as a frown.

As hyper as a monkey  
As jumpy as a kangaroo  
As loud as a baby crying  
Or suffering with the flu.

As sneaky as a robber  
Stealing a thousand pound necklace  
As speedy as a racing car  
Going past in a blurr.

As funny as a jester  
As homely as a nest  
The writer of this poem  
You will know is **THE BEST!!!!**

By Cain Hendron yr. 6

## The Writer of This Poem

The writer of this poem is  
As small as a fairy  
As crazy as a clown  
As sensitive as a soft spot  
On a baby's crown

As funny as a comedian  
As clever as a scientist  
As talented as a performer  
As girly as a frilly pink dress

As chatty as two best friends  
As bright as the sun  
As cheeky as a baboon  
As cute as a smiling baby

As friendly as a dolphin  
As caring as a loving dad  
The writer of this poem,  
Knows that this poem is bad

Danica Hall Year 6

## The writer of this poem

The writer of this poem  
Is as disobedient as an untrained pup  
As cool as David Beckham  
As clever as Professor Brian Cox

As creative as Leonardo Da Vinci  
As helpful as a Victorian nanny  
As friendly as a new born puppy  
As awesome as ancient diamonds

As funny as a parrot  
As loud as a baby bawling  
As weird as an ugly slimy alien  
Who came to earth to find a girlfriend

As confident as a dare devil  
As secretive as classified information  
As annoying as your mum  
Nagging at you to clean your room

As boring as maths problems  
As disgusting as horrible histories  
The writer of this poem is  
Known to exaggerate a bit

Reghan McKinstry  
Year 6

## THE WRITER OF THIS POEM

**The writer of this poem**  
Is as loud as a crowd  
As agile as a monkey  
As funny as a donkey  
As strong as an ox  
As long as a snake  
**The writer of this poem**  
Can really bake a cake  
**The reader of this poem**  
Should know this is all a big joke!  
By Oisin Mulholland year 6

## *The writer of this poem*

The writer of this poem  
Is as clever as Wikipedia  
As brave as a skydiver  
About to fall from the sky  
  
As talented as a nimble dancer  
As epic as Bruce Lee  
As humorous as a clown  
As original as me  
  
As crazy as a funky monkey  
As small as a dwarf  
As mysterious as a pointless key  
As annoying as a buzzing bee  
  
As evil as Voldemort  
Trying to kill Harry Potter  
As cheerful as the bright sun  
As loving as a caring daughter  
  
As chatty as a telephone  
As heavy as 38kg of liver  
The writer of this poem  
Knows how to make you shiver

By Oliwia Osinska yr6

## *The writer of this poem*

The writer of this poem  
Is as clever as a forensic scientist  
As bossy as a busy teacher  
As quick as a cheetah  
  
As cool as a man surfing  
As awesome as Cristiano Ronaldo.  
As annoying as a little child  
Repeating the same question over and over.  
  
As sneaky as a criminal  
As busy as a waitress serving food  
The writer of this poem I hope knows  
That this is all a big joke.

William Paulino Year 6

## *The writer of this Poem*

The writer of this poem  
Is as smart as a dictionary  
As cute as a tiny baby  
As sporty as Cristiano Ronaldo  
Scoring a goal every minute  
  
As busy as a teacher  
As friendly as a dog  
As calm as the Mediterranean Sea  
As funny as a joke book  
  
As chatty as two best friends  
As fast as Usain Bolt  
The writer of this poem  
Is quite likely telling a few fibs!!

By: Sandra Pereira Year6

### The writer of this poem

The writer of this poem  
Is as friendly as a princess  
As funny as a comedian  
As fashionable as a model  
  
As annoying as a buzzing bee  
As clumsy as a lively puppy  
Struggling to come down the stairs  
As girly as the colour pink  
  
As weird as a teacher saying  
"Every volcano is a mountain  
But not every mountain is a volcano"  
As sensitive as a baby's skin  
  
As cheeky as a monkey  
As crazy as a hedgehog on roller skates  
As sweet as sugar sprinkling over  
A bowl of deliciously ripe strawberries  
  
As shy as a new born kitten  
As clever as Stephen Hawking  
The writer of this poem  
Is prone to exaggerating  
Don't you think?

Courtney Sharpe Year 6

### The writer of this poem

Is as cool as James Bond  
As artistic as Leonardo Da Vinci  
As creative as an architect  
As crazy as the Joker

As energetic as 15 cans of Boost  
As strong as Karate Kid  
As noisy as 10 glass bottles  
Falling to their doom

As annoying as a baby  
After being woken up  
As confident as a soldier  
Ready for a war

As stealthy as an assassin  
As friendly as a kitten  
The writer of this poem,  
Is not telling a joke.

David Tennyson Year 6

### THE WRITER OF THIS POEM

**The writer of this poem**  
Is as friendly as a puppy  
As busy as a teacher  
As fast as a car  
As quiet as a mouse  
As cute as a kitten  
As funny as a person telling jokes.

By : Ana Vidal year 6

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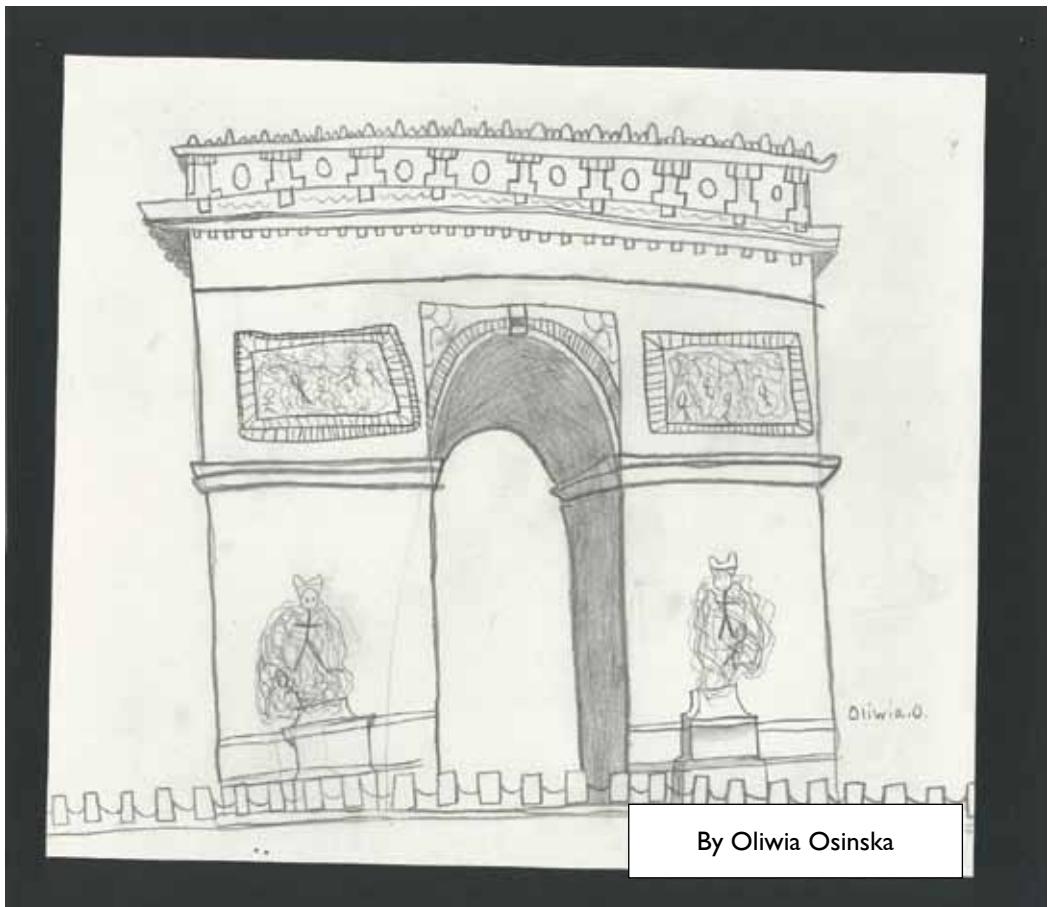
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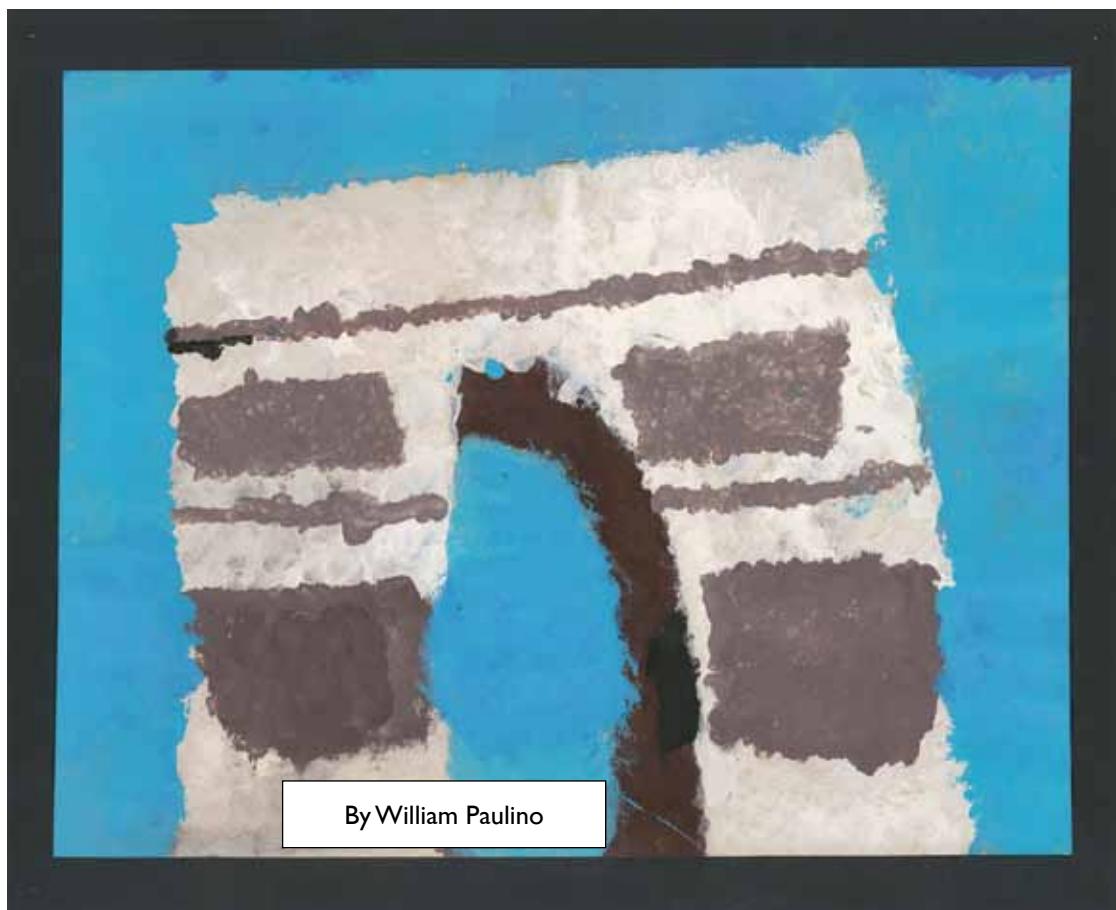
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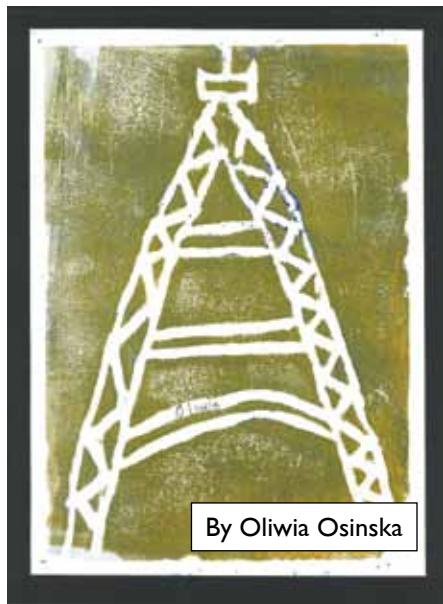
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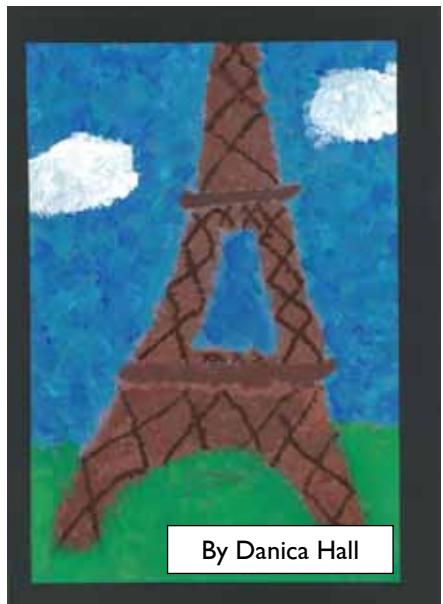
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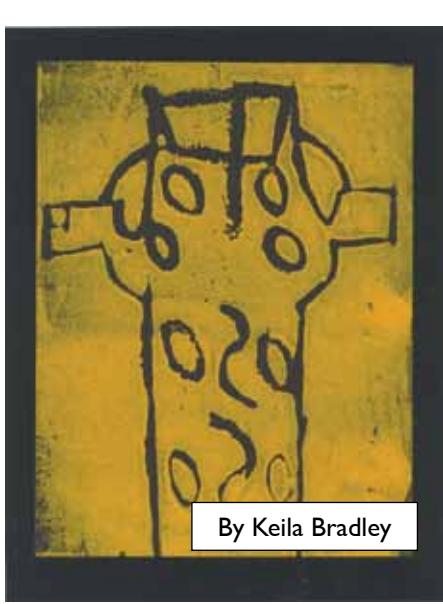
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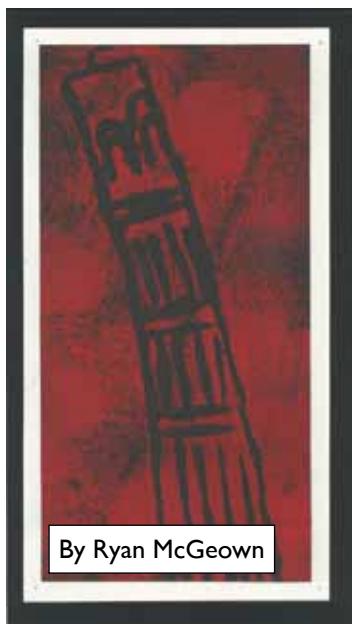
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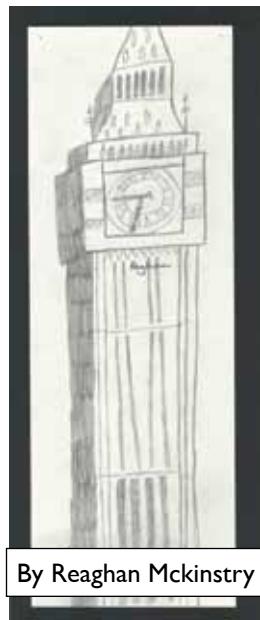
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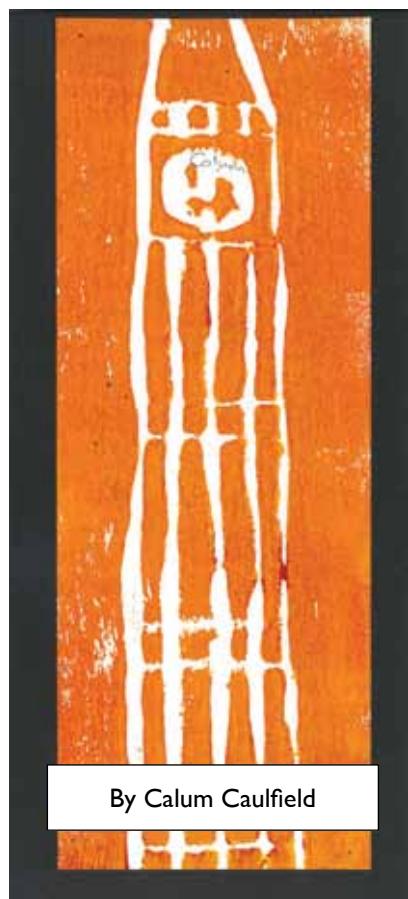


