



BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**BOARD OF
GOVERNORS'
ANNUAL REPORT**

2011 - 2012

Excellence – Creativity - Integrity

November 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian

As Chairman of the Board of Governors of Ballyoran Primary School it gives me great pleasure to present you with our Annual Board of Governors' Report for 2011-2012.

Firstly I want to thank all the staff of Ballyoran Primary School for their hard work, commitment and dedication during the 2011-2012 school year. This year has been another busy and challenging year for staff as the school has continued to focus on raising the educational standards of its pupils coupled with the major disruption of a refurbishment. Staff have, however, as always worked together as a team to overcome these challenges and ensure that in the midst of the disruption that the pastoral and educational needs of the pupils were not affected.

Next, I want to thank parents and guardians for their support throughout the year which is vital in their child's educational development and without which the school could not function effectively. I appreciate that they, like the staff, co-operated positively during the refurbishment disruption and I want to thank them for this.

My final thanks go to the pupils, without whom there would not be a Ballyoran Primary School, for all that they contributed in making 2011-2012 a most enjoyable and memorable year. They too have had to deal with many changes to their daily routines during the year as a result of the refurbishment and they did this very positively and I want to thank them also for this.

The year 2011-2012 has been a challenging year but it has also been a very positive year for the school with the investment of £500,000 by the Department of Education in a major refurbishment of the building, as well as the investment of £140,000 by the Department of Social Development in a new Community Learning Centre. This investment has left us with much improved accommodation. We now have modern facilities which are fit for the challenges of education in the 21st Century, enhancing the educational experiences of all our pupils. The Board of Governors are delighted with and very proud of what has been achieved on this front. This year will surely go down as one of the most significant years in the school's history.

Detailed as this report is, it can only give you a brief insight into the many varied aspects of school life during the 2011-2012 year. Should any parents/guardians need clarification on any aspect of this Report, I would ask you to forward your request in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Governors, Mr Woolsey.

Yours faithfully

J N T Campbell
Chairman of the Board of Governors

Ballyoran Primary School Board of Governors: 2010-2014

Transferor Representatives

Rev Canon J Campbell (Chairman)
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Mr K O'Connor

Teacher Representative

Mrs A McCreesh-West

Secretary

Mr R Woolsey (non-voting Member)

The Principal would like to thank members of the Board of Governors for their time, dedication and commitment given voluntarily to the school and their wise counsel and support given to him during the 2011-2012 school year.

Responsibilities of the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. It is required to meet a minimum of 3 times during the year, but during the 2011-2012 school year it met 16 times either as a full board or sub committee. The dates of the meetings were as follows:

Full Board:

29th September 2011
20th October 2011
24th November 2011
20th December 2011
23rd February 2012
22nd March 2012
26th April 2012
14th May 2012
31st May 2012
21st June 2012

Salary Committee:

24th November 2011
21st June 2012

Staffing Committee:

19th June 2012
5th July 2012
23rd August 2012

PRSD Review Meeting:

19th June 2012

The main responsibilities of the Board of Governors are:

- The implementation, delivery and oversight of the curriculum.
- The management and control of the allocated budget.
- The provision of information for parents.
- The recruitment and selection of staff.
- The maintenance of the premises (Shared responsibility with SELB).
- The Admissions Policy.
- The fostering of links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of Mutual Understanding.

**School Staff
2011-2012**

Teaching Staff

Member of Staff	Class/Responsibility
Mr R Woolsey	Principal
Miss R Daly	Vice Principal
Mrs F Mulholland	Nursery 1, Nursery Co-ordinator
Mrs J Carson	Nursery 2 (Job Share), Charity Co-ordinator
Mrs K Barkley	Nursery 2 (Job Share) until Christmas
Mrs C Warnock	Nursery 2 (Job Share) after Christmas
Mrs E Mackle	Yr 1, RE Co-ordinator
Mrs G Garvey	Yr 2, Inclusion & Diversity Co-ordinator
Mrs B McGinnell	Yr 3, PDMU Co-ordinator, Teacher Tutor, Charity Team
Mrs A McCreesh-West	Yr 4, Foundation/Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator, ICT Co-ordinator, Music Co-ordinator
Miss R Daly	Yr 5, Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator, SENCO, Literacy Co-ordinator, Designated Teacher
Mrs S Brown	Yr 6 (Job Share), Numeracy Co-ordinator
Mrs L Walker	Yr 5/6 (Job Share), The World Around Us Co-ordinator
Mrs B Heaney	Yr 7 (Job Share), Drama Co-ordinator, Library Co-ordinator, Deputy Designated Teacher
Mrs C Russell	Yr 7 (Job Share)
Mr R Hendron	LSC, PE Co-ordinator, SEN Team
Mrs K Barkley	Intensive Support Teacher, Art & Design Co-ordinator, SEN Team

