



News Sheet – June 2012

End of Term Arrangements

School finishes at 12 noon on Friday 29th June 2012 for the summer holidays. This will be a **Non-Uniform Day**.

Please note that this will be an Unhealthy Break Day and **NO DINNERS** will be served.

2012/2013 School Year

School reopens on Monday 3rd September 2012 for the start of the 2012/2013 school year.

Classes for 2012/2013 School Year

Pupils got to spend 30 minutes in their new class for next year on Monday 25th June 2012.

The following are the classes for next year:

Class	Teacher	Assistant
N1	Mrs Mulholland	Mrs Stewart
N2	Mrs Carson	Mrs McConville
Yr 1	Mrs Mackle	Mrs McCourt
Yr 1	Mrs Baxter	Mrs McCourt
Yr 2	Miss Turkington	Mrs Glavin
Yr 3	Mrs McGinnell	
Yr 4	Mrs McCreesh-West	Mrs Donnelly
Yr 5	Miss Daly/Mrs Walker	
Yr 6	Mrs Brown/Mrs Walker	
Yr 7	Mrs Heaney/Mrs Russell	
LSC	Mr Hendron	

Farewell to Mrs Garvey

Ballyoran Primary School sadly said farewell to Mrs Garvey who retired at the end of May after 20 years' service to the school. The Principal, on behalf of the entire school community, would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her tireless dedication and commitment to the school over 20 years and wish her a long and happy retirement.

School Meals Price

The SELB have informed the school that the cost of school dinners will rise from 1st September 2012. The new prices are as follows:

- Nursery £2.20 per day
- Yr 1 – Yr 7 £2.30 per day

Induction Meetings

A big thank you to all those parents who attended our Yr 1 and Nursery Induction Meetings. There was an excellent turnout at both Meetings which was very encouraging for the staff. Anyone who was unable to attend and has still not collected their Induction Packs should call at the School Office as soon as possible.

Cycling Proficiency

Each year we offer the Year 7 children the opportunity to take part in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme. The training takes place within the school grounds and helps them, as cyclists, to identify risks that they encounter on the road. This year four children from Year 7 successfully completed the Test. Well done to Brooke McCann, Aimee McGuckin, Zuzanna Baran and Joe Mackle.

Yr 6 and Yr 7 Swimming Gala

This took place on Friday 25th May 2012 at Cascades Leisure Complex. Well done to all our medal winners who were presented with these at our Annual Sports Award Ceremony

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council held its last meeting of the year on 28th May 2012. A big thank you to the following six Class Reps for all their hard work on the Pupil Council this year:

CLASS	REPRESENTATIVE	CLASS	REPRESENTATIVE
Yr 3	Megan Stewart	Yr 6	Zuzanna Osinska
Yr 4	Cain Hendron	Yr 7	Brooke McCann (Chairperson)
Yr 5	Keelin Brennan (Vice Chairperson)	LSC	Bruno Serrador

Official Opening of Refurbished School

The Official Opening of our refurbished school on Wednesday 13th June 2012 was a great success. Thank you to all those pupils and staff who worked so hard to make it happen and to all those parents who attended. I hope that you agree, after touring our newly refurbished accommodation, that we have facilities that are second to none. The Portadown Times ran a very positive feature on the school last week and I am very grateful to all the local businesses that made this possible through their supporting advertisements. Please visit our website for photos from the opening.

Young Enterprise – Year 6

On Friday 1st June 2012, Year 6 participated in workshops entitled 'Our Nation'. First, the pupils completed activities which made them aware of a small selection of jobs and then they discussed some of the qualities needed for these jobs. The pupils then completed an activity which made them aware of the chain of events that takes place from the moment the apple is picked from the tree until it reaches our supermarket shelves in the form of apple juice. The pupils talked about supply and demand. The pupils then looked at examples of packaging and had to design their own juice carton to include all relevant information. These were all very practical, hands-on activities from which the pupils gained a wider understanding of the world of industry. Good fun was had by all and many thanks to Moy Park and Young Enterprise for their support

Year 7 Pop DVD

Year 7 pupils have spent four days making a Pop DVD in school. The DVD which has been professionally recorded and edited was a great success and pupils had much fun in the process. This DVD will be a memento to keep of their final days at Ballyoran Primary School and can be purchased from school at a cost of £5.