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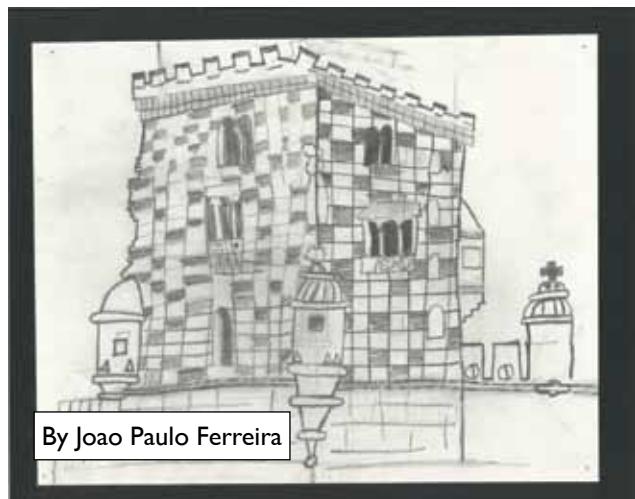
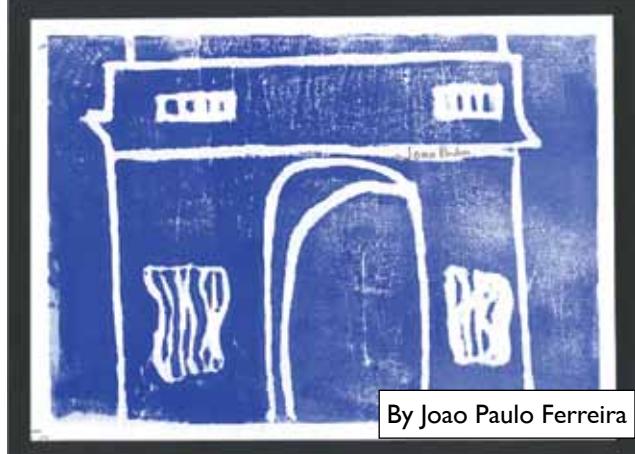
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## School Poems

**The Robot Teacher**  
"The new teacher - miss 2.7"  
It feels like she's from heaven.  
We did not do our reading,  
Or our research on Sweden.  
But somehow we got 7 out of 7

**The School**  
When you're in this school  
The teachers are pretty cool  
You won't be a fool

**Winter school**  
Walk down a long slippery lane, watching other kids throwing snowballs at each other.  
Run in with excitement and see your best friend throw a snowball at you.  
As it just misses crunch up another snowball, throw it and hit your best friend.  
He laughs and wipes the snow of his face as the bell rings and you line up with the other children.

Hope you enjoyed  
the poems by  
Arturas L. and  
Niall W.

### Mrs Heaney

1. How long have you been here?  
**25 years.**
2. Were you always an Irish dancing teacher?  
**No, but it wasn't long before I decided to start a dancing club.**
3. Is it hard teaching?  
**Some days, it is hard when things go wrong, but you do your best and that's all you can do.**
4. Have there been any accidents in class?  
**Once I remember a girl got her finger caught in a door and another girl fell and broke her front tooth.**
5. Have you ever made a child cry?  
**Of course, cry with happiness.**
6. Do you like video games? What is your favourite?  
**On phone, candy crush.**
7. Are you bored teaching the same thing every year?  
**No, I am never bored because each class is so different and has lots of personalities.**
8. What is your favourite subject in school?  
**I enjoyed most of my subjects in school and it's hard to pick a favourite.**
9. Would you like to be principal one day?  
**I would definitely not like to be principal, I would miss the children far too much.**

### Word scramble:

### "Adults in our School"

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Meyrhnsae \_\_\_\_\_  
Muitksrtosgn \_\_\_\_\_  
Msefngrkfinto \_\_\_\_\_  
Mblserl \_\_\_\_\_  
Merhndor \_\_\_\_\_  
Miswle \_\_\_\_\_  
Msoricsnsas \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mybrisack \_\_\_\_\_  
Msvicslrltea \_\_\_\_\_

By Serena Connolly Year 7

If you need your answers checked come to Serena Connolly Year 7.

### MY MEMORIES

When I came into Nursery I never wanted to leave. I had a best friend and she always got me presents. I don't remember her name. In P1 she had left and then I met a new friend called Emma Larkin. She has been in my class from Nursery to P7. I always draw pictures to give my teacher. In P4 I loved going swimming, it was so much fun. In P5 someone came in from dog trust. In 2012 our school got a lot of building work done and it looks much better. In P5 we made a model of the Titanic and I came second. In P6 when I went swimming I was put on to two discs. We went to Indiana land and I burned myself four times. In P7 when I went swimming I was sent to the big pool.

By Catherine Hendron Year 7

# GUESS THE STAFF!!!!!!

1. I have been in the school 35 years teaching!

I have short brown hair,  
I am the Religion co-ordinator  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_



2. I have been in the school for 21 years!

To my sons I'm a taxi service,  
I am the Maths co-ordinator.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

3. I am here when the teachers and children are sleeping,

I am first in and the last out,  
I am the heavy lifter and box mover.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_



4. I am in charge of Pupil Council,

I have a quiff in my hair,  
I'm the year (8+1)-4 teacher.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

5. I am the sport Co-ordinator,

I have the smallest class in the school,  
I wear glasses.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to know the answers bring your sheet in  
and ask Keelin and Courtney in year 7!!!!

## Jokes

1. What object is king of the classroom?

**A RULER!!!!!!**

2. When is a blue school book not a blue school book?

**WHEN IT'S READ!!!!!!**

3. Why did the new boy steal a chair from the  
classroom?

**BECAUSE THE TEACHER TOLD HIM TO TAKE  
A SEAT!!!!!!**

4. Why did the children eat their homework?

**BECAUSE THE TEACHER TOLD THEM IT WAS  
A PIECE OF CAKE!!!!!!**

5. Why do the teachers give you homework?

**JUST TO ANNOY YOU!!!!!!**

6. Why is 2+2=5 like your left foot?

**BECAUSE THEY'RE BOTH NOT RIGHT!!!!!!**

7. Why was the maths book unhappy?

**BECAUSE IT HAD TOO MANY PROBLEMS!!!!!!**

8. Why did the jelly bean go to school?

**BECAUSE IT WANTED TO BECOME A  
SMARTIE!!!!!!**

9. Teacher: How many seconds in a minute?

**Student: 60**

Teacher: How many seconds in an hour?

