



## News Sheet – June 2015

### End of Term Arrangements

School finishes early on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 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

### 2015/2016 School Year

School reopens on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 for the start of the 2015/2016 school year.

### Classes for 2015/2016 School Year

Pupils will get to spend 30 minutes in their new class for next year next Monday. The following are the classes for next year:

Class	Teacher	Assistant
N1	Mrs Mulholland	Mrs Good
N2	Mrs Baxter: Monday - Wednesday Mrs Wells: Thursday, Friday	Mrs Stewart
Yr 1	Mrs Mackle	Miss Carson and Miss Dixon
Yr 2	Mrs Biggerstaff	Mrs Glavin
Yr 2	Mrs McGinnell	Mrs Glavin and Mrs Cahoon
Yr 3	Miss McGibbon	Miss Calvert
Yr 4	Miss McKernan	
Yr 4	Mrs McCreesh-West	
Yr 5	Mrs McGuire: Monday - Thursday	Mrs Molloy
Yr 6	Mrs Brown: Monday, Tuesday, Friday Mrs Martin: Wednesday, Thursday	
Yr 7	Mrs Heaney: Monday - Tuesday Mrs Walker: Wednesday - Friday	Mrs Donnelly
LSC	Mr Hendron	Mrs Bell and Mrs Cahoon

### Staffing

#### Mrs Carson Retires

Mrs Carson will retire at the end of June, after 27 years' teaching service at Ballyoran Primary School. Twenty-five of these years have been spent in the Nursery where Mrs Carson is well known for her kind and motherly nature. Her time at Ballyoran has been characterised by hard work, dedication and commitment to the pupils as well as her wonderful sense of humour. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to thank Mrs Carson for all that she has given to Ballyoran Primary School, in particular the Nursery, over these past 25 years. We wish her a long, happy and relaxing retirement.

### Farewell to Mr Skeffington, Miss Colgan and Miss Carbery

Mr Skeffington will be leaving us at the end of June, after nearly two years teaching Year 5, to take up a new post in London. Miss Colgan leaves us at the end of June also after one year teaching Year 3. Miss Carbery leaves us after one year as a Classroom Assistant in Nursery, Foundation Stage and LSC to do a PGCE in Manchester.

We thank all 3 members of staff for their commitment to Ballyoran Primary School during their time with us and wish them well for the future.

### Appointment of New Teachers

The Board of Governors have appointed three new teachers who will take up their positions from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

- Mrs Baxter has been permanently appointed to the Nursery, replacing Mrs Carson and will Job Share with Mrs Wells, working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Miss McGibbon has been appointed for one year on a temporary contract to Year 3
- Miss McKernan has been appointed on a one year temporary contract to Year 4.

We welcome the new members of staff and hope that they will be very happy at Ballyoran Primary School.

### Learning Mentor

Mrs Heaney will take on the role of School Learning Mentor from September 2015. This will involve her working with pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties every Wednesday. Miss Ruth Finlay has been carrying out this role during part of this year and we thank her for all that she has given to the school in this role.

### **School Meals Price**

We have not been informed of any price rise in school meals. At the moment the prices remain:

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

### **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 give 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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club continues until the end of term. This Club will start on the second day of term - **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**. Consent Forms will be available on the first day back.

### **Prize Day 2015**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 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. After refreshments, came the Key Stage 2 Prize Giving. Mrs Carson was Special Guest at both ceremonies. Every pupil in the school received an award and all are to be

congratulated on their successes and achievements. 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 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 and 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 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and all pupils who took part were presented with a certificate.

### **Swimming Gala**

Our annual Swimming Gala took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and we are very grateful to the staff at Cascades swimming pool for ensuring the event ran 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.

### **Best Kept School Awards 2015**

We received a *'High Commendation'* this year. A big well done to everyone for ensuring our school grounds are looking so well.

### **End of Year Trips**

Classes will go on the following End of Term Trips this year:

Nursery	Peter Pan's
Year 1	Clementsmonth Farm
Year 2	W5
Year 3	Jumping Jacks, Lisburn
Year 4	W5
Year 5	Odyssey
Year 6	Dundonald Ice Bowl
Year 7	Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex
LSC	Lisburn Omniplex and Wallace Park

### **Nursery Graduation**

This will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10.00am in the school Assembly Hall.

