



News Sheet – June 2010

End of Term Arrangements

Friday 25th June 2010 is the last day of this school year on which uniform needs to be worn. Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th June 2010 will be **NON-UNIFORM DAYS**.

School finishes at 12 noon on Wednesday 30th June 2010 for the summer vacation. Please note that there will be **NO DINNERS** in school on this day.

2010/2011 School Year

School reopens on Wednesday 1st September 2010 for the start of the 2010/2011 school year.

School Meals Policy

Please note that from 1st September 2010 there will be a change to the school's policy on the payment of school meals. The Board of Governors have decided that from this date, meals can no longer be paid for in arrears. We encourage Dinner Money to be paid in advance on a Monday morning but it can be paid on the day when the dinner is being taken. It is therefore parents' responsibility to ensure that your child comes to school with Dinner Money if they wish to take school dinners. This policy will be strictly enforced and if your child arrives in school expecting to take dinner, with no money, you will be contacted to bring the money in, bring a packed lunch in or take the child home for lunch. The Board of Governors have had to take this decision because of the substantial amount of Dinner Money owing this year. This policy reflects SELB policy and if anyone requires further clarification on this, they should speak to the Principal.

School Meals Price Rise

From 1st September 2010, the cost of a school meal will increase as follows:

- Nursery £2.10 per day
- P1 – P7 £2.20 per day

School Days Changes Reminder

A reminder that from 1st September 2010, the following changes to the length of the school day will come into effect:

- § The Nursery will finish at 1.30pm as opposed to 1.45pm
- § P1 and P2 will finish at 2.00pm as opposed to 1.45pm
- § P3 will continue to finish at 3.00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and 2.00pm on Thursday and Friday
- § There are no changes to the P4 – P7 day

Congestion at Pedestrian Entrance

As there is now only one entrance to Ballyoran Primary School, it does get very congested in the mornings and at home time. We would therefore ask that parents waiting outside the gate show respect for others and stand well back from the entrance so it is not blocked.

Farewell to Staff

Ballyoran Primary School sadly says farewell to the following staff at the end of June:

- § Mrs Edgar who has been a Nursery Teacher for 31 years
- § Mrs Breen who has been a P6 Teacher for 2½ years
- § Miss Sweeney who has been a P3 Teacher for 2½ years
- § Mrs McCall who has been a Classroom Assistant for 25 years
- § Mrs Weir who has been a Classroom Assistant for 18 years
- § Mrs O'Donnell who has been a Classroom Assistant for 2 years

The Principal, on behalf of the entire school community, would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their tireless dedication and commitment to the school over many years and wish them well for the future.

Extended Schools Funding

We are pleased to be able to announce that we have again received Extended Schools funding for next year. This means that programmes like our Breakfast Club and Kids' Club can resume again in September.

Police Warning

The PSNI have asked us to remind parents to ensure that vehicles are locked and valuables are not left on display when dropping off and picking up pupils. A number of vehicles have been targeted outside schools in the Portadown area.

Internet Safety

We would once again remind parents of the dangers posed by pupils having unsupervised access to the Internet, particularly from social networking sites such as Facebook, Bebo and You Tube. We would encourage you to ensure that computers are in communal areas of your home and not children's bedrooms and also to monitor the sites your child is visiting.

Confirmation

Thirty-one P7 pupils were confirmed in St John's Church on Saturday 29th May 2010 by Cardinal Sean Brady. The service brought together pupils from Ballyoran, St John the Baptist and Presentation Primary Schools. As usual, the Church was filled to capacity and some of our pupils were involved in leading the music in the Instrumental Group.

'Big Bully' Show

Tuesday 1st June 2010 saw a very enjoyable show entitled '*Big Bully*' by Venture Productions. The theme of the show was anti-bullying and P1 – P7 pupils attended this.

Nursery Trip to Edenvilla Park

Both Nursery Classes visited Edenvilla Park on Wednesday 2nd June 2010. The children enjoyed looking around the Secret Garden before playing in the park.

Ulster Cancer Foundation Talk

P1 and P2 pupils attended a Healthy Eating Talk from two members of the Ulster Cancer Foundation on Wednesday 2nd June 2010. Pupils particularly enjoyed meeting the goat.

P7 Receive CASE Certificates

P7 pupils were presented with Certificates by Pamela from the PSNI Community Safety Team on Wednesday 2nd June 2010. The Certificates were in recognition of their participation in the CASE (Citizenship and Safety Education) Programme earlier this month.

Final Sporting Competitions of the Year

Brownlow Cup

On Thursday 3rd June 2010, Ballyoran Primary School took part in the Brownlow Cup, a 7-A-Side Soccer Tournament for P5s and P6s. This took place at Annagh United Football Club. We performed very well against strong opposition and gained a very creditable draw against the eventual winners of the competition, Millington Primary School. Well done in particular to Conlon Prentice for a great performance in nets in his first tournament for Ballyoran.

