



News Sheet – June 2014

End of Term Arrangements

School finishes early on Friday 27th June 2014 for the summer holidays. Please note that this will be a Non-Uniform, an Unhealthy Break Day and **NO DINNERS** will be served. Pupils will be dismissed as follows to ease congestion at the gate:

Yrs 1 – 3: 11.50am

Yrs 4 – 7: 12 noon

2014/2015 School Year

School reopens on Monday 1st September 2014 for the start of the 2014/2015 school year.

Classes for 2014/2015 School Year

Pupils will get to spend 30 minutes in their new class for next year this week.

The following are the classes for next year:

| Class | Teacher | Assistant |
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| N1 | Mrs Mulholland | Mrs Stewart |
| N2 | Mrs Carson/Mrs Wells | Mrs Good |
| Yr 1 | Mrs Mackle | Miss Carson |
| Yr 1 | Mrs Biggerstaff | Miss Carson |
| Yr 2 | Mrs McGinnell | Mrs Glavin |
| Yr 3 | Miss McGibbon | |
| Yr 3 | To Be Confirmed | |
| Yr 4 | Mrs McCreesh-West | |
| Yr 5 | Mr Skeffington | |
| Yr 6 | Mrs Brown/Mrs Walker | |
| Yr 7 | Mrs Heaney/Mrs Martin | |
| LSC | Mr Hendron | |

Staffing

Farewell to Mrs Russell

Mrs Russell finishes at Ballyoran this week after 3 years teaching Year 7 in a job share with Mrs Heaney. We thank her for all that she has brought to the school and wish her well for the future.

Appointment of New Teachers

The Board of Governors have appointed two new permanent teachers to the Staff. Mrs Wells has been appointed to the Nursery 2 Job Share with Mrs Carson. Mrs Martin has been appointed to the Year 7 Job Share with Mrs Heaney. We welcome both teachers to the permanent staff and hope that they will be very happy at Ballyoran Primary School.

School Meals Price

The SELB have informed the school that there will be a rise to the cost of school dinners from

1st September 2014. The new prices are::

- Nursery £2.30 per day
- Yr 1 – Yr 7 £2.40 per day

Induction Meetings

A big thank you to all those parents who attended our Yr 1 and Nursery Induction Meetings. Anyone who was unable to attend and has still not collected their Induction Packs should call at the School Office as soon as possible.

A reminder that all **Nursery Consent Forms must be returned by Friday 27th June 2014.**

Nursery Outings

The children in the Nursery enjoyed their visit to Tannaghmore Gardens and farm with their friends from Hart Memorial Nursery. They also had a very enjoyable day at Peter Pans Neverland.

First Holy Communion

Twenty five children from Year 4 made their First Holy Communion in St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday 7th June 2014. The ceremony was conducted by Father Sheehan and all the children participated in the ceremony. The school choir, accompanied by Mrs McCreesh-West, provided the lovely music. The children joined with family, friends and teachers for refreshments afterwards in the Pastoral Centre.

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 three children from Year 7 successfully completed the Test with Mrs McGinnell. Well done to Courtney Castles, Robert Kerr and Mia McKee.

Year 7 Pop DVD

Year 7 pupils have spent three 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.

Visitors to Nursery

Our theme for the month of June was *'People Who Help Us'*. The children in the Nursery enjoyed a visit from the Fire Fighters. They enjoyed sitting in the fire engine and got to use the hose. We also had a visit from Sarah the dentist who told us how to look after our teeth. We hope to have a visit from the PSNI before the end of June.

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 Club

Homework Club has now finished for the year. It will restart on Monday 8th September 2014.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues until the end of term. This Club will start on the second day of term – **Tuesday 2nd September 2014**. Consent Forms will be available on the first day back.

Prize Day 2014

Friday 13th June 2014 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 Morva Calvert. After refreshments, came the Key Stage 2 Prize Giving with Mr D J Gilpin 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. A list of the main Award Winners has been included in this News Sheet.

Sports Day and Sports Day Awards

Sports Day took place on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 and despite weather forecasts to the contrary, it turned out to be a lovely morning. This added to the pleasant atmosphere and we very much appreciate the big turn-out of parents and family on the day. A series of events took place for Nursery, Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils. The pupils took part to the best of their ability. Medals were presented at a special assembly on Thursday 12th June 2014 and all pupils who took part were awarded with a certificate. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Eurospar who sponsored our Sports Day.