### **Annual Reports/Transition Forms**

These were distributed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015. 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.

### **Love for Life Conference**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 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

### **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.

### **Healthy Eating Week – Five Challenge Tracker**

Thank you to all parents who encouraged their children to take part in our Five Challenge Tracker during Healthy Eating Week: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015. A winner was drawn out of a hat at Assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Congratulations to Emma Creaney who received an apron and cookery book.

### **Brownlow Soccer Tournament**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the Annual Brownlow Cup Soccer Tournament on the 3G pitch at Drumgor Primary School. The large turnout of teams meant that we were in a group of 5 teams with only the top 2 to qualify for the knock-out stages. The last game in our group was against Bleary Primary School and we needed to win it to go through. Thanks to some superb saves from goalkeeper Sean Coyle, goals by Vitor Guerra and a last minute effort by Aaron Prunty, we managed to qualify for the quarter finals where we met a very strong Dickson Primary School team. It was a very close game and Dickson just squeezed through with a score of 1-0. It was a great team effort by all 9 members of the squad and after some excellent defensive work, Aodhan O'Connor was voted Player of the Tournament for Ballyoran.

### **Jo Jingles in Nursery**

The children really enjoyed their recent visit from Jo Jingles on Monday 8th June 2015. It was a morning of fun, music, and movement!

### **Year 7 'Moving On' Talk**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, Grace and June from the Education Welfare Service came to speak to our Year 7 pupils about their transition to Secondary School. They introduced the topic with a discussion about general worries and then showed a DVD about '*Moving On, Moving Up*'. This involved pupils from various Primary and Secondary schools in the Dungannon area who spoke honestly and gave plenty of useful tips on the following issues: First Day; Making Friends; Getting Help; Older Pupils; The School Day and Moving Forward. Although a lot of the Year 7s agreed that it made them feel a lot more excited about their transition, they did admit that they are experiencing mixed emotions. All pupils received a pen.

### **Nursery Trip to Peter Pans**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the Nursery went on their school trip to Peter Pan's Neverland. The children all had a great time playing in the adventure play centre.

### **Unwanted Uniforms**

Could you please send in any unwanted school uniforms to school in a plastic bag. - We will pass them on to St Vincent de Paul. Alternatively, they can be left at the St Vincent de Paul shop in Mayfair Business Centre.

### **Talent Show**

This will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 when all classes will join together in the Assembly for a whole school Talent Show.

### **Parents and Friends of Ballyoran School**

All the money raised from events organised by our Parents and Friends of Ballyoran Association amounted to £1,000 this year. This money will be used to buy new Outdoor Equipment for the Foundation Stage. Thank you to everyone for supporting our events and projects this year.

### **School Watch**

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 Year 7 pupils will be leaving Ballyoran Primary School at the end of June 2015 and transferring to the following Post Primary Schools.

Brownlow College	3 pupils
Drumcree College	6 pupils
Lismore Comprehensive	10 pupils
St Catherine's College	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 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 and 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 2014/2015**  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
**Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1**

	<b>Yr 1M</b>	<b>Yr 1B</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3M</b>	<b>Yr 3C</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>	<b>LSC</b>
Literacy	Eva Koneczna	Brooke McGeown	Julia Osinska	Pavel Osborne	Ellie McNiece	Filip Tyl	Natan Sochan
Numeracy	Bryan Guerra	Henrique Fialho	Matheus Duraes	Emilia Baran	Mark McGeown	Adrian Kania	Baylee Blanton
ICT	Jamie Cartmill	Marcelina Gorgol	Romit Guterres	Daniel Costa	Stephen Millar	Shea Edgar	Jamie Campbell
Effort and Endeavour	Dominykas Matulevicius	Nikki Hall	Emma Breen	Oliwia Rybak	Molly Davies	Niamh Larkin	Ryan Lee Flynn
Helpfulness and Generosity	Djasmine De Pina Domingos	Ava Bradley	Lily McConville	Aine Gorman	Dayane Pina Tavares	Kassie Blanton	
Creativity	Jade McGeown	Rachel Mallon	Gabaji Olchova	Mollie Cullen	Bianca Pinto	Julia Pawselczyk	
Star Pupil	Emma Creaney	Ben Wilson	Owen Reynolds	Ryan Paulino	Jessica Todd	Julia Oliveira	

