



Ballyoran Primary School

News Sheet – June 2009

School Holidays 2009/2010 School Year

October 29, 30	2 School Days (Half Term)
Dec 21 – 31	9 School Days (Christmas)
Jan 01	1 School Day (Christmas)
February 15, 16	2 School Days (Half Term)
March 17, 29 – 31	4 School Days (St Patrick's Day, Easter)
April 1 – 9	7 School Days (Easter)
May 3, 31	2 School Days (Bank Holidays)
5 further Staff Development Days to be confirmed	

End of Term Reminder

School finishes at 12 noon on Tuesday 30th June 2009. There will be **no** dinners in school on this day. Children need not wear uniform on Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th June 2009.

Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic

On 3rd June 2009 our two Nursery Classes enjoyed a very successful Teddy Bears' Picnic at Loughgall Park.

The Golden Key

Our P1 – P7 pupils enjoyed an end of term show called '*The Golden Key*'. This was performed by Venture Productions and was a mix of music and drama.

Sports' Day

Wednesday 10th June 2009 was our Annual Sports' Day. This year's event, split up into P1 – P3 and P4 – P7, was well attended by parents. The weather was perfect and some parents even got to take part in the Parents' Event. This year, for the first time, pupils were presented with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for coming First, Second and Third in the various events. These Awards were presented at special ceremonies on 15th June 2009.

Brownlow Cup

The last sporting event of the year took place on 11th June 2009 when Mr Hendron took a team to the Brownlow Cup Soccer Tournament in Lurgan Park. Our team did really well, winning two matches against Bocombra and Millington 'B'. They were, however, defeated by near rivals -St John's - who won the group.

CASE Certificates presented to P7s

As was stated in the May News Sheet, our Primary 7 pupils took part in the Citizenship and Safety Education Programme run by the PSNI. On 11th June 2009, pupils were presented with Certificates and other goodies in recognition of their participation in this programme.

Macmillan Cheque Presentation

At a Special Assembly on Friday 12th June 2009, the school presented a cheque for £1,260 to Joy McCreery, a Representative from the local Macmillan Fundraising Committee. This money was raised through sponsoring Mr Hendron and his team who completed the Relay of the Belfast Marathon. Three of our highest collectors presented the cheque – Aimee McGuckin (P4), Carla Madden (P6) and Serena Connolly (P2).

Fire and Rescue Service Visit Nursery

Nursery pupils were treated to a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service who came into school on Tuesday 16th June 2009. The children particularly enjoyed trying on the Firemen's uniform and having a closer look at the Fire Engine.

Dancing Festival – A Great Success

The school had its Annual Dancing Festival on Wednesday 17th June 2009. This year's adjudicator was Mrs Rosemarie Breen from St Anthony's Primary School. Well done to all the pupils who took part and a big thank you to all the parents and friends who supported this. Thank you to Mrs Heaney for all her hard work and continued support with our dancers. The major awards went to:

Molly McVeigh Award for Single Jig
Calvert Award for Light Double Jig
Cup for the Reel
McGinnell Award for Most Promising Dancer
Heaney Award for the Highest Points Overall from
Class 1, 2 and 3

Eve Heaney
Lara White
Eve Heaney and Lara White
Lorna Hughes

1st Eve Heaney
2nd Lara White
3rd Mary-Anna Creaney

Key Stage Trips

Thursday 16th June saw two very successful End of Year Trips. Foundation/Key Stage 1 went to Lisburn Omniplex to see a movie and had lunch at McDonalds. Key Stage 2 went to Dundonald Ice Bowl and enjoyed Ice Skating and Ten Pin Bowling.

Prize Day

Friday 19th June 2009 saw a very successful Prize Day. The Foundation/Key Stage 1 ceremony took place at 9.30am followed, after refreshments, by the Key Stage 2 ceremony at 11.00am. Miss Calvert, former principal of Ballyoran, was our Special Guest. There were many new Awards this year and every child received an award. The full list of Award Winners has been published with this sheet.

Cycling Proficiency Test

Congratulations to Amy Breen, Katie Campbell and Shannon Duffy who successfully completed their Cycling Proficiency Test on Wednesday 23rd June 2009. The Test involved both a written and a practical test and the pupils have been trained for this over these last few weeks by Miss Daly. Mrs Lorna Dougan, Road Safety Officer with the SELB came in to do the test.

P7 Talent Show

Primary 7 pupils finished off their time at Ballyoran Primary School with a very successful Talent show on Thursday 25th June 2009. This show was attended by the whole school, including the Nursery.

Classes for 2009-2010

Children who were present at school on Wednesday 24th June 2009 will know who their teacher is going to be next year. Pupils got the opportunity to visit their new teacher for a half hour session.

Annual Reports

These were issued to parents on 19th June 2009. We have a statutory responsibility to keep a signed copy in our records so please ensure you sign one copy and return it to school before the end of term.

Primary 4

Next year the P4 Classroom will be in the Key Stage 1 block of the school. Primary 4 pupils who are part of Key Stage 1 will go to Foundation/Key Stage 1 Assembly, play in the Foundation/Key Stage 1 playground and have their lunch with Foundation/Key Stage 1 pupils.