Swimming Gala

Our annual swimming gala took place on Friday 6th June and we are very grateful to the staff at Cascades swimming pool for helping the event run so smoothly. Well done to all the Year 6 and Year 7 pupils who took part in the event which included competitions in front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke. The contestants were cheered on by pupils from Years 4 and 5.

GAA Healthy Eating Programme

Years 6 and 7 had the opportunity to take part in a healthy eating programme. They were shown how a combination of a balanced diet and exercise can lead to a healthy lifestyle. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

Soccer Match v Lurgan Model

Our soccer team played their final match of the season on Thursday 12th June 2014 against Lurgan Model at our own pitch. Mr O Hagan from Lurgan Model kindly donated a trophy which it is hoped will be competed for between the two schools annually. On the day, everything went right for our team and they ran out comfortable 5-0 winners. We would like to say a special well done to the Year 7 players, many of whom have served the school team loyally for three years.

Best Kept School Awards 2014

We received a '*High Commendation*' this year, achieving 88 marks out of 100. A big well done to everyone for ensuring our school grounds are looking so well.

End of Year Trips

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

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| Nursery | Peter Pan's |
| Year 1 | Clementsmonth Farm |
| Year 2 | Lisburn Omniplex |
| Year 3 | The Fun House, Newry |
| Year 4 | The Fun House, Newry |
| Year 5 | Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex |
| Year 6 | Dundonald Ice Bowl |
| Year 7 | Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex |
| LSC | Lisburn Omniplex, Wallace Park and McDonalds |

Nursery Graduation

This took place on Thursday 19th June 2014 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 well for the future.

Annual Reports

These were distributed on Friday 13th June 2014. One copy must be signed and returned to school. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Year 6 and 7 Residential

It is planned to offer Year 6 and 7 pupils the opportunity to go on a residential trip to England or Scotland next year. This will only be possible if enough parents are willing to allow their children to go, to make it viable. We will survey parents on this in early September 2014.

Love for Life Conference

On Monday 16th June 2014, Year 7 pupils from Ballyoran Primary School joined with Year 7 pupils from Bocombra Primary School for the annual Love for Life Conference. This Conference was greatly enjoyed by all our pupils and covered such themes as:

- Conception and Pregnancy
- The Rollercoaster of Growing Up
- Coping with Change
- Peer Pressure and Healthy Relationships
- Decision Making
- Being Assertive

Talent Show

On Wednesday 25th June 2014, all classes will join together in the Assembly Hall for a whole school Talent Show.

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 to the Police.

Farewell to Year 7

Twenty-three Year 7 pupils will be leaving Ballyoran Primary School at the end of June 2014 and transferring to the following Post Primary Schools.

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| Brownlow College | 2 pupils |
| Drumcree College | 9 pupils |
| Lismore Comprehensive | 5 pupils |
| St Catherine's College | 2 pupils |
| St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon | 2 pupils |
| Clounagh Junior High School | 2 pupils |
| Killicomaine Junior High School | 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.

40th Anniversary Celebrations

A special 40th Anniversary Whole School Photograph was taken on Friday 6th June 2014. This can be purchased for £15 from the Office.

40th Anniversary Concert on Wednesday 11th June 2014 was a great success. The evening featured the Choir, Recorder Group, Irish Dancers, Years 4 – 7 Drama Group and the Year 4 Pathways String Group as well as guest appearances from the South Ulster Community Band and 'No Strings Attached'. Our compere for the evening was Mr Bob Crooks, former BBC NI Presenter. A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Concert, making it a most enjoyable evening, to all those who worked hard to help organise it and to everyone who supported it. As well as many of our own parents, we had past staff and Governors and even a past pupil who was in P1 on the very first day that the school opened.

We welcomed Mr Gilpin and Miss Calvert, former Principals, as our Special Guests at Prize Day on Friday 13th June 2014.

