



## News Sheet – June 2013

### End of Term Arrangements

There will be no uniform on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

School finishes early on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for the summer holidays. Please note that this will be 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

### 2013/2014 School Year

School reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 for the start of the 2013/2014 school year.

### Classes for 2013/2014 School Year

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

The following are the classes for next year:

Class	Teacher	Assistant
N1	Mrs Mulholland	Mrs Good
N2	Mrs Carson	Mrs Stewart/Mrs Fusco
Yr 1	Mrs Mackle	Miss Carson
Yr 2	Miss Turkington	Mrs Glavin
Yr 2	Mrs McGinnell	Mrs Glavin
Yr 3	Miss McGibbon	Mrs Molloy
Yr 4	Mrs McCreesh-West	
Yr 5	Mrs McGuire/Mrs Walker	Mrs Donnelly
Yr 6	Mrs Brown/Mrs Walker	
Yr 7	Mrs Heaney/Mrs Russell	
LSC	Mr Hendron	

### Farewell to Mrs Baxter

Mrs Baxter finishes at Ballyoran this week after a year teaching Year 1. We thank her for all that she has brought to the school and wish her well for the future.

### School Meals Price

The SELB have informed the school that there will be no change to the cost of school dinners from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013. The prices remain at:

- 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. 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.**

### 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 with Mrs McGinnell. Well done to Niamh Garland, Sarah Hendron, Wiktorija Kania and Zuzanna Osinska.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Visitors to Nursery**

Our theme for the month of June was *'People Who Help Us'*. The children in the Nursery enjoyed a visit from a member of the Fire and Rescue Service and they had great fun trying on a fireman's uniform. Other visitors included a parent who is a dentist and a parent who is a hairdresser. 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**

Homework has now finished for the year.

### **Breakfast Club/Homework Club**

Both these Clubs will start on the first day of term – **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013.**

### **Surestart Two Year Old Programme**

We are delighted to be able to announce that Surestart will be establishing a second Two Year Old Programme in the Community Room at Ballyoran Primary School, starting in September 2013. This brings the total number of places available to 24.

### **Prize Day 2013**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013 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 Marta Jaworska. After refreshments, came the Key Stage 2 Prize Giving with Miss Kate Richardson 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	Peter Pan's
Year 1	Clementsmonth Farm
Year 2	Oxford Island
Year 3	W5
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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in the school Assembly Hall. Thirty-five 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 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013. One copy must be signed and returned to school by **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013**. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

## **Action MS Sponsored Walk**

The entire school went to Gosford Forest Park on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 to complete our main charity event of the year – a Sponsored Walk for Action MS. This was a great whole school family event. The amount raised for this very worthwhile cause was £1,500. This is a tremendous figure and a big thank you to everyone who supported this. A Cheque was presented to a representative from Action MS last week. Well done to Serena Connolly, Sarah Hendron and Jamie McGeown who each collected over £50 and received Silver Certificates. All pupils who collected any amount received a Bronze Certificate.

## **Manchester Residential**

Nineteen Year 6 and 7 pupils and four staff left Ballyoran Primary School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for a four-day Residential to Manchester. Pupils had a great time and visited the Lowry Art Gallery, BBC Studios at Salford, Anfield, the ground of Liverpool Football Club and Alton Towers.

## **Love for Life Conference**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 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 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013, all classes joined together in the Assembly Hall for a whole school Talent Show. Well done to all the pupils who took part.

## **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.

## **Brownlow Cup**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013, pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the annual Brownlow Cup Soccer Competition at Lurgan Junior High School. Despite being drawn in a tough group, we managed to qualify for the knockout stages, eventually being narrowly beaten by our neighbours from St John the Baptist Primary School. Well done to all the players for an outstanding effort.

## **Gaelic Blitz at Ballyhegan GFC**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013, the Gaelic Team took part in a Blitz at Ballyhegan GFC. We competed against teams from Presentation, St Mary's Maghera and St Oliver Plunkett Ballyhegan, Primary Schools. Although we had a very young team, we performed well in all the matches, including a very exciting win against Presentation Primary School. The Ballyoran Player of the Tournament was Cloda Girvan, Year 7.

## **Best Kept School Awards 2013**

We received a '*High Commendation*' this year, achieving 96 marks out of 100. A big well done to everyone for ensuring our school grounds are looking so well.

### **Crazy Hair and Silly Hats Day**

This took place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013. All pupils were asked to come in with crazy hair and silly hats. As well as this, Nursery to Year 2 pupils attended a Peppa Picnic with Years 3 – 7 having their End of Term Discos.