Romanian Copper Appeal

Thank you to those who have continued to support our Romanian Copper Appeal. The money raised to date is helping to build a house for orphans. This appeal will continue into next year so please keep supporting it.

Sports Day

On Thursday 14th June, we had our very own 'Ballyoran Olympics' Sports Day. Considering that this was rescheduled due to previous bad weather, we were very encouraged by the large turn out of parents. The event included a strong Olympics theme, starting with our own Olympic Torch being carried in relay around the pitch. All pupils who participated received recognition at the Sports Day Awards Ceremony.

Fire and Rescue Service Nursery

Children in the Nursery enjoyed a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service on Tuesday 19th June 2012. They also watched a DVD on Fire Safety.

PTA Movie Night

The PTA rounded off its activities this year with a second very successful Movie Night on Friday 22nd June 2012. Pupils who attended watched 'The Smurfs' and in particular enjoyed the popcorn. Thanks to the PTA members for all their hard work and support this year. We would like to see more parents join. Remember, it is open to everyone. Please come to the Annual General Meeting in September.

Shannaghmore

From 30th May until 1st June, Year 7 pupils took part in a residential trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre. All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Pupils had the opportunity to undertake a range of activities including canoeing, Adventure Walk and wall climbing. Most pupils agreed that one of the highlights was a very interesting and informative walk along the sand dunes at Murlough on the first evening of our trip.

Year 4 Young Enterprise

Year 4 pupils participated in The Young Enterprise Primary Programme: *Our Community*.

Pupils looked at the sorts of jobs and roles people have in the community. They were led through a discovery of how business and government operate for the good of the community. They learned about earning a salary and paying tax. In groups they had the opportunity to assess the needs and wants of communities and took responsibility for a community which they designed themselves through voting and decision making activities.

Extra Curricular Activities

All after school clubs have now finished for this year. Ballyoran Primary School offers pupils a very wide range of extra curricular activities each year. This is only possible because school staff gives up their time to do this and I would like to thank all my staff for ensuring we have had another excellent year of clubs.

Homework

Homework has now finished for the year.

Breakfast Club/Homework Club

Both these Clubs will start on the first day of term – **Monday 3rd September 2012.**

Surestart Two Year Old Programme

We are delighted to be able to announce that Surestart will be establishing a Two Year Old Programme in the community Room at Ballyoran Primary School, starting in September 2012.

Prize Day 2012

Friday 22nd June 2012 was our Annual Prize Day; which is now a very important event in our School Calendar. The Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Prize Giving was first at 9.30am and the Special Guest was Mrs G O'Hanlon, former teacher. After refreshments, came the Key Stage 2 Prize Giving with Mrs G Hall, SELB Senior Principal Architect, as our Special Guest. Every pupil in the school received an award and all are to be congratulated on their successes and achievements. A big thank you to all the parents and friends who supported Prize Day

End of Year Trips

Classes went on the following End of Term Trips this year:

Nursery	Parkanaur
Year 1	Clementsmonth Farm
Year 2	Oxford Island
Year 3	The Fun House, Newry
Year 4	Armagh Museum and Planetarium
Year 5	Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex
Year 6	Dundonald Ice Bowl
Year 7	Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex
LSC	Lisburn Omniplex, Wallace Park and McDonalds

Dancing Festival

Our 10th Annual Folk Dancing Festival took place in the School Assembly Hall on Wednesday 20th June 2012. The Adjudicator was Mrs Bronagh O'Neill. Mrs O'Neill said that she was very impressed with the standard in all the Classes. Fifteen dancers competed and everyone was awarded at least one prize. Congratulations to our main prize winners:

Overall Champion	Ellie Murphy
2 nd Overall	Niamh Garland
3 rd Overall	Cristiana Da Silva Vidal
Winner of the Most Promising Dancer Award	Cristiana Da Silva Vidal

Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended.