Mrs R Warke covered a Maternity Leave and Miss A Turkington covered a long term absence during the 2011-2012 school year.

Auxiliary Staff

Mrs H Stewart	Nursery Assistant
Mrs P McConville	Nursery Assistant
Mrs J McCourt	Yr 1 Classroom Assistant
Mrs S Glavin	Yr 2 Classroom Assistant
Mrs J Huddleson	SEN Classroom Assistant
Mrs J Donnelly	SEN Classroom Assistant
Mrs G Good	SEN Classroom Assistant
Mrs R Tedford	Secretary

Ancillary Staff

Mr P Creaney	Building Supervisor
Mrs C McShane	Cleaner
Mrs S Henderson	Cleaner
Miss J Davis	Cleaner
Miss T McBride	Cleaner
Mrs D Larkin	Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant
Mrs M Cusack	Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant
Mrs L Larkin	Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

School Meals Kitchen Staff

Mrs D Campbell	Unit Catering Supervisor
Mrs M Noble	Cook
Mrs H Culbert	Catering Assistant
Mrs H Cassells	Catering Assistant
Mrs D Rowney	Catering Assistant

During 2011-2012 the school said farewell to two members of staff. Mrs Garvey retired after 20 years' service as a teacher and Mrs McConville retired after 22 years' service as a Nursery Assistant. The Board of Governors would like to thank Mrs Garvey and Mrs McConville for their tireless dedication and commitment to the school and wish them a long and happy retirement.

Thanks

The Board of Governors would like to thank the Principal and all the Staff for their hard work and dedication during the 2011-2012 year. They appreciate the efforts of the entire staff who contribute so effectively to the smooth running of the school.

Vision, Aims and Mission Statement

Mission Statement

Excellence, Creativity, Integrity

Vision for the School

As an Inclusive School we aim to provide a happy, caring, safe and stimulating learning environment which will enable each child to develop to his or her full potential - academically, personally, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually, in preparation for becoming responsible citizens.

This will be achieved by giving all pupils equal opportunities to a broad and balanced curriculum which is tailored to meet their individual needs and abilities, coupled with access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

We aim to foster in all pupils respect for themselves, respect for other people and respect for the environment in which they live and raise each child's self esteem and confidence to help them realise that they are valued members of our school community.

The development of each child's potential is reflected in the strong relationships which we attempt to foster within school and, indeed, those with our parents and other bodies that support the work of the school.

These values are inherent in all areas of school life and provide the basis for, and are implicit in, all school policies. All members of staff in Ballyoran Primary School share these ideals, values and beliefs and value the contribution made to school life by each individual child.

Aims

- 1) To fulfil the school vision by developing each child as:
 - an individual
 - a contributor to society
 - a contributor to the economy and environment.

- 2) To develop in each child the following skills –
 - Communication
 - Using Mathematics
 - Using ICT
 - Thinking skills
 - Managing information, problem solving and decision-making
 - Being creative, working with others and self management.

3) To foster the following attitudes and values –

- Personal responsibility
- Self-confidence
- Tolerance and respect for others
- Commitment, determination and resourcefulness
- Community spirit
- Integrity
- Independence
- Openness to new ideas.

Ultimately to provide stimulating, relevant and enriching learning experiences with equality of access for each child so that they may develop an enthusiasm for learning as a lifelong process.

2011-2012 Calendar of Events

Many events, interwoven through the Curriculum, reflect the variety of activities the pupils experienced throughout the school year. It should be noted that the list below is not exhaustive.