### **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.

Brownlow College	5 pupils
Drumcree College	5 pupils
Lismore Comprehensive	4 pupils
St Catherine's College	2 pupils
St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	3 pupils
Ceara Special School	2 pupils

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 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 2012/2013**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013

**Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1**

<b>AWARDS/CLASS</b>	<b>Yr 1 Mackle</b>	<b>Yr 1 Baxter</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>	<b>LSC</b>
Literacy	Ellie McNeice	Oliwia Rybak	Leah Gibson	Tiernan Brennan	Madison Hall	Amy-Leigh Sterritt
Numeracy	Stephen Millar	Ryan Paulino	Markuss Klinevics	Olivia Dunbar	Grace O'Connor	
Creativity	Rafaela Chainho	Mollie Cullen	Kimberley McGeown	Evie Judge	Filipa Milheiro	
Effort and Endeavour	Chelsea Koneczna	Emilia Baran	Paulius Smigelskas	Abbie Molloy	Megan Stewart	Jamie Campbell
Helpfulness and Generosity	Woyciech Borowczyk	Bethany Castles	Kayleigh McConville	Ellie-Rose Bradley	Ellie Delaney	Malachy Kofa
ICT	Djason De Pina Domingos	Declan Lucas	Alisha Mcconville	Aodhan O'Connor	Callum Mulholland	
Star Pupil	Ellie McNeice	Aine Gorman	Niamh Larkin	Mia Millar	Megan Stewart	Malachy Kofa

<b>SPORTS AWARDS</b>	<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>
Boys	Djason De Pina Domingos	Shea Edgar/Sean Reynolds	Noah McCann/Paul Hendron	Seamus Reynolds
Girls	Mollie Creaney/Oliwia Rybak	Kirsten Molloy	Evie Judge	Kathlyn Paulino

<b>100% ATTENDANCE</b>	Ronan Kofa, Yr 1	Niamh Larkin, Yr 2	Malachy Kofa, LSC, Yr 3	Vitor Guerra, Yr 4	Shay Kelly, Yr 4	Grace O'Connor, Yr 4
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**The Hyde Cup for Progress in Reading**

Darnell McConville, Yr 3

<b>Nominations for the Calvert Award</b>	Vitor Guerra	Aidan Kelly	Shay Kelly	Grace O'Connor
	Megan Stewart	Emma-Rose White-Trainor		

**The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1**

Grace O'Connor

**PRIZE DAY 2012/2013**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013**Key Stage 2**

<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>LSC</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>	<b>Yr 6</b>	<b>Yr 7</b>
Progress in Literacy	Rodrigo Serrador	Oliwia Osinska	Keelin Brennan	Jakub Bozek
Progress in Numeracy	Amy Wilson	William Paulino	Shannon Hughes	Naomh Mulholland
Progress in ICT	Magdalena Lazicka Robert Kerr	Calum Caulfield	Karla Eadie	Caoimhin McAlinden
Creativity in the Arts	William Shortland	Joao Paulo Ferreira	Mia McKee	Catarina De Sa
Outstanding Interest in the World Around Us	Bernardo Pereira	David Tennyson	Emma Dunbar	Chelsea Bradley
Effort and Perseverance	Peter Brown-Lavery	Ana Vidal	Emma Larkin	Sarah Hendron
Creativity	Shola Heath			

<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>LSC</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>	<b>Yr 6</b>	<b>Yr 7</b>
Star Pupil	William Shortland	Shannon Berry	Helena Santos	Pedro Paulino

<b>100% Attendance</b>	Joao Paulo Ferreira, Yr 5	Emma Dunbar, Yr 6	Wiktoria Kania, Yr 7
	Danica Hall, Yr 5	Catherine Hendron, Yr 6	Sarah Hendron, Yr 7
		Robert Kerr, Yr 6, LSC	

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

<b>MAIN AWARDS</b>	
The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy	Wiktoria Kania
The Brown Family Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	Hollie O'Neill
The Governors' Cup for ICT	Marina Durães
The Walker Cup for The World Around Us	Niamh Garland
The McCreesh Cup for Music/Singing	Wiktoria Kania
The McCreesh Cup for Music/Instrumental	Marina Durães
The Lynas Award for Art and Design	Wiktoria Kania
The Heaney Cup for Drama	Ieva Vaiciunaite
The RE Cup	Wiktoria Kania
The Gilpin LSC Special Award	Shola Heath

The Principal's Cup for PDMU	Roisin Reid
The Heaney Cup for Irish Folk Dancing	Niamh Garland
The CWS Eco Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Eco Club	Zuzanna Osinska

House Competition	Final Results
	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Foyle House 7032
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Lagan House 6726
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Bann House 6616

Winner of House Cup

Foyle

<b>SPORTS DAY AWARDS</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>	<b>Yr 6</b>	<b>Yr 7</b>
Overall Winner - Boys	Joao Paulo Ferreira	Peter Brown-Lavery	Connor Berry
Overall Winner - Girls	Shannon Berry	Karla Eadie	Catarina De Sa

<b>SPORTS AWARDS</b>	
The Ambassadors in Sport Boys' Soccer Award	Connor Berry
Tir na nOg Trophy for Boys' Gaelic	Charlie Larkin
Tir na nOg Trophy for Girls' Gaelic	Cloda Girvan
The Auld Cup for the Sports Person of the Year	Cloda Girvan

<b>Nominations for The Hagan Award</b>	Connor Berry	Jakub Bozek	Marina Durães
	Niamh Garland	Cloda Girvan	Zuzanna Osinska
	Ieva Vaicuinaite		

The Hagan Award for Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School	Niamh Garland
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## **Term Dates & School Holidays 2013/2014 Year**

All dates are inclusive

### **Term 1**

#### **Term Dates**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013

#### **Holidays**

- Staff Training: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- Half Term: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014**

### **Term 2**

#### **Term Dates**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014

#### **Holidays**

- Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014
- St. Patrick's Day Holiday: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Easter Holiday: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

### **Term 3**

#### **Term Dates**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014

#### **Holidays**

- May Bank Holidays: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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

**Please note a further 2 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.