Nursery Graduation

This took place on Thursday 21st June 2012 in the school Assembly Hall. Fifty-one Nursery pupils graduated to Year One and received Medals, Certificates and a Bookstart Treasure Bag to mark the occasion. We wish all our Nursery pupils, moving to Year One, well for the future.

Annual Reports

These were distributed on Friday 22nd June 2012. One copy must be signed and returned to school by **Tuesday 26th June 2012**. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Tesco/Sainsbury Vouchers

A big thank you to everyone for collecting Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers for the school this year. Approximately 6,582 Tesco Vouchers were collected and these will be used to purchase ICT equipment.

ICT Accreditation

All Yr 4 pupils successfully achieved Level 2 in this and all Yr 7 pupils successfully achieved Level 4. Well done to all the pupils involved.

School Watch

You will have seen the new yellow signs erected outside the school regarding this. We ask that you help us out over the summer by reporting any suspicious activity around the school.

Farewell to Year 7

Twenty-nine Year 7 pupils will be leaving Ballyoran Primary School at the end of June 2012 and transferring to the following Post Primary Schools.

The Royal School Dungannon	1 pupil
Killicomaine Junior High School	1 pupil
Brownlow College	5 pupils
Drumcree College	8 pupils
Lismore Comprehensive	11 pupils
St Catherine's College	1 pupil
St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	1 pupil
St Patrick's College, Banbridge	1 pupil

We thank these pupils for all that they have given to Ballyoran Primary School and wish them well for the future. We hope that they leave Ballyoran Primary School with many happy memories.

Thank You

This has been a very busy and a very disruptive year as a result of the refurbishment. A big thank you to all parents for your support and co-operation this year and to all the Staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the year. Wishing the entire school community a pleasant and relaxing summer break.

R Woolsey
Principal

PRIZE DAY 2011/2012

Friday 22nd June 2012

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

AWARDS/CLASS	Yr 1	Yr 2`	Yr 3	Yr 4	LSC
Literacy	Shea Edgar	Laura Cande	Grace O'Connor	Oliwia Osinska	
Numeracy	Filip Tyl	Dakota Wilson	Niall Robinson	David Tennyson	
Creativity	Adrian Kania	Adohan O'Connor	Abhiram Reji	Reghan McKinstry	
Effort and Endeavour	Niamh Larkin	Mia Millar	Emma Rose White-Trainor	Calum Caulfield	Malachy Kofa
Helpfulness and Generosity	Bronagh McShane	Darnell McConville	Kathlyn Paulino	Courtney Sharpe	Ryan Pinto
ICT				Danica Hall	
Star Pupil	Kirsten Molloy	Evie Judge	Megan Stewart	Cain Hendron	

SPORTS AWARDS	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Boys	Filip Tyl	David O'Hehir	Vitor Guerra	Joao Paul Ferreira
Girls	Cliona Neill	Evie Judge	Natasha Berry	Shannon Berry

100% ATTENDANCE	Olivia Dunbar	Paul Hendron	Aidan Kelly	Shay Kelly	Callum Mulholland	Kathlyn Paulino
	Niall Robinson	Shannon Berry	Joao Paul Ferreira	Danica Hall	William Paulino	Courtney Sharpe
	David Tennyson	Ana Vidal	Malachy Kofa			

Nominations for the Calvert Award	Danica Hall	Oliwia Osinska	Courtney Sharpe	Cain Hendron
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The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1

Danica Hall

PRIZE DAY 2011/2012Friday 22nd June 2012**Key Stage 2**

AWARDS	LSC	P5	P6	P7
Progress in Literacy	Shola Heath	Emma Dunbar	Zuzanna Osinska	Cassie Leigh Murphy
Progress in Numeracy	Amy Wilson	Hayley White-Trainor	Wiktorina Kania	Filipa Santos
Progress in ICT	Micheal Reynolds	Serena Connolly	Marina Duraes	Zoe McGurgan
Creativity in the Arts	Magdalena Lazicka	Catherine Hyde	Hollie O'Neill	Beatriz Almeida
Outstanding Interest in the World Around Us	Annie Hyde	Keelin Brennan	Cloda Girvan	Kalil Kaplan
Effort and Perseverance	Bruno Serrador	Emma Larkin	Connor Berry	Demi Beattie