**Student: 60**

Teacher: Good, now for a hard one, how many seconds  
in a year?

**Student: 12**

Teacher: 12?

**Student: Yes, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> etc.**

**Ha Ha Ha**

## Our class's future!

Class clown: Niall Wilson.

Most likely to join the circus: Kubus/Jacub Tomasik.

Most likely to stay BFF's forever: Shannon Hughes+  
Karla Eadie.

Most likely to be a Vet: Hayley White-Trainor

Most likely to be an athlete: Arturas Laurinavicius.

Most likely to have the most pets: Serena Connolly.

Most likely to be a music instructor: Helena Santos

Most likely to be an author: Emma Dunbar

Most likely to be an actor: Adam Millar

Most likely to be an artist: Emma Larkin

Most likely to be a fashion designer: Mia McKee

Most likely to be a famous Irish Dancer: Keelin  
Brennan

Most likely to be a Model: Courtney Castles

Most likely to have the longest hair: Catherine  
Hendron

Most likely to be an archaeologist: William Shortland

Most likely to be a nurse: Tieghan Douglas

Most likely to be a professional motorcycle rider:  
Brian Aaron Duffy



You get them every school day.

You write on them every school day.

You read them every school day.

They come in all shapes and sizes.

You can buy them.

What is it?

By William shortland

### Mrs McGuire interview

Q. How long have you been working in Ballyoran?

A. 5 Years, since 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009.

Q. Would you like to be the principal?

A. Yes, hopefully someday.

Q. What's your favourite animal/pet?

A. I don't like any pets although I like going to the zoo.

Q. What's your favourite toy of your childhood?

A. My favourite toy was my doll and pram.

Q. Have you taught in any other school?

A. Yes, I taught in Dungannon for 12 years.

Q. Did you always want to be a teacher?

A. From the age of 4 years old I pretended to be a teacher. I would have used my two brothers and two sisters as pupils. Also at Christmas I got a blackboard with chalk when I was 5.

By Kubus Tomasik year 7

Mrs McGuire  
by Leia McKee



Mrs McCreech-West

### **Mrs McCreech-West**

*Mrs McCreech-West is the Year 4 teacher. She is very kind, sweet and very funny!! She is also our music teacher. Mrs McCreech-West plays the piano, violin, recorder, guitar, and the organ. Mrs McCreech-West's family are very musical. Her brother, Dr. McCreech works in St Catherine's College, Armagh as a music teacher. She is also a very good singer. Mrs McCreech-West is in charge of the choir. Every year, around Christmas time, she brings the choir to Tesco's, ASDA and Care Homes to sing. We really enjoy going. We get together every Tuesday about 1 month before a celebration to practise. We normally go out to sing around Christmas time. We also sing in Communion and Confirmation.*

By: Helena Santos

Year 7



by Kaitlin  
Brennan

1. Have you ever made a child cry?

Yes, just my own children when they didn't get what they wanted.

2. As a child, what did you want to be?

I always wanted to be a teacher. My P.3 teacher was my inspiration. She made learning fun. She was kind, patient and always encouraged me to work hard and be the best I could possibly be.

3. What's your funniest memory in Ballyoran P. S.?

On one of the many Fun Days which took place prior to the Halloween break. I and another teacher became trapped within a deflating bouncy castle which we had no control over while we could hear pupils and staff laughing. We emerged completely drenched and could do nothing but laugh.

4. Did you ever call in sick because you were too lazy to work?

No, I really enjoy my job.

5. Has anything changed since you started working here?

Staff have come and gone. We have progressed from chalk to Interactive Whiteboards. The school building has been refurbished and has a much more modern feel to it.

6. If Ballyoran P.S. was a family who would you like to be?

I would like to be the member of the family that doesn't have to do the cooking or the ironing.

7. Would you like to be Principal?

No, I would miss the smiles that greet me in the morning, the pictures they draw for me, and the simple "thank you" from a parent who recognises I have gone out of my way to help their child.

Mrs McGinnell



Year 7  
by Emma Dunbar

## Mrs Donnelly

Helena and I interviewed Mrs Donnelly for the magazine. We asked her six questions.

Q1) WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?

A) GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

Q2) IF YOU COULD HAVE A NEW JOB WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A) A SHOE DESIGNER AND MAKE BEAUTIFUL SHOES FOR MYSELF.

Q3) HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET TO SCHOOL?

A) TEN MINUTES TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL.

Q4) IF BALLYORAN WAS A FAMILY WHO WOULD YOU BE?

A) THE MUM.

Q5) DOES ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY TEACH?

A) MY NIECE TEACHES IN COLLEGE.

Q6) WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT BALLYORAN?

A) BALLYORAN IS A CARING AND FAMILY ORIENTED SCHOOL AND A VERY HAPPY PLACE TO WORK IN.

Typed by Emma Dunbar

Mrs Donnelly



## Mrs Huddleson

### Mrs Huddleson

Catherine Hendron

Mrs Huddleson has a number of jobs in the school and she is very good at all of them. Here are the jobs: High Five, Reading Partnership and photo copying for teachers. I know she is very good at high five because I went and it was good fun.

Description:

Blond hair, short

Glasses

Tall

Loves dresses

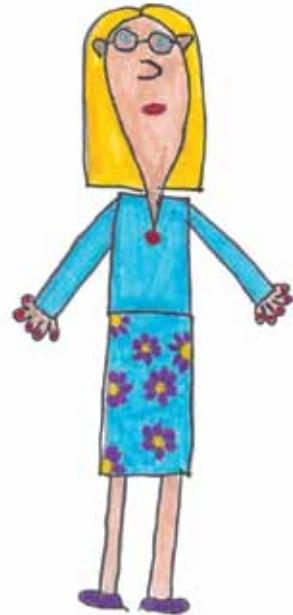
And funky tights

High heel shoes

Mrs Huddleson is great at helping people to read and spell because lots of people in my class who have gone out to get help with her have really improved on their reading, writing and spelling.

Mrs Huddleson is a really good helper and she always will be.

By Hayley White-Trainor ☺☺☺



## Mrs Glavin's Interview

Keelin and I interviewed Mrs Glavin these are the questions we asked along with the answers.

1) Did you always want to be a classroom assistant when you grew up?  
Yes, I did.

2) Do you like One Direction? Who is your favourite?  
No I don't, but they're ok.

3) What's your funniest thing that ever happened to you in Ballyoran?  
Seeing Mr Monaghan being brave enough to dance.

4) Did you ever call in sick because you were too lazy to work?  
No defiantly not, I love coming to work.

5) Would you like to be Principal?  
No, too much responsibility!

6) What do you do in your spare time?  
Knit, crochet, read and walk.

7) Has anything changed in Ballyoran since you started?  
The children, staff, classrooms and the school for the better.  
By Keelin Brennan and Adam Millar

## Mrs Glavin

By Adam  
Millar  
Yr 7



## Current Class Photos



*Nursery 1 - Mrs Mulholland*



*Nursery 2 - Mrs Carson/Mrs Wells*



*Year 1 - Mrs Mackle*



*Year 2 - Mrs Biggerstaff*



*Year 2 - Mrs McGinnell*



*Year 3 - Miss McGibbon*



*Year 4 - Mrs McCreesh-West*



*Year 5 - Mr Skeffington*



*Year 6 - Mrs Brown/Mrs Walker*



*Year 7 - Mrs Heaney/Mrs Russell*



*LSC - Mr Hendron*



*Pupil Council*



*Choir*



*Playground Friends*



*Soccer Team*



*Gaelic Football Team*



*Instrumentalists*



*Irish Dancers*



*House Captains & Vice-Captains*



*Eco-Committee*

# Year 7 - Staff Interviews continued

## MISS TURKINGTON

SERENA AND I ASKED MISS TURKINGTON 6 QUESTIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL MAGAZINE AND HERE ARE THOSE QUESTIONS AND HER ANSWERS:

Q. What was your favourite subject at school?

A. Music

Q. What was your least favourite subject at school?

A. Science

Q. Have you taught in any other schools?

A. No

Q. What is your favourite book?

A. I never have any time to read

Q. If Ballyoran was a family who would you be?

A. The annoying little sister

Q. What is your favourite sport?

A. Netball

BY COURTNEY CASTLES AND SERENA CONNOLLY.(typed by Courtney)

Miss Turkington

By Courtney Castles Year 7



## Miss Dixon

How long have you been working in Ballyoran?

I started around November time. Only started this year and I've enjoyed every second.

Would you like to be principal?

It a very hard job to do and I am very happy as a class room assistant. I will leave that job to Mr Woolsey.

Have you ever taught in any other schools?

I was briefly in Mount St Catherine's Primary Just before I came to Ballyoran. I had also worked in a couple of primary schools in Scotland for work experience taking P.E classes.

Would you like to be a teacher?

For a while at school I didn't know for a stage. I considered being P.E teacher but enjoyed any work or help I could give children in primary schools. I realised a few years ago this is the only job for me.

What is your favourite pet? Animal?

I like animals but I do really like cows for some strange reason. My favourite pet has got to be a dog. I love my big dog at home. She is a big German Shepard and she is called Sky.

What was your favourite toy?

I always loved going everywhere on my bike. I would take it everywhere possible

By Nell Wilson

Miss Dixon

by  
Keelin  
Brennan



### MRS BROWN

SERENA AND I ASKED MRS BROWN 6 QUESTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE. HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS AND HER ANSWERS:

Q. What is your favourite book?  
A. Beyond Tuesday Morning.

Q. Have you ever made mistakes?  
A. Yes everybody makes mistakes.

Q. What is your favourite subject to teach?  
A. Maths.

Q. How long have you been working in Ballyoran?  
A. 21 years.

Q. Would you like to be principal?  
A. No.

Q. What do you do in your spare time?  
A. Go to the swimming pool, a taxi service to my sons, Sudoku and baking.

By Courtney Castles and Serena Connolly

(Typed by Courtney)

### Mrs Brown

By Serena Connolly



### MR HENDRON

Q1. What was your favourite subject at school?  
A1. P.E.

Q2. Have you ever made a child cry?  
A2. Made children cry with happiness.

Q3. Have you ever made a mistake in school?  
A3. All the time.

Q4. Do you like 1D? Who is your favourite?  
A4. Love 1D. Niall.

Q5. Did you ever call in sick because you were too lazy?  
A5. No.

Q6. If Ballyoran was a family who would you be  
A6. Uncle.

By Emma Larkin & Shannon Hughes

Mr Hendron  
By Emma Larkin Yr7



### MRS FUSCO

SERENA AND I HAVE ASKED MRS FUSCO 6 QUESTIONS.

HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q. IF YOU COULD HAVE ANOTHER JOB WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A. ARCHAEOLOGIST.

Q. HAVE YOU EVER MADE A CHILD CRY?

A. YES.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT BALLYORAN?

A. ALL THE PEOPLE IN IT.

Q. IF BALLYORAN WAS A FAMILY WHO WOULD YOU BE?

A. THE AUNTIE.

Q. WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SINGER OR BAND?

A. FALL OUT BOY.

Q. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET TO SCHOOL?