All our pupils got the chance to join in our celebrations on Friday 20th June 2014 when we had a very enjoyable Fun Day/Birthday Party. Pupils enjoyed Bouncy Castle, Assault Course and Slide, a Puppet Show, various sports including Gaelic Football, Soccer, Tennis, Rugby and Hurling, an ice cream from an Ice Cream Van, a Puppet Show, Birthday Cake, Chip Shop Lunch and special Anniversary Gifts of a cap and pencil.

A reminder that Anniversary Magazines can still be purchased from the Office, priced at £4. Mr Gilpin and Miss Calvert also wrote a special History Booklet to mark the occasion and this can be bought from the Office for £5.

Staff and Governors, past and present, met for a special Anniversary Meal at a local hotel on Friday 20th June 2014.

Find pictures from all our celebrations on the school website.

Child Protection

From 1st September 2014, there will be a change to the Designated Teachers in school. Mrs Heaney and Mrs McGuire will swap roles with Mrs Heaney becoming Designated Teacher and Mrs McGuire becoming Deputy Designated Teacher.

Farewell to Polish Teacher

Mrs Marta Jaworska has been our Polish Tutor for these past three years. She has worked with Yr 1 – Yr 4 pupils in on a weekly basis, teaching them Polish and the pupils have benefitted greatly from this. Sadly Marta will be leaving us at the end of June. We thank her for all that she has given to Ballyoran over these past three years and wish her well for the future.

Thank You

This has been another busy year. 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. Finally, to all our pupils for making this such an enjoyable year.

Wishing the entire school community a pleasant and relaxing summer break.

R Woolsey
Principal

PRIZE DAY 2013/2014

Friday 13th June 2014

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

| AWARDS/CLASS | Yr 1 | Yr 2 McGinnell | Yr 2 Biggerstaff | Yr 3 | Yr 4 | LSC |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Literacy | Caoimhe O'Connor | Oliwia Rybak | Jessica Todd | Filip Tyl | Evie Judge | Romit Guterres |
| Numeracy | Marcel Piezykolan | Ryan Paulino | Wojciech Borowcyek | Kajus Ciujevas | Olivia Dunbar | Malachy Kofa |
| Creativity | Tiernan Creaney | Milana Valiute | Bianca Pinto | Leah Gibson | Aodhan O'Connor | Jamie Campbell |
| Effort and Endeavour | Owen Reynolds | Majika Adamcyk | Dayna Hughes | Humberto Da Cruz Marinho | Dakota Wilson | Natan Sochan |
| Helpfulness and Generosity | Julia Osinska | Aine Gorman | Rafaela Chainho | Kassie Blanton | Sean Coyle | Ryan Lee Flynn |
| ICT | Matheus Duraes | Leandro Gomes | Jamie McGeown | Jack Campbell | Tiernan Byrne | Baylee Blanton |
| Star Pupil | Emma Breen | Oliwia Rybak | Molly Creaney | Niamh Larkin | Evie Judge | Rodrigo Serrador |

| SPORTS AWARDS | Yr 1 | Yr 2 | Yr 3 | Yr 4 |
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| Boys | Patryk Gorgol | Ryan Paulino | Filip Tyl | Aodhan O'Connor |
| Girls | Caoimhe O'Connor | Molly Creaney | Paula Kanarkowska Niamh Larkin | Evie Judge |

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| 100% ATTENDANCE | Julia Osinska Yr 1 | Ronan Kofa, Yr 2 Rodrigo Vidal, Yr 2 | Adrian Kania, Yr 3 Niamh Larkin, Yr 3 | Olivia Dunbar, Yr 4 Paul Hendron, Yr 4 | Malachy Kofa LSC |
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The Mallon Award for Courage, Patience and Resilience

Lara Sequeira, Yr 1

The Hyde Cup for Progress in Reading

Christopher McGeown, Yr 4

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| Nominations for the Calvert Award | Tiernan Brennan | Catriona Mackle | Mia Millar |
| | Sean Coyle | Darnell McConville | |