Autumn Term

- European Day of Languages
- InCAS – Years 4 - 7
- Gaelic Coaching
- Hospice Coffee Morning
- Annual Book Fair
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Individual & Family Photographs
- National Poetry Day – Yrs 5 & 6 Workshop
- Year 7 Trip to the Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont
- Year 4 Enrolment Ceremony
- PSNI Firework Safety Talk
- Minister for Education Visits School
- Years 1/2 Trip to Palace Stables for Apple Week
- Gaelic Blitz – Presentation PS
- NSPCC Charity Assembly
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Refurbishment of school begins
- Year 5 Road Safety Walk
- Fire & Rescue Service talk to Year 5
- Anti Bullying Week
- PTA Movie Night
- PTA Meetings
- Art Workshops by Portadown Millennium Court Arts Centre – Years 4, 6, 7 & LSC
- Young Enterprise – Year 2
- Alcohol and Drugs Workshops – Years 6 & 7
- School & SELB Christmas Card Competitions
- Yr 7 Commitment Ceremony
- National Poetry Day Competition Prize Night
- Soccer Match v Hart Memorial PS
- Mobile Library Visit
- School Dentist in LSC
- Jo Jingles in Nursery and LSC
- Mackey Opticians visit Nursery
- Nursery Christmas Panto at Lurgan Town Hall
- Nursery Extended Schools Activity – ‘Santa’s Little Helpers’
- Santa Wishes for High Street Mall
- West Midland Theatre Company Show – Bluebird
- Jack and the Beanstalk – Market Place Armagh – Years 4 – 7

- Canteen Christmas Dinner – pupils and staff
- Christmas Musical Treat with South Ulster Community Band
- Choir and Instrumental Ensemble to Tesco Craigavon, Tesco Meadows, Bank of Ireland and Lisnisky Care Home
- SELB Christmas Card Competition Presentation
- Christmas Post
- Christmas Celebration Concert
- PTA Christmas Parties

Spring Term

- Transfer Talks and Open Days/Nights
- Gaelic Coaching
- Surestart Speech and Language in Nursery
- Childline Assembly – Years 6 and 7
- PTA Meetings
- CRED: Community Relations Equality and Diversity - Cross Community Project with Bocombra PS
- Pupil Council visit Craigavon Borough Council
- Crazy Hair Day for PTA funds
- Childline Workshops – Years 6 and 7
- Pupil Council Meetings
- LSC Dentist Visit
- Non Uniform Day for Craigavon Hospital Neo Natal Unit
- Soccer Match v King's Park PS
- Gaelic Tournament
- Year 7 Mass – Holy Spirit Theme
- Credit Union Quiz
- Victorian Workshop – Year 7
- Bryson House Energy Talk – Years 6 and 7
- Five a side Tournament – Craigavon Senior High School
- Year 6 Rugby Coaching
- Young Enterprise – Year 3
- Soccer Match v Millington PS
- Nursery moves to new accommodation
- RE Diocesan Visit
- Netball Match v St Johns
- Lent Assembly - Trocaire
- Ceremony of Light – Year 7
- Eco Committee visit Dobbies Garden Centre
- World Book Day
- Confirmation – Year 7
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Jo Jingles in Nursery and LSC
- Young Enterprise Moy Park Challenge – Year 6

- 'Bee Safe' event – Year 6
- Portadown Dancing Festival
- We've Got Talent – Drumcree College
- Year 3 Gaelic Tournament
- PTA Easter Draw
- Yr 4 Mass – Penance Theme
- First Confession – Year 4
- Young Enterprise – Year 6
- Extended Schools Cluster Drama Performance
- Dogs' Trust Visit – Years 2 & 5

Summer Term

- Nurse Reviews
- Surestart Speech and Language in Nursery
- Cycling Proficiency Test – Year 7
- Brownlow Soccer Festival
- Young Enterprise – Years 4, 5 & 6
- PSNI CASE Programme – Year 7
- Credit Union Prize Giving
- Love For Life Conference – Year 7
- Eco Day
- Jo Jingles in Nursery & LSC
- Dentist Visit to LSC
- Class/Group Photographs
- Shannaghmore Information Evening
- First Holy Communion followed by Celebration in Pastoral Centre
- Assessment Week
- Walk To School Week
- Fair Trade Assembly
- Gaelic Coaching
- Gaelic Blitzes
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Nursery Trip to Tannaghmore Gardens with Hart Memorial PS
- Shannaghmore Residential – Year 7
- Entrance Tests – Year 7
- Year 1 Induction Meeting
- Filming for Year 7 DVD
- Brownlow Cup
- Sports Day – Ballyoran Sponsored Olympics and Themed Olympics Lunch
- Year 7 Transition Talk
- Nursery Induction Meeting
- Fire and Rescue Service visit Nursery
- Official Opening of Refurbished School