A. 55 MINUTES.

By Courtney Castles and Serena Connolly. (typed by Courtney)

### Mrs Fusco

By Serena Connolly +  
Courtney Castles



### Mrs Breen

1. Have you ever made a child cry?

A1. Yes my niece because she didn't like me.

2. Did you ever call in sick because you were too lazy?

A2. No because I enjoy my job.

3. Do you like One Direction? Who is your favourite?

A3. Niall Horan.

4. If Ballyoran was a family, who would you be?

A4. The auntie.

5. Who is your favourite singer?

A5. Neil Diamond.

6. What was your least favourite subject?

A6. English because I wasn't fussed on the teachers.

Interviewed by Karla and Tiaghán

### Mrs Breen

By Karla  
Eadie



# MRS WALKER

EMMA DUNBAR AND I ASKED MRS WALKER, (SCHOOL TEACHER, YEAR 5/6,) 7 QUESTIONS!

Q1. Have you ever made a child cry?

A1: NO not on purpose though I've made my own children cry!

Q2. As a child, what did you want to be?

A2. I have always wanted to be a teacher. When I was very small I used to play school with my friends and I was always the teacher. I did think about being a geography teacher but decided I liked teaching all subjects and working with younger children, so here I am!!

Q3. Did you ever call in sick because you were too lazy to go to work?

A3. NO WAY!!!!

Q4. Has anything changed since you've started working here?

A4. Oh lots of THINGS. I really miss my huge whiteboard because I could fit lots on to it compared to what fits onto the interactive whiteboard. I love the new refurbished school. Now I have a store which is absolutely full to the brim. How did I ever manage without it!

Q5. Would you like to be Principal?

A5. Certainly not- I prefer teaching children and wouldn't like to be in an office all day long on my own.

Q6. If you could have another job, what would it be?

A6. I would love to be a geologist (volcanologist) and climb up volcanoes and study them but I think it is safer being a teacher!

Q8. What do you do in your spare time?

A8. I read books (lots and lots and lots) I collect rocks (lots and lots) and I spend lots of evenings sitting by the pool watching my younger daughter swimming up and down. I also love walking and so far since January I have walked 186 miles (March 26<sup>th</sup> 2014). I hope to walk at least 2 miles a day this year which will be 730 miles by end of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Interviewed by: Emma Dunbar and Helena Santos

Year 7



Mrs Russell by Artur Laurinavicius



## Mrs Russell Interview

Arturas Laurinavicius, Mia McKee and William Shortland were given the task of interviewing Mrs Russell. Here are the results.

Q1. What's your favourite colour?

A1. Purple.

Q2. Who's your favourite One Direction member?

A2. Niall Horan.

Q3. What's your favourite subject?

A3. Literacy.

Q4. What is your favourite sport?

A4. Cycling.

Q5. Have you ever made a child cry?

A5. Only for a good reason.

Q6. Have you ever called in sick because you were too lazy to work?

A6. I doubt it.

Bonus Q. What's your favourite movie?

Bonus A. Grease.

### MRS WELLS

SERENA AND I ASKED MRS WELLS SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL MAGAZINE. HERE ARE THOSE QUESTIONS AND HER ANSWERS:

Q. As a child what did you want to be?  
A. A teacher, always!

Q. What do you do in your spare time?  
A. Bring my family to the park, go shopping, read and go out for meals.

Q. Have you taught in any other schools?  
A. Yes, lots!

Q. What's your favourite thing about Ballyoran?  
A. There are friendly pupils, nice staff, the school isn't too big it's a nice size.

Q. What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you in Ballyoran?  
A. The principal told me I had to Irish dance in the Irish dancing festival!

Q. If you could have another job, what would it be?  
A. A Lawyer

Q. Do you like One Direction?  
A. No but my daughter does.

Q. Have you ever made a child cry?  
A. No

Mrs Wells  
By Courtney Castles and  
Serena Connolly Year 7



By Courtney Castles and Serena Connolly

(Typed by Courtney)

## MRS CARSON

Q1. What was your favourite subject at school?  
A1. My favourite subject was Art and Hockey.

Q2. Have you ever made a child cry?  
A2. Yes, but I prefer to make them laugh.

Q3. Have you ever made mistakes in school?  
A3. Yes, but you learn from mistakes.

Q4. Do you like One Direction? Who is your favourite?  
A4. I like them all.

Q5. Did you ever call in sick because you were too lazy to work?  
A5. No.

Q6. If Ballyoran was a family, who would you be?  
A6. I would be the Granny because I'm old and going grey.

Interview By Shannon Hughes & Emma Larkin

Mrs Carson  
by Emma Larkin



## MISS CARSON

Q1. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?

A1. MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT WAS MUSIC AND SINGING.

Q2. HAVE YOU EVER MADE A CHILD CRY?

A2. ONLY MY OWN CHILD, WHEN SHE IS NAUGHTY.

Q3. HAVE YOU EVER MADE MISTAKES IN SCHOOL?

A3. YES, A LOT.

Q4. DO YOU LIKE ONE DIRECTION? WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE?

A4. I LOVE ONE DIRECTION. MY FAVOURITE IS HARRY STYLES.

Q5. DID YOU EVER CALL IN SICK BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO LAZY TO WORK?

A5. NEVER. I'M DEDICATED TO MY JOB.

Q6. IF BALLYORAN WAS A FAMILY, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

A6. I WOULD BE THE SISTER.

INTERVIEW BY SHANNON HUGHES AND EMMA LARKIN

Miss Carson  
By Emma Larkin Yr 7



## Mrs Stewart Interview

Q1. What was your favourite subject at school?  
A1. Ancient history.

Q2. Have you ever made a child cry?  
A2. Children cry because they know they have done something wrong not because the teacher is shouting.

Q3. Have you ever made a mistake in school?  
A3. Yes.

Q4. Do you like 1D?  
A4. Not a big fan.

Q5. Have you ever called in sick because you were too lazy to work?  
A5. No.

Q6. If Ballyoran was a family who would you be?  
A6. The youngest.

By Emma Larkin & Shannon Hughes

Mrs Stewart  
By Shannon Hughes



## MRS BELL

- Q1. Does anyone in your family teach?  
A1. Yes 3 or 4 of my cousins
- Q2. What's your favourite book?  
A2. Angela's Ashes
- Q3. What was your favourite toy?  
A3. My 3 wheeler bike
- Q4. What is your favourite sport?  
A4. Line dancing and all the other sports.
- Q5. Have you taught in any other school?  
A5. Lurgan Model School for 15 years.
- Q6. If you could have any other job what would it be?  
A6. A nurse

By Karla Eadie and Tieghan Douglas

Mrs Bell

*Erin Keay*



## Mrs Heaney

1. How long have you been working in Ballyoran?  
25 years
2. Do you like one Direction? Who is your favorite?  
Don't dislike them but I like Zain
3. As a child who did you want to be?  
A Hollywood star
4. If Ballyoran was a family? Who would you be?  
The Auntie who listens to all the problems
5. What was your favourite subject in school?  
Everything
6. Have you ever made a child cry?  
Maybe a long time ago

Mrs Heaney  
By Catherine Hendren



Interview By Hayley White Trainor and Catherine Hendren

## Mrs Mc Gibbon

1. How long have you been working in Ballyoran?

I've been working in Ballyoran since September but I did teaching practice here three years ago.

2. Do you like one Direction? Who is your favourite?

I love ID and really love Harry.

3. As a child what did you want to be?

A teacher.

4. If Ballyoran was a family? Who would you be?

The older sister who looks after everybody.

5. What was your favourite subject in school?

Art, drawing, painting and being creative.

6. Have you ever made a child cry?

When I was younger I made my brother cry all the time.

Miss McGibbon

By Hayley White-Trainor



Interview by Haley White Trainor and Catherine Hendron

## Miss Calvert

HELENA AND I INTERVIEWED MISS CALVERT SIX QUESTIONS.

Q1) Have you ever made a child cry?

A1) No

Q2) If you weren't a classroom assistant what would you be?

A2) I'd be a teacher

Q3) How long does it take to get to school?

A3) About three minutes I live beside the school.

Q4) If Ballyoran staff were a family who would you be?

A4) I would be the big sister.

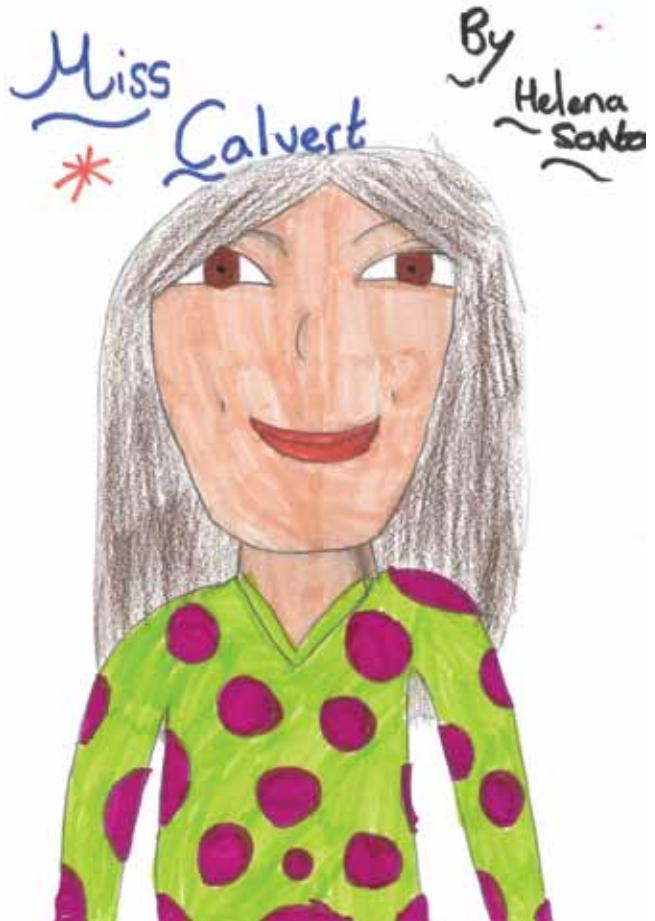
Q5) Does any one in your family teach?

A5) Nope.

Q6) What is your favourite thing about Ballyoran?

A6) The people in it.

Typed by Emma Dunbar



Mrs Mackle

Q1 Who is your favourite singer?

A1 Celine Dion

Q2 Would you like to be the principal?

A2 No

Q3 What's your favourite part of the day?

A3 Home time!

Q4 How long does it take you to get to school?

A4 2 mins

Q5 How long have you been working in this school?

A5 34 years

Q6 What are your favourite sports?

A6 Dancing and gymnastics

By Tieghan and Karla Year 7

Mrs Mackle by Tieghan  
Year 7



#### Mrs Muiholland's Interview

Adam and I interviewed Mrs Muiholland these are the questions we asked along with the answers.

1. Have you ever made a child cry?

Only my own children at home.

2. Did you always want to be a teacher when you grew up?

Yes, I did.

3. Do you like One Direction? Who is your favourite?

Yes, I do and Niall Horan is my FAVOURTIE. (Same as Keelin)

4. Did you ever call in sick because you were too lazy to work?

No, I haven't

5. What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you in Ballyoran?

It was at the dancing festival, all of the staff were dancing together.