Gaelic Blitz

On Monday 7th June 2010, Ballyoran and PIPS (Portadown Integrated Primary School) jointly hosted a Gaelic Blitz at Tir na nOg Gaelic Football Club. Despite being without several key players, Ballyoran did really well, winning two matches and losing out narrowly on two occasions. Conor B Larkin was named Player of the Tournament for Ballyoran Primary School. Particular praise should go to Ruairi Lavery who came into the team at short notice and played extremely well.

Induction Meetings

A big thank you to all those parents who attended our P1 and Nursery Induction Meetings earlier this month. 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.

Whole School Photograph

As you are aware this was due to be taken again on Tuesday 8th June 2010. Unfortunately it had to be cancelled because of the weather. We are disappointed that this photograph has had to be abandoned for this year as there is no time to arrange another one. We plan to have one taken next year.

Sports Day

Wednesday 9th June 2010 was Sports Day. Unfortunately, the weather was not particularly favourable for this. Key Stage 2 pupils managed to finish their events but Foundation and Key Stage 1 had to finish theirs the follow morning. Pupils received their medals at a Special Presentation on Tuesday 15th June 2010.

Swimming Gala

On Friday 11th June 2010, Ballyoran Primary School staged its own Swimming Gala at Cascades Leisure Centre. There were events for both P6 and P7 in Front Crawl, Back Crawl and Breast Stroke. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we are particularly proud of some of our emerging swimmers who decided to 'have a go'.

Visitors to the Nursery

The Fire-fighters visited the Nursery on Monday 14th June 2010. They told the children not to play with matches and for their homework they had to find the smoke alarm in their homes.

Wednesday 23rd June 2010 saw the visit of one of our parents who is a hairdresser.

On Friday 25th June 2010 it is hoped to have the Paramedics visit the Nursery when the children will see the inside of an ambulance.

Dancing Festival

Our 8th Annual Folk Dancing Festival took place in the School Assembly Hall on Wednesday 16th June 2010. The Adjudicator was Mrs Rosemarie Breen from St Anthony's Primary School, Craigavon. Mrs Breen said that she was very impressed with the standard in all the Classes. Thirty dancers competed and everyone was awarded at least one prize. Congratulations to our main prizewinners:

Lara White	Overall Champion
Eve Heaney	2 nd Overall
Chelsea Hendron	3 rd Overall and Winner of the Most Promising Dancer Award

Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended.

Prize Day – A Great Success!

Friday 18th June 2010 was our Annual Prize Day; 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 Elaine Williamson, SELB Assistant Advisory Officer – Early Years. After refreshments, came the Key Stage 2 Prize Giving with former PSNI Community Safety Team Officer Pat, 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. It was an encouragement to see the numbers up this year.

End of Year Trips

This year each class went on their own End of Term Trip to various venues:

Nursery	Ulster Museum (Dinosaur Exhibition)
P1 and P2	Clementsmonth Farm
P3	Ulster Folk Museum
P4	W5
P5	Belfast Zoo
P6 and P7	Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex

Nursery Graduation

Our Nursery Graduation on Thursday 24th June 2010 was a new venture for the school. Parents of pupils transferring to P1 in September were invited in to school for this very special event. Parents were treated to

singing from both classes, a PowerPoint presentation of photos taken throughout the year and buns which were made by the pupils. Pupils received Graduation Certificates, Medals and Gifts. This was a wonderful occasion for all involved. We wish our Nursery Pupils well as they move on to Primary One in this school and other schools.

Class Changes

On Thursday 24th June 2010, pupils found out who their teachers are for next year and got an opportunity to spend half an hour with their new teachers in their new classrooms.

P7 Talent Show

This took place on Friday 25th June 2010 and was an opportunity for P7 pupils to display their talents in front of the whole school.

Tesco/Sainsbury Vouchers

A big thank you to everyone for collecting Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers for the school this year. Approximately 11,000 Tesco Vouchers were collected and these will be used to purchase ICT equipment.

Aisling Hamill

It is with great pride that we are able to announce that one of our P7 pupils, Aisling Hamill, has been chosen to take part in the GAA/INTO Go Games Exhibition match to be played in Croke Park on All Ireland Semi Final Day – Sunday 22nd August 2010. This is the first time such an honour has been placed on a pupil of Ballyoran Primary School and we wish her every success on the day and in the future. Well done, Aisling!

Annual Reports

These were distributed on Friday 18th June 2010. One copy must be signed and returned to school by **Friday 25th June 2010**. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

ICT Accreditation

All P4 pupils successfully achieved Level 2 in this and all P7 pupils successfully achieved Level 4. Well done to all the pupils involved.