AWARDS	LSC	P5	P6	P7
Star Pupil	Annie Hyde	Niall Wilson	Niamh Garland	Tiago Realinho

100% ATTENDANCE	Emma Dunbar	Catherine Hendron	Catherine Hyde
	Kubus Tomasik	Connor Berry	Sarah Hendron
	Cristiana Vidal	Aimee McGuckin	Filipa Santos

MAIN AWARDS	
The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy	Zuzanna Baran
The Brown Family Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	Zuzanna Baran
The Governors' Cup for ICT	Brooke McCann
The Walker Cup for The World Around Us	Lauren White-Trainor
The McCreesh Cup for Music/Singing	Aimee McGuckin
The McCreesh Cup for Music/Instrumental	Aimee McGuckin/Zuzanna Baran
The Lynas Award for Art and Design	Aimee McGuckin
The Heaney Cup for Drama	Cristiana Vidal
The RE Cup	Bianca Guerra
The Gilpin LSC Special Award	Micheal Reynolds
The Principal's Cup for Environmental Interest	Joe Mackle
The Heaney Cup for Irish Folk Dancing	Cristiana Da Silva Vidal

The CWS Eco Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Eco Club	Annie Hyde
The Hyde Cup for Progress in Reading	Emma Dunbar

House Competition	Final Results	
	1 st Place: Bann House	2587
	2 nd Place: Lagan House	2419
	3 rd Place: Foyle House	2217

Portadown Credit Union Award and Bursary in Memory of Peter Mulligan	Zuzanna Baran
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Nominations for the Hagan Award	Brooke McCann	Zuzanna Baran	Zoe McGurgan
	Cassie Leigh Murphy	Tiago Realinho	Aimee McGuckin

The Hagan Award for Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School	Zuzanna Baran
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SPORTS DAY AWARDS	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7
Overall Winner - Boys	Conner Byrne	Connor Berry	Tiernan Byrne
Overall Winner - Girls	Karla Eadie	Catarina Sa	Rita Gama

SPORTS AWARDS	
The Ambassadors in Sport Boys' Soccer Award	Tiernan Byrne
The Ambassadors in Sport Girls' Soccer Award	Rita Gama
Tir na nOg Trophy for Boys' Gaelic	Joe Mackle
Tir na nOg Trophy for Girls' Gaelic	Brooke McCann
The Auld Cup for the Sports Person of the Year	Tiernan Byrne



Term Dates & School Holidays

2012/2013 Year

All dates are inclusive

Term 1

Term Dates

Monday 3rd September – Friday 21st December 2012

Holidays

- School Development Day (Staff Training): Friday 21st September 2012
- Half Term: Wednesday 31st October – Friday 2nd November 2012

Christmas Holiday: Monday 24th December 2012 – Friday 4th January 2013

Term 2

Term Dates

Monday 7th January – Wednesday 27th March 2013

Holidays

- Half Term: Monday 18th – Tuesday 19th February 2013
- St. Patrick's Day Holiday: Monday 18th March 2013

Easter Holiday: Thursday 28th March – Friday 5th April 2013

Term 3

Term Dates

Monday 8th April – Friday 28th June 2013

Holidays

- May Bank Holidays: Monday 6th and Monday 27th May 2013

School will finish at midday on the last day of each term.

Please note a further 4 School Development Days for Staff training have yet to be confirmed.

Note: Removing pupils during term time is not recommended; please try not to book holidays or other trips during the school term. Staff cannot prepare work in advance for children who are on holidays and very often these children miss vital work during their absence. The school is also required to inform the SELB when a child is removed from school for a holiday. This information is recorded and may be used by the SELB in appropriate situations, i.e. Special Educational Needs Assessments or Child Protection issues.

We hope this information is of use to you as you attempt to plan family holidays for the year ahead.