6. Would you like to be Principal?

No, it's too busy and you would have a lot of responsibility.

7. What do you do in your spare time?

I play Candy Crush and read.

By Keelin Brennan and Adam Millar (Typed by Keelin)

Mrs Muiholland  
By Adam  
Millar Yr 7



## Mr. Woolsey

### Questions:

- How do you feel about working in the school? / What's the hardest part?

Answer: I love being a Principal. It's the most rewarding yet challenging job in the world. The hardest part is the lack of time, there isn't time to do everything and there is too much paperwork.

- If you weren't a Principal what would be your dream job?

Answer: An airline pilot.

- What's the craziest/most dangerous thing you've ever done?

Answer: Taking part in the Year 7 Leavers DVD last year.

- What was Primary School like for you?

Answer: Very different from now. Only two classrooms and two teachers. There were 30 children in the whole school. There was no school uniform and the toilets were outside.

- What made you want to become a Principal?

Answer: I wanted more of a challenge.

- What is your favourite song?

Answer: *When You Say Nothing At All*.  
By Ronan Keating

- Did you have any other jobs before you began as Principal? What were the jobs?

Answer: A teacher - Year 5 and Year 7 then a Vice-Principal.

- How many years have you been in Ballyoran Primary School? Does it feel like a long time?

Answer: I came in November 2005, nearly 10 years ago. It feels like a long time in some ways but in other ways it has gone very quickly.

- How long do you have to travel to get to School?

Answer: About 25 minutes.

- What is the best holiday you've ever been on?

Answer: To Israel.

Thank you for letting us interview you, but we would just like to ask one last question.

Please will you sing your favourite song for us all, we have heard you sing in assembly when we sing all together.

Yes

By Karla Eadie and Shannon Hughes

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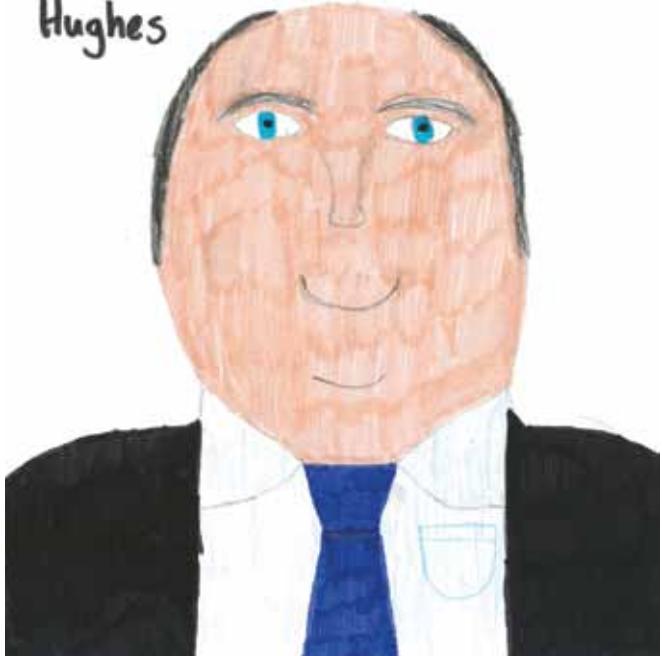
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Mr Woolsey  
By Shannon  
Hughes



## Mrs Daly

Interviewed by Hayley White-Trainor and Catharine Hendron

Q1. How long have you been working in this school?

A1. I have been working in this school for 7 months.

Q2. Do you like One Direction and who is your favourite?

A2. Yes I do like 1D and my favourite is Niall.

Q3. As a child who did you want to be?

A3. I wanted to be a teacher.

Q4. If Ballyoran was a family who would you be?

A4. I would be the older sister.

Q5. In school what was your favourite subject?

A5. My favourite subject was German.

Q6. Have you made a child cry?

A6. Yes I have.

(Typed out by Hayley White-Trainor)

Mrs Daly  
Catherine Hendron



### Mr Skeffington's Interview

Adam and I interviewed Mr Skeffington these are the questions we asked along with the answers.

1. Have you ever made a child cry?

No, never.

2. Did you always want to be a teacher when you grew up?

No I didn't, I always wanted to be a journalist.

3. Do you like One Direction? Who is your favourite?

(Laughing) I don't mind them, I don't have a favourite.

4. What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you in Ballyoran?

Calling Mrs Heaney the wrong name, (Mrs Brown) a lot in the first term.

5. Have you ever called in sick because you were too lazy to work?

Never, I'm not that bad.

6. Would you like to be principal?

I would, maybe in a few years.

7. What do you do in your spare time?

I like to travel, read, go to the gym and go out with my friends.

By Keelin Brennan and Adam Miller. (Typed by Keelin)

Mr Skeffington





## MRS MOLLOY INTERVIEW

Q1: What do you do in your spare time?

A1: I spend most of my time running after my four year old.

Q2: What's your favourite colour?

A2: Red.

Q3: Have you ever made a child cry?

A3: Yes my four year old for not doing what she was told.

Q4: Have you ever called in sick just because you didn't want to get out of bed?

A4: Yes when I was younger.

Q5: What's your favourite animal / do you have a pet?

A5: My favourite animal is an elephant / I have a goldfish.

Q6: Do you like one direction if so who's your favourite?

A6: Yes Harry is my favourite.

Bonus Question:



Q7: What was your favourite toy?

A7: My favourite toy was a Light-Bright.

This interview was done by Mia McKee, Arthur Laurinavicius and William Shortland.

Written by Mia McKee



Mrs Molloy  
by Mia McKee



## Mrs Good Interview

Arturas Laurinavicius, Mia McKee and William Shortland were given the task of interviewing Mrs Good. Here are the results.

Q1. Have you ever made a child cry?

A1. Only my own children.

Q2. Do you like One Direction? If so who's your favourite?

A2. They're ok and my favourite band member is Niall Horan.

Q3. Have you ever called in sick because you were too lazy to work?

A3. Only if I am sick or my child is sick.

Q4. What was your favourite subject at school?

A4. Maths because I enjoyed it.

Q5. What was your favourite toy?

A5. Roller skates because they were fun, fast, scary and exciting.

Q6. What is your favourite sport?

A6. Rugby is exciting to watch but I would never play it. I used to play badminton, squash and volleyball.

Bonus Q. Does anyone in your family teach?

Bonus A. My brother-in-law is a primary school Principal and my sister is a P.E. teacher. I also have lots of other cousins that are teachers.



Mrs Good  
by William  
Shortland yr7

Mrs Barkley

Q1 What's your favourite sport?

A1 Walking and swimming

Q2 What's your favourite animal or pet?

A2 Cats

Q3 What's your favourite colour?

A3 Red

Q4 What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you in Ballyoran?

A4 When the children were doing a play I was dancing behind them and the adults were laughing.

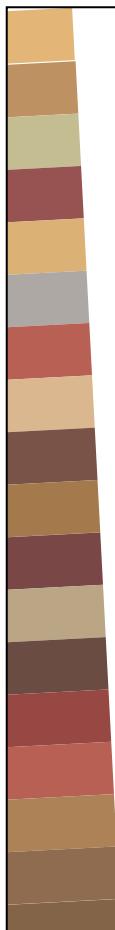
Q5 What was your favourite toy?

A5 A doll

Q6 What's your favourite subject?

A6 Art by Tieghan and Karla Year 7

Mrs Barkley  
by Tieghan  
Year 7



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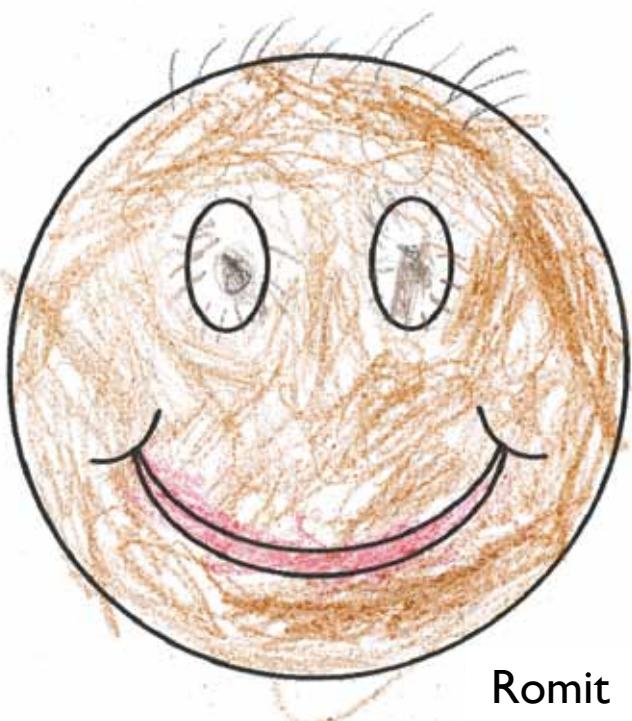
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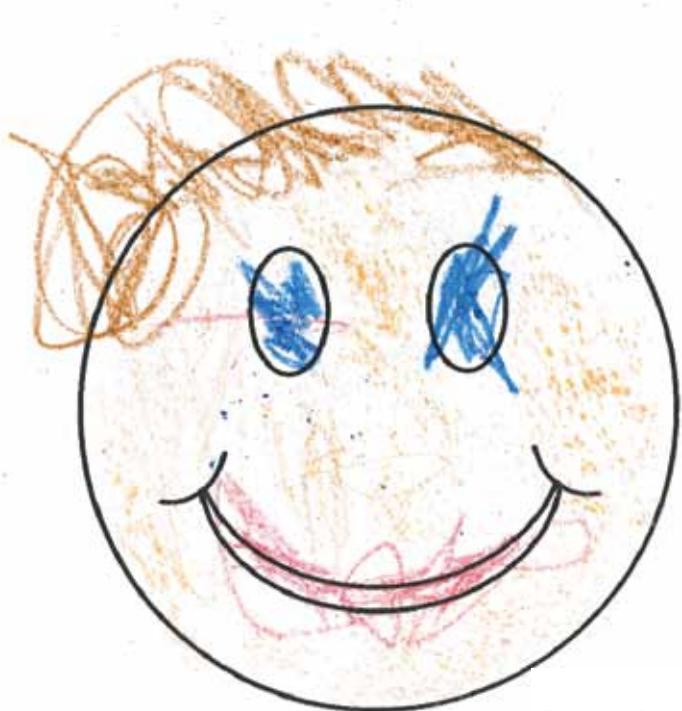
## LSC Work

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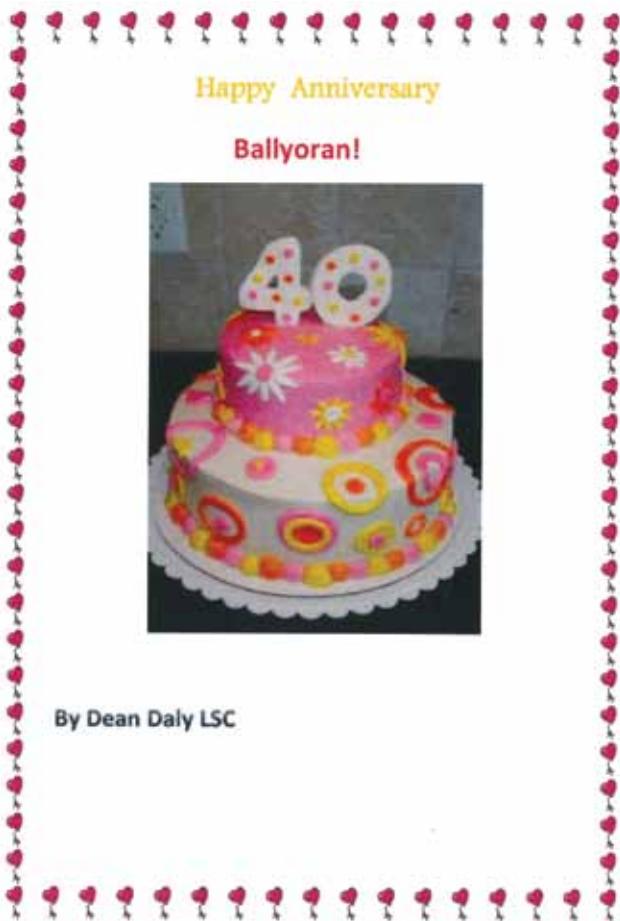
My best friend is Rodrigo

*Best  
Friend*

He is my best friend. Thank you for standing by my side when times get hard. Thank you making me laugh when I didn't even want to smile.