- School Swimming Gala
- Sports Day Award Ceremony
- Year 5 trip to Lisburn Cinema and Pool
- Year 6 trip to Dundonald Ice Bowl
- Year 1 trip to Clementsmount Farm
- Year 3 trip to Funhouse, Newry
- Year 7 trip to Lisburn Cinema and Pool
- LSC trip to Lisburn Cinema, Wallace Park and McDonalds
- Annual Irish Dancing Festival
- Year 4 trip to Armagh Museum and Planetarium
- Annual Nursery Graduation
- Year 2 trip to Oxford Island
- Annual Prize Day
- PTA Movie Night
- Class Changes
- Year 7 Leavers Photograph
- Year 7 Talent Show
- Class Changes

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Use of Baker Days & School Development Days 2011-2012

Date	Type of Day	Inset	Venue
25/08/11	Baker Day	Classroom Preparation	In School
26/08/11	Baker Day	SMT Staff Meeting Child Protection Training	
30/08/11	Baker Day	Classroom Preparation	In School
31/08/11	Baker Day	Classroom Preparation	In School
23/09/11	School Development Day	Effective Use of Data	In School
05/01/12	School Development Day	TWAU Planning	In School
06/01/12	School Development Day	Marking Policy Guided Reading Progress in LSC	In School
20/02/12	School Development Day	Assessment of Cross Curricular Skills – Communication and Using Maths - Module 2	In School
30/04/12	School Development Day	Assessment of Cross Curricular Skills Communication and Using Maths - Module 3	In School
02/05/12	Twilight Session (In lieu of Baker Day)	Drama	In School
06/06/12	Twilight Session (In lieu of Baker Day)	Annual Reports	In School

Staff were involved in the following training and development during the 2011-2012 school year. A more specific list of which members of staff were involved in training is kept by staff members and the Principal:

- Ø Literacy
 - § Guided Reading
 - § Co-ordinator's Cluster

- Ø Numeracy
 - § Mental Maths
 - § Co-ordinator's Cluster

- Ø Play
 - § Planning
 - § Observations
 - § Adult Interaction

- Ø ICT
 - § ICT Co-ordinator's Course
 - § Annual Statistical Returns
 - § SIMs
 - § C2K Education Network Roadshow and Workshop

- Ø TWAU
 - § Planning

- Ø SEN
 - § Capacity Building Conference
 - § Teaching The Difficult Child
 - § LSC Clusters
 - § SECO Clusters

- Ø Leadership
 - § Managing Challenging Situations
 - § International Co-ordinator's
 - § Governor Training

- Ø Nursery
 - § Clusters

- Ø Assessment
 - § Effective use of Data
 - § InCAS
 - § Assessment of Cross Curricular Skills – Modules 1 – 3
 - § Q Skills
 - § Standardised Assessment
 - § Annual Reports

- Ø Pastoral Care
 - § Child Protection – Designated Teacher Training
 - § First Aid Refresher Training
 - § Health Awareness Training – Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, Asthma and Diabetes
 - § Review of Anti Bullying Policy
 - § Heart Start
 - § Impact of Substance Abuse

- Ø CRED
 - § Music and drama to support implementing CRED

- Ø Art & Design

- Ø Drama

- Ø Early Professional Development

- Ø Inclusion & Diversity

- Ø Summer Clean Training

PRSD

All relevant teaching staff completed a cycle of PRSD which is the current model of Continued Professional Development in schools. Staff set three objectives for the year as part of this.

Induction

Mrs Warke (Substitute teacher) completed her Induction during the 2011-2012 school year.

The Curriculum

Under the Education Reform Order, the responsibility of the Governors for the curriculum, ie. what is taught in school, has been increased. The Governors' control of the curriculum is, however, more apparent than real as much of what is taught has now been determined by law in the form of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Generally the day-to-day organisation of the curriculum remains the Principal's responsibility.