Cycling Proficiency

Three P7 pupils have successfully completed their Cycling Proficiency Test with Miss Daly. Aine Hendron, Ruairi Lavery and Eoin McKee have been awarded badges and certificates.

Care in the Sun

With the warm spell over these past weeks, we would remind parents to ensure that their children are adequately protected over the summer months.

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

R Woolsey
Principal

PRIZE DAY 2009/2010Friday 18th June 2010**Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1**

AWARDS/CLASS	P1	P2	P3 GOH	P3 SB/RS	P4	LSC
Literacy	Niall Robinson	Cain Hendron	Hayley-White Trainor	Keelin Brennan	Hollie O'Neill	Shola Heath
Numeracy	Abhiram Reji	William Paulino	Adam Millar	Shannon Hughes	Niamh Garland	
Creativity	Grace O'Connor	David Tennyson	Catherine Hendron	Agne Bielskyte	Wiktoria Kania	
Effort and Endeavour	Seamus Reynolds	Joao Ferreira	Rodrigo Serrador	Emma Dunbar	Cloda Girvan	Ryan Pinto
Helpfulness and Generosity	Kattie Hatton	Courtney Sharpe	Serena Connolly	Karla Eadie	Chelsea Bradley	Amy Wilson
ICT					Zuzanna Osinska	
Star Pupil	Megan Stewart	Lily McVeigh	Hayley White- Trainor	Keelin Brennan	Josh McGeough	

SPORTS AWARDS	P1	P2	P3	P4
Boys	Seamus Reynold	Aaron McGeough	Pedro Almeida	Josh McGeough
Girls	Kathlyn Paulino	Courtney Sharpe Danica Hall	Mia McKee	Zuzanna Osinka

100% ATTENDANCE	Catherine Hendron	Shannon Hughes	Sarah Hendron	Zuzanna Osinska	David Tennyson
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Nominations for the Calvert Award	Ellie Murphy	Niamh Garland	Marina Duraes	Charlie Larkin	Cloda Girvan
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The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1

Marina Duraes

PRIZE DAY 2009/2010Friday 18th June 2010**Key Stage 2**

AWARDS	P5 AMCW	P6 LW/CB	P7 RD	P7 BH
Progress in Literacy	Tiago Realinho	Shane Robinson	Eve Heaney	Ciaran McGeough
Progress in Numeracy	Zoe McGurgan	Jane Dunbar	Cara Matchett	Aisling Hamill
Progress in ICT	Brooke McCann	Oran McGuckin	Nikita McCann	Chelsea Hendron
Creativity in the Arts	Zuzanna Baran	Lara White	Klaudia Caboj	Aurimas Andrijaitis
Outstanding Interest in the World Around Us	Lauren White-Trainor	Una Hendron	Conall Kerr	Conor S Larkin
Effort and Perseverance	Ana Ferreira	Rebecca Skelton	Bruna Rabino	Katie McCoy

AWARDS	P5 AMCW	P6 LW/CB	P7 RD	P7 BH	LSC
Star Pupil	Aimee McGuckin	Conlon Prentice	Courtney Millar	Moe Delaney	Dale Rodgers

100% ATTENDANCE	Una Hendron	Morgan Eadie	Chelsea Hendron	Aine Hendron since P4
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MAIN AWARDS	
The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy	Courtney Millar
The Brown Family Cup for Numeracy	Conor Kearns
The Governors' Cup for ICT	Conall Kerr
The Walker Cup for The World Around Us	Morgan Eadie
The McCreesh Cup for Music	Chloe Henry, Aine Hendron
The Lynas Award for Art and Design	Patrycja Kasiak
The Heaney Cup for Drama	Conor B Larkin
The RE Cup	Moe Delaney
The Gilpin LSC Special Award	Dylan Rodgers
The Principal's Cup for Environmental Interest	Moe Delaney
The Heaney Cup for Irish Folk Dancing	Eve Heaney

Nominations for the Hagan Award	Moe Delaney	Morgan Eadie	Eve Heaney	Aine Hendron
	Courtney Millar	Conor S Larkin	Cara Matchett	Nikita McCann
		Eoin McKee		

The Hagan Award for Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School	Courtney Millar
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SPORTS DAY AWARDS	P5	P6	P7
Overall Winner - Boys	Tiernan Byrne	Nedas Maciulaitis	Malach Og McCann
Overall Winner - Girls	Filipa Santos	Cassandra Lima	Bruna Rabino

SPORTS AWARDS	
The Ambassadors in Sport Boys' Soccer Award	Conor B Larkin
The Ambassadors in Sport Girls' Soccer Award	Aisling Hamill
Tir na nOg Trophy for Boys' Gaelic	Eoin McKee, Malach Og McCann
Tir na nOg Trophy for Girls' Gaelic	Aisling Hamill
The Kwik Cricket Award	John Duffy
The Auld Cup for the Sports Person of the Year	Conor B Larkin