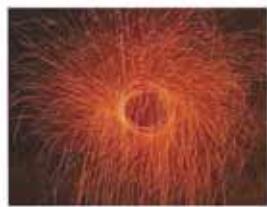
by Bernardo Pereira LSC



By Dean Daly LSC

## Fireworks

The firework shoots up like a rocket.  
Then it explodes with a huge boom!  
The Catherine Wheel spins like the Waltzer.  
The firework sprinkles its colours like magic  
fairy dust.  
I can see all the colours of the rainbow.



By Robert Kerr LSC

## We're going on a wolf hunt

We're going on a wolf hunt  
We're going to catch a big one.  
We're not scared.  
What a beautiful day.  
Uh-oh an estate.  
We can't go over it.  
We can go under it.  
We have to go through it.



By Peter Brown Lavery LSC



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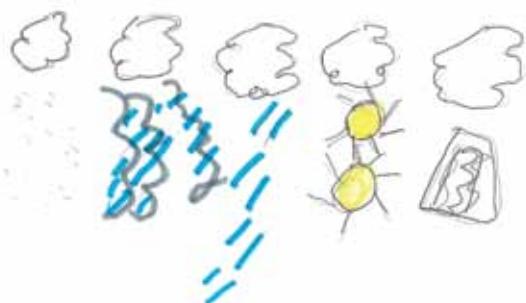
## Weather

In winter there is snow.  
We have to walk slowly as we go.

Whenever there is ice,  
Go for a slide is my advice.

In summer out comes the sun.  
We play outside and have lots of fun.

by Amy-Leigh Steffitt LSC



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## FRIDAY PE

1 I go round the cones.

2 I crawl under the bench.

3 I do star jumps.

4 I like climbing the cotton wool.

I like it when I play football.

I like it when I play basketball.

I like it when I play my PSP.

I like it when I play my PS3.

I like it when I play my DS.

I like it when I play the tablet.

I like it when I play the computer.

I like it when I play out side.

I like it when I play laptop.

I like it when I play with Bernardo.

I like it when I play with Peter.



BY Rodrigo Serador  
L.S.C

# After School Clubs

## Gaelic Club

### Gaelic

There is currently a high level of interest in Gaelic in the school. Mr Hendron is responsible for the Gaelic Club, which is open to boys and girls in Years 2 - 7 on Thursday afternoons. The club for Year 2 and 3 is taken by Paul Carvill and Steven Mc Cann from the local Tir na nÓg Club and runs from 2 - 3pm. Years 4 - 7 pupils have their club from 3 - 4pm.

For the last few years Ballyoran has entered a 9 a-side team for competitions associated with the North Armagh League. There are five teams in our group and each team is responsible for hosting a Blitz where the emphasis is as much on fun and enjoyment as it is on winning.

At grassroots level, the school has benefited greatly with the help of officers with the County Board. They work mainly with Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils on the basic skills of Gaelic Football as well as general fitness training.

Paul Carvill also takes each year group from year 3 to Year 7 for an intensive six week block of training. At the end of each block, the class has the opportunity to show their newly acquired skills in a tournament involving several local primary schools.

Through the primary schools gaelic organisation Cumann na Bunscoil, several pupils have had the opportunity to play with other children at half time during Armagh games at the Athletic Grounds in Armagh. Four years ago, the school had a tremendous honour when one of our Year 7 pupils, Aisling Hamill, played at half time in the All Ireland semi final at Croke Park in front of 75,000 people!

### GAEILIC

I like going to after-school Gaelic because P.C & Steven are good coaches. I like being picked for the school team the matches are really fun. I like how P.C & Steven make training fun and exciting.



FROM Joao Paulo

## Gaelic Practice

We have gaelic practice every Thursday from 3.00 to 4.00.

I like it when I am learning skills .

I like it when I play matches .

PC and Steven always make the practice good fun.

My favourite bit is when we learn to kick the ball up high.



By Bernardo Pereira LSC

## Netball



Netball is a very fun sport for girls in Years 4 and 5. We have learnt lots of passes like the chest pass, the shoulder pass and the overhead pass. We also learn rules for netball for example if you have the ball in your hands, you cannot move your feet. Every Tuesday we have so much fun!

By Grace and Megan (Year 5)

Every Tuesday we meet in the Assembly Hall for Netball Club. We begin with some warm up games which are always good fun. Next we practice our ball skills. We learn different Netball passes so we can use them in our matches. Then we practice scoring goals into the net. We decide our positions and play matches against each other. We really enjoy Netball because it is good fun and we get to play with our friends.

By Madison and Emma Rose (Year 5)



## After School Clubs

### Eco-Club

#### Eco Club

We have meetings for the Eco Club with Miss Turkington. When we are at the Eco Club we do things to help the environment.

One of the things we did was to start a campaign to save energy in the school. Eco spies went round each class to make sure no electricity was being wasted.

We also built an arch around the Eco garden.

I have really enjoyed being a member of the Eco Club this year.

By Peter Brown Lavery LSC



#### The Eco-Committee

We are in the Eco-Committee. We were chosen by our class and we all are delighted to be chosen, it's such a big responsibility. Two pupils from each class in Years 3-7 are chosen to be in the committee. The pupils who are the Eco-Committee this year are:

- Year 7: Karla, Mia
- Year 6: Reghan, Joao Paulo
- Year 5: Callum, Grace
- Year 4: Olivia, Sean
- Year 3: Cassie, Shea
- LSC: Peter



Every month we have Eco meetings and discuss what projects we would like to do in school. This year we had 'Switch Off Fortnight'. Our Eco-Committee monitored how much electricity was being wasted in their classes to encourage staff and pupils to save energy.

Last year we worked hard on various projects including the creation of our Eco Garden and received the 'Green Flag' Award. We were so happy and proud of our school. We really enjoy being part of the Eco-Committee.

By Mia McKee and Karla Eadie



### Drama Club



Drama Club is really fun. Every Thursday you can express your feelings and pretend to be people you wouldn't normally be. Every week in Drama Club we play lots of fun games. We play warm up games like Bippity Bippity Bop and concentration games like No Questions Please.

One week we were given interesting and funny scenarios that we had to act out. We took on the role of different characters in an imaginative and unique way. We have really developed our performance skills over the weeks.

In Drama Club different groups worked together to write and perform their own plays. When we were writing our scripts we had to think of a title for our play, our character names and the lines they were going to say.

We have all really enjoyed Drama Club and have had lots of fun over the weeks.

(By Mia, Emma, Helena, Shannon Year 7 and Shannon, Oliwia and Kelia Year 6)

### Art Club

Mrs Barkley organises an Art Club which meets for six weeks during the Autumn Term. Pupils use a variety of Art materials and techniques including textiles, collage, painting and printing. The finished Artwork creates a festive Christmas display in the Assembly Hall.

## After School Clubs

### Introduction to Irish Dancing



Year 3 pupils had the opportunity to participate in a 6 week session of Irish Dancing taken by Mrs Mackle. This was a little 'taster' course introducing them to some basic steps. The children joined with Mrs Heaney's dancing class for warm up activities and some fun games at the end of each session. They also had opportunity to learn a team dance which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children were able to take part in the Annual School Dancing Festival and were delighted with the medals they received.

#### The Irish Folk Dancing Club

This school club has been running for about 18 years. Initially it met every Friday after school and soon grew in popularity. It caters for children who do not attend a private Irish Dancing Class outside of school and is open to boys and girls from Year 4- Year 7. This year, thanks to help from Mrs Mackle, we have been able to offer a starter club for keen Year 3 pupils.

A few years ago the club day was changed to Wednesday 3pm – 4pm. We always begin with a quick chat to check that everyone is okay and to share any news or information. Then it's time to get moving with a warm up from head to pointy-toe or vice versa. Sometimes the Year 7 dancers take the warm up and that is a challenge they enjoy. Practice is done in groups so that the older pupils can help the younger ones with their new steps. Everyone feels a bit awkward at the start but it can be amazing how quickly they improve. When the clock reads 3.50pm we always try to find time for a 'dancing game'. This is one of the best parts of being in the Irish Folk Dancing Club and a friendly way to finish.

It is difficult to say what I enjoy most about being involved in this club but it would have to be getting to know so many pupils over the years and watching them learn something new, becoming 'little dancers' and taking part in our school Festival. It has always amazed me how brave the children are, getting on stage and doing their very best! Now, in 2014, I see children dancing and it doesn't seem that long ago that their mummy or daddy was trying the very same steps; I think it's maybe time that I thought up a few new steps.

B Heaney

### After School Hockey

In term one, Key Stage 2 pupils have the opportunity to learn and practise hockey skills on the pitch with Mrs McGuire. Weekly sessions begin with a safety briefing followed by warm ups. The ethics on the pitch encourage the pupils to mature through learning new skills and communicating closely with others. Hockey is fast and fun so it is important to keep the session flowing with a range of exciting drills.

### Recorder Club

In term 1 Year 4 pupils had the opportunity of attending a Recorder Club for six weeks. This was held every Wednesday afternoon. This was an introduction for beginners Recorder teaching children the basics of holding a recorder, learning the notes and reading the music. The children really enjoyed this club.



### Breakfast Club

We love going to Breakfast Club because it is fun and you get delicious breakfast. You only have to pay 50p each for one day. You get cereal, toast or pancake, fruit, or yoghurt or cheese, blackcurrant or apple juice or tea. This is an everyday choice. Around 18 or 19 people come every day. Even though there are a lot of people, Mrs Donnelly always tries her best. Sometimes Mrs Breen does the Breakfast Club. Everyone enjoys Breakfast Club.

By Shannon Hughes and Karla Eadie – Year 7

## After School Clubs

### Kids' Club



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# After School Clubs

## ICT CLUB

I come to ICT Club sometimes because I can type out my homework so it can be tidy. I also work on class projects for my teachers. Also I have free time on the computer to play games. As well as that Mrs Breen is really kind and makes you feel welcome. I love going to ICT Club, it is really fun. It runs from Monday to Thursday from 3pm to 4pm and is open to Year 4 – 7 pupils.