A broad and balanced learning experience is provided for all pupils attending Ballyoran Primary School. This has been achieved through the efforts of the Principal, Vice Principal, School Leadership Team, Subject Co-ordinators and Teachers spending many hours in discussion and planning to produce Policies and Schemes for use in the classroom and ensuring that classroom practice gives pupils the best learning opportunities possible.

The Curriculum Development Programme involved In-service Training, both inside and outside school on Baker Days, School Development Days and Directed Time throughout the year. The Programme involved all members of Staff working individually, in year groups, in key stage groups or as a whole staff team as appropriate and was supported by SELB Advisers and other outside agencies.

The Northern Ireland Curriculum aims 'to empower young people to achieve their potential and to make informed and responsible decisions throughout their lives.' It has three objectives:

1. To develop the young person as an individual
2. To develop the young person as a contributor to society
3. To develop the young person as a contributor to the economy and environment

The Cross Curricular Skills which underpin all teaching and learning are Communication, Using Mathematics and ICT, as well as Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities.

There are seven Areas of Learning in the Northern Ireland Curriculum:

1. Language & Literacy
2. Mathematics & Numeracy
3. The World Around Us
4. The Arts
5. Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
6. Physical Education
7. Religious Education

Literacy and Numeracy

The focus on sustaining the good practice in Literacy and Numeracy acknowledged by the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) in June 2011 continued throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

Literacy

The significant actions in sustaining and developing the good practice in Literacy included:

- Improved End of Key Stage results which are in harmony with the Northern Ireland average.
- A consistent approach to the planning, teaching and monitoring of Guided Reading is in place throughout the school.
- All staff completed PRSD with common Literacy target on Guided Reading.
- A consistent and differentiated approach to writing with opportunities for extended writing is in place throughout the school.
- Teachers continued to focus their planning more specifically; taking account of identified needs and levels of ability.
- Teachers received training in Assessment of the new Cross-curricular skills – Communication and are becoming more familiar with the levels of progression.
- Literacy Coordinator carried out two Literacy Book Scoops.
- Literacy Coordinator provided verbal and written feedback to all teachers based on the Literacy Book Scoops.
- A consistent approach to Assessment for Learning strategies is evident in all classes.

The 'Hi Five' Literacy Project continued, funded under Neighbourhood Renewal by the Department of Social Development. This mainly involved Key Stage 2 pupils working in target groups of three for a period of ten weeks with Mrs Huddleson. The outcomes from this support were very encouraging with many of the pupils showing improvements at the end of the ten week programme.

Reading Partnership continued with Mrs Glavin and Mrs Huddleson working with individual pupils from Year 3 and Year 4. This was funded through Extended Schools and again there were significant improvements as a result of this intervention.

Mathematics and Numeracy

The significant actions in sustaining and developing the good practice in Numeracy included:

- Processes lesson taught once a week in all classes covering the seven strategies.
- Processes planners were rewritten incorporating learning outcomes and success criteria. In rewriting these planners, there was an emphasis on the focus of the teaching and the strategies that would be employed. Processes planners now include mathematical language to be taught. A process of cross checking and monitoring was put in place by the Numeracy Co-ordinator.
- Pupils are more confident in their ability to tackle process-type activities and are beginning to become more familiar with associated language.
- Mental Maths continues to be an integral part of all maths lessons. This consistent approach was introduced through effective planning, teaching and monitoring. Mental Maths Core Competences emphasise the teaching of appropriate strategies. These are now included on monthly planners along with an outline of activities to teach the strategy/competence. The pupils are

becoming more confident in using correct mathematical terminology and in discussing the strategies they have used.

- The GL Mental Maths Standardised Test was administered to all Year 3-7 pupils in November and May and the results analysed. The majority of pupils improved or maintained their standardised score.
- 'Maths Challenge' activity in Year 3-7 continues to be popular with the pupils.
- Noticeable improvement in End of Key Stage results in Numeracy.
- All staff completed PRSD with common Numeracy target on Mental Maths.
- Assessment for Learning strategies were evident in classroom teaching and children's books. In Key Stage 2 pupils are encouraged to use Success Criteria to help themselves if they get stuck.
- Teachers received training in Assessment of the new Cross-curricular skills – Using Mathematics in February 2012 and are becoming more familiar with the levels of progression.
- Two book scoops were carried out by the Numeracy Co-ordinator and feedback given to individual teachers.