Farewell to Staff Members

Ballyoran Primary School said farewell to two members of Staff– Mrs Breen who was a Classroom Assistant and more recently a Lunchtime Supervisor and Mrs Glynne who was a Classroom Assistant and helped with Administration – both left the School this year. Gifts were presented to both ladies this month in recognition of their service at the School.

Thanks to Miss Smith

We would like to thank Miss Smith for all her hard work in the Nursery during Mrs Edgar's absence over the past 18 months. Her commitment and dedication to the School during this time have been obvious and we wish here well for the future.

Thank You

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.

Farewell to Primary 7

We say farewell to our Primary 7s as they leave Ballyoran Primary School to start a new chapter in their education at Secondary School. We wish them every success in their future.

PRIZE DAY 2008/09

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

AWARDS/CLASS	P1 EM	P1/2 FM	P2 GOH	P3 SB/RS	P4 RH	P4 MG	LSC
Literacy	Oliwia Osinska	Karla Eadie	Keelin Brennan	Niamh Garland	Beatriz Almeida	Lauren White-Trainor	Bruno Serrador
Numeracy	Harry White	Molly Connors	Courtney Castles	Marina Duraes	Zuzanna Baran	Brooke McCann	Amy Wilson
Creativity	Reghan McKinstry	Shannon Hughes	Mia McKee	Roisin Reid	Aimee mcGuckin	Caitlin Douglas	Shola Heath
Effort and Endeavour	Nathan Prunty	Danica Hall	Pedro Almeida	Zuzanna Oskinska	Cristiana Da Silva Vidal	Zoe McGurgan	Annie Hyde
Helpfulness and Generosity	Shannon Berry	Pearse McGeough	Helena Santos	Ellie Murphy	Cassie Leigh Murphy	Cathal Wilson	Micheal McGrogan
Star Pupil	Keila Bradley	Lily McVeigh	Keelin Brennan	Roisin Reid	Tiago Realinho	Cathal Wilson	

SPORTS AWARDS	P1	P2	P3	P4
Boys	Joao Paulo Ferreira	Pedro Almeida	Joshua McGeough	Joe Mackle
Girls	Oliwia Kottus	Karla Eadie	Sarah Hendron	Filipa Santos

100% ATTENDANCE	Annie Hyde	Amy Wilson	Catherine Hendron	Sarah Hendron	Cathal Wilson
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The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1

Zuzanna Baran

PRIZE DAY 2008/09

Key Stage 2

AWARDS	P5 AMCW	P6 LW/CB	P6 RD	P7 BH
Progress in Literacy	Lara White	Courtney Millar	Moe Delaney	Weronika Kasiak
Progress in Numeracy	Rugile Gircuite	Conor Kearns	Malachy McCann	Jessica Balegas
Progress in ICT	Shane Robinson	Eve Heaney	Eoin McKee	Thomas Kearns
Creativity in the Arts	Rebecca Skelton	Patrycja Kasiak	Aisling Hamill	Chloe Metcalfe
Outstanding Interest in the World Around Us	Oran McGuckin	Conall Kerr	Chelsea Hendron	Siridean Larkin
Effort and Perseverance	Pearse Lavery	Ruairi Lavery	Conor S Larkin	Tara Gorman

AWARDS	P5 AMCW	P6 LW/CB	P6 RD	P7 BH	LSC
Star Pupil	Lara White	Cara Matchett	Moe Delaney	Shannon Keegan	Dylan Rodgers

100% ATTENDANCE	Una Hendron	Corey Prunty	Eve Heaney	Aine Hendron	Morgan Eadie	Malachy McCann	Katie Hendron
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SPORTS DAY AWARDS	P5	P6	P7
Overall Winner - Boys	Nedas Maciulaitis	Malachy McCann, Conor S Larkin	Ivam Monteiro da Luz
Overall Winner - Girls	Rebecca Skelton	Bruna Rabino	Siridean Larkin

SPORTS AWARDS	
Boys' Soccer	David Mulholland
Girls' Soccer	Nualalgh Coleman
Tir na n Og Trophy for Boys' Gaelic	Conor B Larkin
Tir na n Og Trophy for Girls' Gaelic	Siridean Larkin
The Auld Cup for the Sports Person of the Year	Siridean Larkin

MAIN AWARDS	
Singing Award	Nualagh Coleman, Lorna Hughes
Instrumental Award	Mary-Anna Creaney
The Heaney Cup for Irish Folk Dancing	Mary-Anna Creaney
Drama Award	Magda Pinto
The Lynas Award for Art and Design	Weronika Kasiak
The Governors' Cup for ICT	Lorna Hughes
The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy	Katie Hurl
The Brown Family Cup for Numeracy	Jordan McCann, Chloe Metcalfe
The Principal's Cup for Environmental Interest	Hannah Mulholland
The Gilpin LSC Special Award	Dale Rodgers
The Hagan Award for Outstanding Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School	Chloe Metcalfe