<b>SPORTS AWARDS</b>	<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>
Boys	Ben McKee	Brendan Ferreira	Jamie McGeown	Filip Tyl
Girls	Djasmine De Pina Domingos	Caoimhe O'Connor	Kelly Encada	Gabrielle Matuleviciute

<b>100% ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>
	Grainne Reynolds Djasmine De Pia Domigos Filip Zaliwski	Caoimhe O'Connor Owen Reynolds	Ryan Paulino Ronan Kofa Jamie McGeopwn Mark McGeown	Antoni Gorgol Paula Kanarkowska Niamh Larkin

**The Hyde Cup for Progress in Reading**

Daniel Costa, Yr 3

<b>Nominations for the Calvert Award</b>	Kassie Blanton Kajus Ciujevas Humberto Da Cruz Marinho	Leah Gibson Markuss Klinevics Niamh Larkin	Cameron Maher Sean Reynolds Jessica Serrador
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**The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1**

Niamh Larkin

## PRIZE DAY 2014/2015

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Key Stage 2

AWARDS	LSC	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7
Progress in Literacy	Raissa Vicente	Mia Millar	Madison Hall	Olivia Corry
Progress in Numeracy		Sean Coyle	Grace O'Connor	Shannon Berry
Progress in ICT		Che McShane	Shay Kelly	Oisin Mulholland/ Kevin Furtado
Creativity in the Arts	Amy Leigh Sterritt	Aodhan O'Connor	Megan Stewart	Ana Vidal
Outstanding Interest in the World Around Us	Ryan McGeown	Olivia Dunbar	Aidan Kelly	Keila Bradley
Effort and Perseverance	Malachy Kofa	Mercedes Osborne	Andy Byrne	Jessica Dias
Star Pupil	Malachy Kofa	Sean Coyle	Megan Stewart	Joao Paulo Ferreira

	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7
<b>100% Attendance</b>	Catriona Mackle	Shay Kelly	Danica Hall
	Malachy Kofa	Aidan Kelly	Shannon Berry
		Nikita Corry	
		Natasha Berry	

MAIN AWARDS	
The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy	Oliwia Osinska
The Brown Family Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	David Tennyson
The Wilson Brothers' Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	Nathan Prunty
The Governors' Cup for ICT	William Paulino
The Walker Cup for The World Around Us	Nathan Campbell
The McCreesh Cup for Music/Singing	Reghan Lavery
The McCreesh Cup for Music/Instrumental	Danica Hall/Courtney Sharpe
The Lynas Award for Art and Design	David Tennyson
The Heaney Cup for Drama	Nathan Campbell
The RE Cup	Oliwia Osinska
The Gilpin LSC Special Award	Amy Leigh Sterritt

The Principal's Cup for PDMU	Calum Caylfield
The Heaney Cup for Irish Folk Dancing	Danica Hall/Courtney Sharpe
The CWS Eco Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Eco Club	Madison Hall
The Mallon Award for Courage, Patience and Resilience	Sandra Perreira

House Competition	Final Results	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Foyle House	6180
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Lagan House	6074
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Bann House	5767

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	Aodhan O'Connor	Andy Byrne	Joao Paulo Ferreira/Calum Caulfield
Overall Winner - Girls	Olivia Dunbar	Kathlyn Paulino	Jessica Dias

<b>SPORTS AWARDS</b>	
The Ambassadors in Sport Boys' Soccer Award	William Paulino
Tir na nOg Trophy for Boys' Gaelic	Joao Paulo Ferreira
The Auld Cup for the Sports Person of the Year	Cain Hendron

<b>Nominations for The Hagan Award</b>	Calum Caulfield	Cain Hendron	William Paulino	Courtney Sharpe
	Danica Hall	Oliwia Osinska	Sandra Pereira	David Tennyson

The Hagan Award for Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School	William Paulino
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