ICT

Staff continued to develop the use of ICT, making use of a variety of resources available online and on the C2K Managed Network System.

Each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard.

Pupils from Year 4 and Year 7 participated in the CCEA ICT Accreditation Scheme and achieved Level 2 and Level 4 awards respectively.

Almost 10,000 Tesco Vouchers (including some banked from the previous year) were collected and counted by Year 4 pupils. These enabled us to obtain two digital cameras for the Foundation Stage.

The World Around US

The following World Around Us development took place during the 2011-2012 school year:

- Teachers in Years 1 to 7 completed a major review of their World Around Us (WAU) topics in light of the requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.
- The Co-ordinator met with teachers to assist in the planning of topics (one per term) in order to ensure progression and the coverage of all four strands (Interdependence, Place, Movement & Energy and Change Over Time) within the WAU framework.
- Teachers were encouraged to plan lessons which would enable pupils to develop knowledge, understanding and skills through the contributory subjects of History, Geography and Science & Technology.
- To achieve this, broad topic headings were chosen, such as 'Houses and Homes', 'Food', 'Change', 'The Victorians' etc. to allow teachers to incorporate aspects of all three subjects within the one topic.
- When planning, teachers were also asked to ensure that their lessons provided opportunities for children to develop their skills in Communication, Using Mathematics, Using ICT and their Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities.

- Many teachers found it difficult to find time to give to WAU because of the demands of Literacy and Numeracy within the curriculum.
- All teachers managed to plan for and teach at least two topics over the course of the school year with pupils showing much enthusiasm and interest in the topics studied.

PDMU

PDMU was delivered to all pupils during the year using the 'Living, Learning' resource.

Years 3 – 7 again took part in the Young Enterprise Programme. Pupils worked through a series of engaging activity based sessions which were supported by a comprehensive programme. Through this they developed key skills which opened their eyes to the exciting world of enterprise. Members of the business community came in to school to lead these workshops.

The Arts

All pupils received lessons in the Arts which comprises Art and Design, Music and Drama. Pupils were given opportunities to enter many competitions within The Arts.

PE

Pupils followed the scheme for Years 1 – 7 based on the Fundamental Movement Skills Programme. Following the Northern Ireland Curriculum, there are activities in Athletics, Dance, Games and Gymnastics. Years 4 to 7 also continued to take part in weekly swimming sessions under instruction from staff at Cascades Leisure Centre. The school also took part in Sainsburys Active Kids when pupils were asked to bring in vouchers.

RE

Pupils continued to follow the 'Alive O' Programme in RE from Year 1 to Year 7. The resources were again sponsored by Drumcree Parish and we are grateful to Father O'Dwyer for this.

Nursery

There are two classes within the Nursery Unit, each class has 26 children, a teacher and a classroom assistant.

In Ballyoran Nursery, staff continued to plan the indoor and outdoor curriculum to develop the children's six areas of learning:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Language Development
3. Physical Development and Movement
4. The Arts
5. Early Mathematical Development
6. The World Around Us

The most significant aspect of Nursery development during the 2011-2012 school year was the move to brand new Nursery accommodation within the main school building. The excellent new facilities include:

- § New Nursery Entrance
- § Lobby/Hallway area
- § Cloakroom
- § Two purpose built playrooms complete with toilets, quiet room, store and access to a covered play area
- § Office
- § Kitchen/Utility Room
- § Staff and Disabled Toilets
- § Large outdoor Play area

This new 21st century accommodation gives children the best possible start to their education.

The following Nursery development also took place during the 2011-2012 school year:

- § Reviewed equipment and resources in relation to new Nursery classes.
- § Reviewed short term planning
- § Ensured that the six areas of learning were provided for in each Nursery classroom
- § Ensured that the six areas of learning were provided for in the Outdoor Play Area.
- § Reviewed Discipline Policy
- § Introduced visual monthly topic and News Sheets
- § Interactive Whiteboard in Nursery 2
- § Inclusion and Diversity Service Support continued

The Nursery visited Tannaghmore Gardens with Hart Memorial Nursery as part of our cross community links.

The Nursery continued to foster strong links with the local Blossom Sure Start. Jo Jingles visited the Nursery and LSC on three occasions. 'The Music and Movement Experience' programme was aimed at developing the children's rhythm.