By Hayley White-Trainor (Year 7)

At the ICT Club the kids have free time to do what they like. Some kids do research for their homework, play games, while Reghan likes to work on his story and Hayley likes to have free time or do her homework.

The ICT Club runs from Monday to Thursday 3.00-4.00pm and its open to years 4-7.

Mrs Breen

## Cycling Proficiency

The Cycling Proficiency Scheme encourages and develops safe cycling. It enables cyclists to consider their personal safety and develop a positive attitude towards other road users. Year 7 pupils are offered the opportunity to participate in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme each year. The pupils have to take both a Practical and Theory test. The Practical test examines starting off, stopping and parking, overtaking, left turn, right turn, and controlled stop/restart. The Theory test identifies and tests their knowledge of the Highway Code. Each child who is trained and reaches the required standard on the day of the test, receives a certificate and badge in recognition of their achievement.

Mrs McGinnell

## Soccer Club

**FOOTBALL:** We play football from 3 to 4 on Wednesday. We practise new skills. At the beginning we have a kick about. After learning the skills we play matches. Katelyn always chooses the player of the day for the person who has shown the best attitude. If it rains we play inside in the Assembly hall. Some of us are lucky enough to be picked for the school team.

By Peter Brown Lavery LSC



### SOCCER:

Soccer practice for boys and girls takes place on Wednesdays from 3.00 until 4.00pm under the guidance of Ambassadors In Sport coaches. This is open to all boys and girls in Years 5, 6 and 7. Most of the session is taken up with a specific area targeted for coaching each week and a short match is played at the end. From this pool of players, a school team is selected. The team enters a number of competitions each year, including the Mid Ulster League, the Mullen Cup and the Jones' Shield 5-a-side Tournament.



## After School Clubs

Homework Club is very good, Mrs Donnelly helps you with your homework. After you finish your homework you get to play and go on the computers.

Sandra, Year 6

Kids' Club is fun, we get to paint and make things. We made Chinese dragons and lanterns for the Chinese New Year. We made our Mummys Mother's Day Cards.

Alfie, Mark, Mollie, Caitlin, Kelly and Leandro, Year 2

Homework Club runs Monday to Thursday from 3-4pm. It is open for Years 4 to 7. We have lots of resources to use and help us with our work. We can use computers to help us with projects like our Egyptian project.

Megan, Aidan, Shay and Seamus, Year 5

I am Joanna Donnelly, one of the classroom assistants at Ballyoran Primary School. Ballyoran PS offers various clubs and extra curricular activities for its pupils. A few of my roles include running the Breakfast Club, managing the Homework Club and assisting with Kids' Club. Some comments from the children who attend these clubs can be seen ...

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Shannon and Karla, Year 7

Instead of wasting time or forgetting what you have to do for homework, you can get all your homework done and when you go home you can play. You can play games if you get your homework finished early.

Emma-Rose and Katie, Year 5

## HEARTSTART



**HeartStart is a British Heart Foundation (BHF) initiative to teach the public what to do in a life-threatening emergency. Working in partnership with a wide range of agencies, the BHF aims to save lives by providing opportunities for the public to learn emergency life support (ELS) skills.**

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Ballyoran Primary is proud to be a HeartStart school.





**Year 1:** We learned how to dial 999



**Year 2:** We learned how to deal with a conscious casualty



**Year 3:** We learned how to put someone in the Recovery Position



**Year 4:** We learned how to deal with an unconscious casualty, the recovery position

**Year 5:** We learned how to deal with a serious bleed

**Year 6:** We learned how to deal with someone who is choking

**Year 7:** We learned how to do CPR and Mouth to Mouth



# HEARTSTART



## HEARTSTART

Mrs Stewart has been teaching us how to care for someone who has been hurt and is conscious or unconscious. I have really enjoyed it up to now because we got to pretend our friend was conscious or unconscious.

What we did was, one of us lay on the floor (in the classroom) and we had to think of a scene e.g. in the middle of the road and the other one had to think of what they had to do. In this situation we had to get someone to stop the cars as fast as possible. After that you had to call an ambulance as fast as possible!! Then you had to go to them and put them in the recovery position and stay with them until the ambulance came. You had to make sure the two people at the either side of the road stayed there until the ambulance came too.

In conclusion I think that Heart Start will help me in life because I will know what to do if someone gets hurt. I'm really looking forward to learning more.

*Helena Santos  
Year 7*



## **Primary Modern Languages Programme**

For the last three years the school has been part of the Primary Modern Languages Programme. This has involved pupils in Years 1 – 4 learning another language.

The language we are learning is Polish and our tutor Marta comes in every Thursday and takes each class for a half hour session.

The language is taught using fun and games and the pupils really enjoy learning it.

## **Young Enterprise Programme**

The Young Enterprise Programme is a progressive scheme of six primary modules addressing the topics of Ourselves, Our Families, Our Community, Our City, Our Nation and Our World.

The programme takes students on an inspiring journey of exploration through the world of work, financial capability and enterprise. The children work directly with specially trained Young Enterprise business volunteers from the local community who raise aspirations, develop key skills and open their eyes to the exciting world of enterprise.

Bernadette McGinnell (April 2014)

## Cardinal Brady's Visit to Ballyoran Primary School - 2008



# Ballyoran School Plays

School plays have been an important and memorable part of school life starting very soon after Ballyoran Primary School was first opened. Over the years, the teamwork involved in producing these theatrical masterpieces has greatly raised both pupil and staff self-esteem and has helped to establish a sense of community and celebration.

In the early days, many plays were written by Mr Gilpin himself and all pupils were included in an annual production. In more recent years the plays were produced every two years and were purchased and adapted to suit requirements. Due to the increase in pupil numbers the main cast later consisted mostly of Year 6 and 7 pupils.

All members of staff were involved in these exhausting and entertaining enterprises. Please accept our apologies if any staff names have been omitted.

### MOST RECENT PLAYS

- 1992 Peter Pan
- 1997 Jack & the Beanstalk
- 1998 Hosanna Rock
- 2000 Alice the Musical
- 2003 Wizard of Oz
- 2004 Scrooge
- 2006 Stable Manners



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Mrs McCreesh-West



Mr Skeffington



Mrs Walker



Mrs Brown



Mrs Heaney



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(Classroom Assistants)



Mrs Barkley



Miss Carson



Mrs Huddeson



Mrs Bell



Miss Neill

(Classroom Assistants)



Mrs Molloy



Miss Calvert



Miss Dixon



Mrs Breen



Mrs Stewart



Mrs Daly



Mrs Donnelly



Mrs Fusco



Mrs Glavin



Mrs Good



Mrs Tedford (Secretary)



Mrs Milligan (Clerical Officer)



Mr Creaney (Caretaker)



Mrs L Larkin



Mrs M Cusack

(Cleaners)



Mrs D Larkin



Miss Davis



Mrs Henderson



Mrs D Larkin



Mrs O'Connor

(Cleaner)



Mrs McShane



Mrs Murphy



Mrs Rowney



Mrs Campbell



Mrs Culbert

(Kitchen Staff)

## A Trip Down Memory Lane - Staff Photos







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## Memories from past pupils

My time in Ballyoran was really good. I remember looking forward to seeing my friends and learning new things.

I think my favourite thing about Ballyoran was the Christmas Plays, Irish Dancing and Playground Friends.

I really hope that my younger sister Emma can have as good an experience as I did.

Amy Breen

My best memories from Ballyoran were Shannaghmore and the P7 Christmas Play.

I really enjoyed my time at Ballyoran as I made many friends and the teachers were very helpful and supportive. I really liked Ballyoran as there was always fun even when learning new topics which seem difficult.

I really hope my sister has the same enjoyment from school as I had.

Laura Breen

One of my favourite memories of Ballyoran was my trip to Shannaghmore in 2010. I went with Mr Hendron, Miss Daly (now Mrs Mc Guire!) and Mrs Heaney and the rest of my class. I think the best thing about it was that all the teachers took part and had fun with us outside of the classroom.

Another good memory I have of Ballyoran is the play *Stable Manners*, which was 7 years ago now! I was in P4 and in the choir but I think the best thing about it was getting my makeup done by Mrs Heaney! I have loads more brilliant memories from Ballyoran and it's hard to believe it's been 4 years since I was there.

By Aine Hendron (Pupil at Ballyoran 2002-2010)

I had many great experiences in Ballyoran. I had lots of teachers there (including my dad)! And a lifelong friend I met in Primary 1, and I still talk to now, named, Miranda, to help guide me through Primary School.

I think the best things about it were all the things I got to do like; take part in a show created by Mrs Heaney and Mrs McCreash-West called *Stable Manners* which was great to be a part of, and my sister, Aine, has told me was seven years ago!

I got to be part of the choir, I got to learn Irish Dancing, I got to go to Stormont in Belfast and go to Shannaghmore which was amazing! My Primary 7 class was the first class ever in Ballyoran to take part in a Leavers DVD. I sang with Miranda in the Primary 7 Leavers assembly even though our CD broke right before we had to sing and we had to sing without any music!

I got to perform a piece of drama by myself which was great practice performing in front of an audience because now I am getting ready to perform in the Grand Opera House, Belfast in a production of *Guys and Dolls*! It was really fun being in Ballyoran and getting to do so much.

Una Hendron (Ballyoran Student 2003-2011)

# Charity

Ballyoran Primary School's pupils, parents and staff have always been active in supporting various charities. Charities that have benefitted are N.I. Hospice, NSPCC, Poppy Appeal, Neo-Natal unit in Craigavon Area Hospital, Rainbow Children's Project, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and Action M.S. We continually collect coppers to support the local Parish's Romanian Project. Events such as themed non-uniform days, sponsored physical activities and a whole school sponsored walk in Gosford Forest Park are popular with the pupils.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of our parents and pupils supporting these worthwhile charities. Thank-you J.Carson ( Charity Co-ordinator).



Teachers run for Charity  
Mr Headon and Mr McAnally ran in the 2005 Belfast Marathon and the pupils raised a grand sponsorship total of £1130 for Meningitis Research.

In the picture they hand over the cheque to Liz O'Halloran from the charity. Pupils L to R: Katie Pearson, Nicola McNeeson, Nicola Harrison, Paul Creanney and Rosalind Connolly.



Liz O'Halloran with Martin O'Halloran, Bell Lyons and Collette McAllister.



Children in Africa Fund Raising - Fun Day 2002 - £1375



## Shannaghmore

*Ballyoran Primary School has long had a close relationship with the Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre in Newcastle, County Down.*

Each year pupils in Year 7 are given the opportunity to attend a three day residential in the third term.

This gives the pupils opportunity to experience a wide range of outdoor activities such as canoeing, bouldering, orienteering, ropes course, climbing

wall and hill walking to name but a few.

In recent years pupils in Year 6 have also had the opportunity to attend.

Pupils and staff always come back from this residential having had an amazing time.



2014



2013



2010



2009



2008



2006

# CRED –



*The aim of the Community Relations, Equality and Diversity programme is to contribute to improving relations between communities by educating children and young people to develop self-respect and respect for others, promote equality and work to eliminate discrimination, and by providing formal and non-formal education opportunities for them to build relationships with those of different backgrounds.*



# Community Relations Equality and Diversity



It is recognised, and welcomed, that Northern Ireland is becoming an increasingly diverse society and that young people are interacting with others from many different religious, cultural and social backgrounds.