The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1

Mia Millar

PRIZE DAY 2013/2014

Friday 13th June 2014

Key Stage 2

| AWARDS | LSC | Yr 5 | Yr 6 | Yr 7 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Progress in Literacy | Rodrigo Serrador | Emma Rose White-Trainor | Calum Caulfield | Tieghan Douglas |
| Progress in Numeracy | Peter Brown-Lavery | Grace O'Connor | Oliwia Osinska | Adam Millar |
| Progress in ICT | Bernardo Pereira | Callum Mulholland | William Paulino | Jakub Tomasik |
| Creativity in the Arts | | Madison Hall | Reghan McKinstry | Catherine Hendron |
| Outstanding Interest in the World Around Us | Amy-Leigh Sterritt | Shay Kelly | David Tennyson | William Shortland |
| Effort and Perseverance | Robert Kerr | Kathlyn Paulino | Sandra Pereira | Emma Larkin |
| Creativity | Dean Daly | | | |

| AWARDS | LSC | Yr 5 | Yr 6 | Yr 7 |
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| Star Pupil | Rodrigo Serrador | Vitor Guerra | David Tennyson | Mia McKee |

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| 100% Attendance | Vitor Guerra, Yr 5 | Danica Hall, Yr 6 | Catherine Henron, Yr 7 |
| | Aidan Kelly, Yr 5 | Oliwia Osinska, Yr 6 | Robert Kerr, Yr 7, LSC |
| | Shay Kelly, Yr 5 | William Paulino, Yr 6 | |
| | Kathlyn Paulino | | |

Catherine Hendron (Yr 7) received a Special Award in recognition of her full attendance for 7 years at Primary School. Well done!

| MAIN AWARDS | |
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| The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy | Keelin Brennan |
| The Brown Family Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy | Shannon Hughes |
| The Wilson Brothers' Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy | Karla Eadie |
| The Governors' Cup for ICT | Hayley White-Trainor |
| The Walker Cup for The World Around Us | Emma Dunbar |
| The McCreesh Cup for Music/Singing | Niall Wilson |

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| The McCreesh Cup for Music/Instrumental | Helena Santos |
| The Lynas Award for Art and Design | Emma Larkin/Mia McKee |
| The Heaney Cup for Drama | Arturas Laurinavicius |
| The RE Cup | Serena Connolly |
| The Gilpin LSC Special Award | Peter Brown-Lavery |
| The Principal's Cup for PDMU | Courtney Castles |
| The Heaney Cup for Irish Folk Dancing | Helena Santos |
| The CWS Eco Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Eco Club | Mia McKee |

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| House Competition | Final Results |
| | 1 st Place: Foyle House 7279 |
| | 2 nd Place: Lagan House 7242 |
| | 3 rd Place: Bann House 7092 |

Winner of House Cup Foyle

| SPORTS DAY AWARDS | Yr 5 | Yr 6 | Yr 7 |
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| Overall Winner - Boys | Andy Byrne | Joao Paul Ferreira | Peter Brown-Lavery |
| Overall Winner - Girls | Kathlyn Paulino | Ana Vidal | Karla Eadie |

| SPORTS AWARDS | |
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| The Ambassadors in Sport Boys' Soccer Award | Bernardo Pereira |
| Tir na nOg Trophy for Boys' Gaelic | Robert Kerr |
| Tir na nOg Trophy for Girls' Gaelic | Keelin Brennan |
| The Auld Cup for the Sports Person of the Year | Peter Brown-Lavery |

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| Nominations for The Hagan Award | Keelin Brennan | Peter Brown-Lavery | Courtney Castles | Serena Connolly |
| | Emma Dunbar | Karla Eadie | Catherine Hendron | Shannon Hughes |
| | Arturas Laurinavicius | Mia McKee | Helena Santos | Hayley White-Trainor |
| | Niall Wilson | | | |

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| The Hagan Award for Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School | Keelin Brennan |
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**Term Dates & School Holidays
2014/2015 Year**

All dates are inclusive

Term 1

Term Dates

Monday 1st September – Friday 19th December 2014

Holidays

- Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2014 – Half Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2014 – Friday 2nd January 2015

Term 2

Term Dates

Monday 5th January – Wednesday 1st April 2015

Holidays

- Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th February 2015 – Half Term
- Tuesday 17th March 2015 - St. Patrick's Day Holiday

Easter Holiday: Thursday 2nd – Friday 10th April 2015

Term 3

Term Dates

Monday 13th April – Tuesday 30th June 2015

Holidays

- Monday 4th May 2015 – May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 25th May 2015 – Bank Holiday

5 School Development Day Closures have yet to be arranged

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

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.