Speech and Language support was also provided by Sure Start.

Special Educational Needs

The good practice within SEN continued throughout the 2011-2012 academic year. The following developments took place within Intensive Support:

- Mrs Barkley worked two days per week.
- Targeted pupils changed from low achievers to under achievers.
- Focus remained on early Literacy and Numeracy skills.
- Written evaluations by Mrs Barkley highlighted the continuing success of Intensive Support.

Assessment and Reporting

The following Assessment work took place:

- Data from 2011 shared with all staff and analysed
- Targets and priorities for improvement were set using the data
- Pupils were targeted for improvement using the data
- InCAS were completed for Year 4 – Year 7
- New Group Reading Test and Mental Maths Tests completed in November and then again in May to measure progress
- School took part in the training in the new levels of progression for Communication and Using Maths
- Standardised Assessment Week in May – pupils completed the electronic version of Progress in English and Progress in Maths for the first time. Year 4 and Year 6 pupils completed Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) instead of the NRIT IQ Test. Data analysed by GL Assessment
- All parents received a written Annual Report in June which was in line with the Department of Education's legal requirements for reporting.

2011-2012 Statutory End of Key Stage Assessment Results

LEVELS AT END OF KEY STAGE 1

ENGLISH

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 1 (Yr 4)		
	Level 2	Level 3
Ballyoran Summary	18.75	56.25
N. Ireland Summary	53.17	40.40

MATHEMATICS

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 1 (P4)		
	Level 2	Level 3
Ballyoran Summary	12.50	62.50
N. Ireland Summary	47.87	46.76

LEVELS AT END OF KEY STAGE 2

ENGLISH

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 2 (Yr 7)		
	Level 4	Level 5
Ballyoran Summary	41.67	29.17
N. Ireland Summary	49.52	32.51

MATHEMATICS

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 2 (Yr 7)		
	Level 4	Level 5
Ballyoran Summary	54.17	33.33
N. Ireland Summary	40.14	42.83

Ethos/Pastoral Care

During the 2011-2012 the following developments took place:

- Mrs Mulholland took on the role of Designated Teacher for Nursery
- Child Protection Training for Designated Teachers
- Child Protection Policy reviewed
- Anti Bullying Policy reviewed
- Health & Safety Policy reviewed
- Mrs Stewart took on the role of First Aid Co-ordinator
- First Aid Policy reviewed
- Centralised Health Awareness Training
- First Aid Refresher Training
- Ballyoran Primary School became a Heart Start school with Mrs Stewart and Mrs McCreesh-West trained
- Miss Daly attended Impact of Substance Abuse training

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council continued to meet on a monthly basis with Mr Woolsey. They also got the opportunity to visit Craigavon Borough Council and meet the mayor. The members for 2011-2012 were as follows:

Class	Pupil
Yr 7	Brooke McCann, Chairperson
Yr 6	Ellie Murphy
Yr 5	Keelin Brennan, Vice-Chairperson
Yr 4	Cain Hendron, Secretary
Yr 3	Megan Stewart
LSC	Bruno Serrador

House System

A new House System was established at Ballyoran Primary School during the 2011-2012 school year. All of the pupils in Years 1 – 7 were placed in one of the following houses:

1. Bann
2. Lagan
3. Foyle

A House Competition was held with points given out by staff and recorded on a weekly basis on the Display Board in the Assembly Hall. A cup was presented to the winning House on a monthly basis in assembly and the overall winner which was Bann was recognised at Prize Day in June. Pupils elected a Captain and Vice captain for each House as follows:

Bann	Foyle	Lagan
Captain: Brooke McCann Vice Captain: Cloda Girvan	Captain: Joe Mackle Vice Captain: Niamh Garland	Captain: Zuzanna Baran Vice Captain: Marina Duraes

Enrolment

Enrolment at 30th June 2012

Nursery	Primary	LSC	Total
52	158	7	217

Attendance

Attendance continued to be a priority for improvement on the School Development Plan.