We at Ballyoran Primary School enjoy an extremely well established link with Bocombra Primary School Portadown where Years 1 to 7 participates in the CRED programme. The programme is an intrinsic part of future development work for both schools. Within School, both curricular and extra-curricular activities give the opportunity for pupils to learn about others and to understand and respect difference, addressing the different aspects of Community Relations, Equality and Diversity.

Last year children in Year 5 took part in the Dissolving Boundaries through Technology in Education Programme. They were partnered with Scoil Mhichill Naofa, Athy, Co. Kildare. The

We really enjoyed the CRED programme. We joined with children from Bocombra Primary School to watch a DVD about St. Patrick. We played Ice-breaker games and then we were spilt up into groups to make pots of gold with rainbows, shamrocks and shamrock men for St. Patrick's Day. We had a really great time and made lots of friends. We would give it 10 out of 10.

Olivia & Aodhan (Year 4)

children worked on a joint project and used online interaction and video-conferencing to interact and consult. Finally, the pupils met up for a day of fun filled activities.

At Foundation and KS1 level, CRED is embedded through our PDMU curriculum. Younger children are learning the language of equality and respect. They are becoming familiar with concepts surrounding diversity and thus will be better equipped to progress through the programme. At KS2 the programme allows the children to develop ideas, explore concepts and nurture lasting relationships with our partner school.

Bernadette McGinnell

Hello, my name is Keelin and I am in my final year at Ballyoran Primary School. Over the years that I have been at the school I have taken part in a lot of activities through the school CRED Programme with Bocombra Primary School. I met lots of new people and made a lot of new friends, most of which I still talk to today. Last year we took part in football activities and we all had a great time participating in lots of football matches. I thoroughly enjoyed the Ice-breaker games we always played at the start. I really enjoyed this programme and I got to make lots of new friends through it.

Keelin (Year 7)

# Parents & Friends of Ballyoran



Christmas Fair 2012

**Ballyoran Primary School has a Parents and Friends Association. This is an association of parents, relatives, staff and friends of the school who work together for the benefit of all the children attending the school.**

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, office bearers are elected, this year's office bearers are:

- **Chairperson - Mrs C Dunbar**
- **Vice Chairperson - Mrs A Kelly**
- **Treasurer - Mrs S Garland**
- **Secretary - Mrs E Mackle**

The Parents and Friends organise a range of events/projects during the year which are supported by other parents and friends of the school. These have included:

- **Christmas Fairs**
- **Christmas Cards**
- **Draws**
- **Discos**
- **Christmas Parties**
- **Fun Days**
- **Movie Nights**

Any money that is raised by the Parents and Friends Association is spent on the education of the pupils. For example last year new Nursery outdoor play resources and a play house for Years 1 and 2 were purchased. This year a new Outdoor Sand Pit for the Nursery is being purchased.

We encourage all parents and friends of the school to support the Parents and Friends as a vibrant and enjoyable aspect of school life. It is open to everyone and new members are always welcome. Watch out for the next meeting.



Easter Draw Winners  
2014

# First Holy Communion



# Confirmation



## Those were the days

### A former Principal recalls his own schooldays

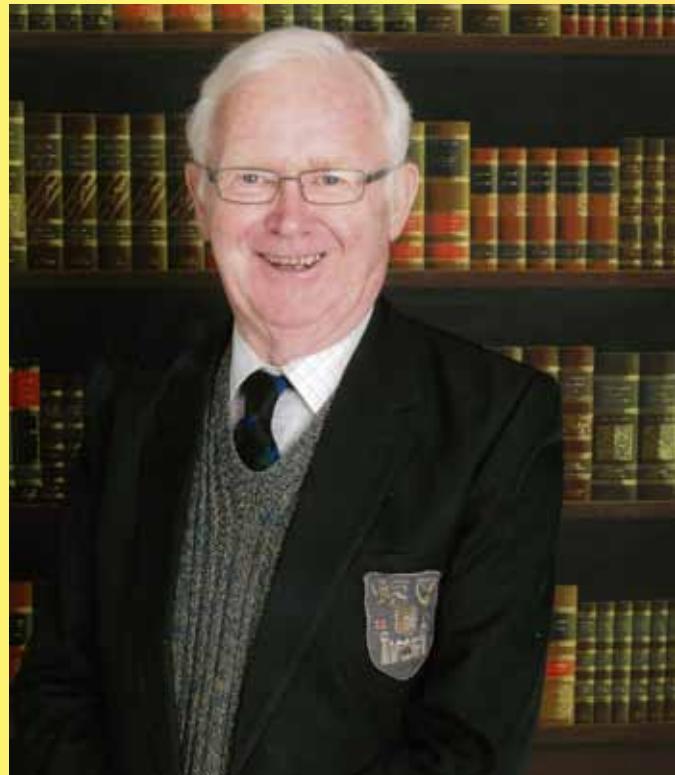
*I have been so impressed by the wonderful facilities and stimulating educational environment at Ballyoran School that I cannot help but tell you about my own schooldays.*

Our family School was Ballinacorr and my father often told us what it was like when he went there 115 years ago. It had two rooms, two teachers and 110 children when they were all present. He was six when he started and 12 when he left. He was kept at home half time to help his father so he had only between three and four years' schooling all together. How he learned so much in so short a time is beyond my understanding. He was the honorary veterinary surgeon for the many of the local small farmers who couldn't afford a qualified 'vit' (vet).

The Churches owned the schools and hadn't enough money to run them. The main infant play material was plasticine and each child had a slate and chalk for sums. Much time was spent on handwriting, tables, spellings and grammar. Long narrative poems and Bible passages were memorized for later recall and understanding. Two hours a week were given to life skills, particularly housewifery and basic rural practices. Children brought turf for the winter fire. They were often barefoot in summer or wore wooden clogs which were cheaper than shoes. Lunch was a jam sandwich which was called a 'piece.'

The Mistress taught Junior and Senior Infants and First and Second Class in the wee room. The Master taught Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh in the big room. Families were generally large and parents and teachers had to enforce immediate obedience to survive. It was "spare the rod and spoil the child."

When I started Ballinacorr School in 1936 the situation had changed utterly. Enrolment was down because families had moved into Portadown and Lurgan to be nearer work. Two teachers taught 33 children up to the age of 14. The School had been transferred from the Methodist Church to County Armagh Education Committee. Education was centrally administered and more liberally financed. No more turf! John Reavie, a senior pupil who had a pony, got out of School to bring the coal from Shillington's. The building had changed very little but educational provision had significantly



improved. Though the wide age and ability range still existed it was now possible to give children individual attention. Slates were gone and there was less rote learning. Reading materials were improved, enhanced by a County Library Service. Regular attendance was enforced by School Attendance Officers. Older folk will remember the legendary Dick Little who performed his unpopular task without fear or favour. Though it was the hungry thirties people had what was known as a roughness of money and children were better fed and clothed.

I learned next to nothing for nearly two years until the School Doctor discovered that I needed glasses. Mr. F J Clarke of Bridge Street fitted me out. Although rotting teeth may not have affected learning unduly the visit of the School dentist was a communal disaster. The cloakroom became his surgery from whence our screams traumatized the whole school. The few who didn't scream got a penny.

Ballinacorr School was what it was because of its size and the genius of the Master. To his

## Those were the days

### A former Principal recalls his own schooldays

many talents was added an unusual gift. He knew instinctively when children were receptive and at such times he taught more in an hour than the rest of us would in a week. He brought to education the universal principle that "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." The cultivation of the inhospitable school garden was the perfect exemplar. Clay soil can only be dug in kindly weather - a time for every purpose. The Time Table, pinned on the end of the book press (cupboard), published the principle unambiguously. "Horticulture may be taken according to the dictates of the Almighty." Inspectors duly noted the divine reality for Horticulture and the achievements of the pupils proved that it had been successfully extended to the entire curriculum. Another interesting feature was block teaching. Lengthy sessions at one subject resulted in immediate consolidatory learning. If it meant staying to 4 o'clock so was it.

His summary execution of intruders ranged from inspectors to the ordained. He thought that clergymen were better occupied in the pulpit than in the classroom. He reckoned that theological language was inappropriate for the primary mind. When an inspecting clergyman became technical he would be invited to re-ask his question in an intelligible form and then answer it in language that children could understand.

We did a Shakespeare play annually. I can recall at least three. Each was introduced by the prose version for children from the delightful 'Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare' by Charles and Mary Lamb. We knew the story before we started the original. Passages were again committed to memory.

At non-receptive times he played football and cricket with us. He was a disciple of Wally Hammond whom many considered to be the finest English cricketer of his generation and who was said to field like an archangel. He played rugby for Portadown and North and shared, with others, the distinction of having been knocked out by Blair Mayne, the Irish rugby International and British Lion. During the War Paddy Mayne became a founding member of the SAS and won

four DSOs. He was a rumbustious character subject to uncontrollable rages. Many believe that he was denied a VC because he had knocked out a commanding officer.

The Master was a fine violinist and guitarist. We were familiar with traditional folk songs from America, England, Ireland Scotland and Wales and, being wartime, were taught The Marseillaise in French. He entered us for all sorts of classes in Portadown Festival. The best-known competitor of the time was Gloria Joy Gordon from Belfast. When she came back as an adjudicator 40 years later one of the children she remembered was a small fair-haired boy with glasses. The phone rang in Ballyoran. I went up to the Town Hall and we had a cup of coffee during an interval.

When I reached 12 his suggestion that I be entered for a scholarship created a domestic crisis. My mother supported him. My father did not. He wanted me to come home to help him at 14 as he had helped his own father. The extended family supported my mother and my father reluctantly surrendered. Two years later my brother did the same examination without any fuss.

Ignorance was bliss. There was none of the generated stress that presently accompanies the 11 Plus. But I did have a secret concern. The examination was in Portadown and I had never been in town on my own before. I needn't have worried. The Master left school and brought me in and out in his Morris 8.

I have just remembered that he called us Philistines. The Oxford English Dictionary tells me that the word means uncultured. He used language precisely. Those were the days and I recall them with affection and gratitude.

Best wishes for your next 40 years.

D J Gilpin  
(Principal - 1974-1996)

# Ballyoran Primary School 40th Anniversary Congratulations

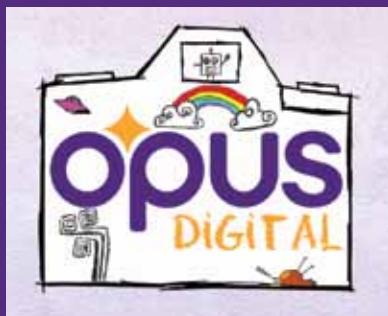


*Ballyoran Primary School is a very special welcoming school with a supportive and caring staff and I am delighted that I spent my entire 22 years teaching career there, mainly with Primary 1 children but involved also cross the ages with the afternoon classes and especially linked with Girls' Hockey, who had a great reputation for winning but also were highly respected for their sporting attitude.*

It was also my privilege to be welcomed by the school and community as Principal for 12 years (1996-2008) until my retirement. I hold the memories of pupils, parents and staff precious throughout those years – they were wonderful, even if at times challenging.

BEST WISHES for the years ahead and may children continue to value their education in Ballyoran Primary School.

**Morva Calvert** (Principal - 1996-2008)



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- Family Night Photos
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