Average Attendance % for 2011-2012: 93.1%

The attendance percentage for 2011-2012 increased by 1.1% on the previous year. This exceeded our target which was to sustain the 92% from the previous year. Also the number of pupils receiving prizes for 100% attendance at Prize Day increased by 41% on the previous year. When compared to schools in a similar Free School Meals band we are above average and we continue to get closer to the Northern Ireland average. We have much to celebrate in terms of attendance and parents/guardians are to be thanked for ensuring that their children are in school every day. Staff are also to be commended for their part in this continued improvement in attendance as it is proof that pupils want to be in school every day because staff are making their educational experience motivating, interesting and meaningful. The Board of Governors are delighted with this improvement and would like to say thank you and well done to all involved.

Punctuality

Punctuality has continued to improve during the last school year and we commend parents and pupils for this. There are however still a minority of pupils whose punctuality needs to improve and we would ask you to co-operate with us on this as pupils arriving late not only is detrimental to their education but disrupts the education of others.

Partnership with Parents

Links between the school and parents which are vital, continued to be fostered and encouraged in various ways during the 2011/2012 year.

PTA (Parent/Teacher Association)

The PTA continued to develop

Office bearers

- Mrs Dunbar - Chairperson
- Mrs I Smitiene - Vice Chairperson
- Mrs McCann - Secretary
- Mrs Garland - Treasurer

The projects were as follows:

- Two Movie Nights
- Christmas cards
- Christmas parties
- Crazy Hair Day
- Easter Draw

The Principal and Board of Governors wish to thank the PTA for their enthusiasm and commitment to the school and wish them well for the future.

A new Homework Club was established during the school and was open to Year 4 – 7 pupils. Pupils are provided with an appropriate environment in which to complete their homework Monday to Thursday. The club was staffed by Mrs Huddleson and Mrs Stewart.

Nursery and Year 1 parents were given an opportunity to visit the school prior to admission in order to meet their respective teachers and view classrooms at Induction Evenings held in June.

All parents were kept up to date with happenings in school through monthly News Sheets sent out by the Principal and monthly Nursery News Letters and Topic Sheets.

Other Information Sheets and Permission Notices were issued regularly as and when required.

Additional Parents' Meetings – Year 7 Shannaghmore Residential

Parents were invited in for a Christmas Concert, Refreshments after First Holy Communion, Dancing Festival, Sports Day, Official Opening of newly refurbished school and Open Afternoon and Prize Day.

Formal Parent/Teacher Meetings were held in October and March. The uptake was very pleasing with 82.5% of parents attending in October and 84.5% of parents attending in March.

A written Annual Report was issued to all Year 1 – 7 pupils and a Nursery Transition Form to all Nursery pupils in June.

We are very excited about our new Community Learning Centre and hope that it will develop our links with parents. An Adults ICT Beginner's Course was held in the new ICT Suite in Term 3 led by Miss Daly.

We continue to operate an 'Open Door Policy' whereby parents can come to the school or telephone and make an appointment to speak to the Principal or class teacher at any time.

The school website www.ballyoranps.com was further developed and used as a valuable tool to communicate with parents.

The Board of Governors, Principal and staff would like to take this opportunity of thanking all parents for the valuable contribution that they made in supporting the school during the 2011-2012 school year.

Community Links

At Ballyoran Primary School we believe that the link with the local community is vital. This relationship is a two way process, the school reaches into the community and the community is welcomed into school.

Community Learning Centre

The school was successful in its bid for a grant from the Department of Social Development to fund a new Community Learning Centre. DSD invested approximately £140,000 in this project and the result has been a new facility which comprises a Community Room, ICT Suite, Interview Room, Changing Rooms, Toilets and Baby Changing facilities. This Centre will be used by the school during the day but is available for the wider community to use also inside and outside school hours. Anyone wishing to book the centre should contact the office. The Board of Governors are delighted with this new facility and would like place on record its thanks to the Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, in particular its Chairperson Mrs Margaret Connolly as well as Mrs Nicola Mitchell, SELB Project Officer who supported the Principal in bringing the vision of a Community Learning Centre at Ballyoran Primary School to fruition.

The following are some of our community links from last year:

- Pupils had opportunities to take part in a wide variety of educational trips to local facilities eg Tannaghmore Gardens.
- Regular use of community facilities eg Cascades Swimming Pool.
- Represented on the Local Neighbourhood Renewal Committee.
- Supported the local Community Association – Drumcree Community Trust as part of their Summer Programme through use of facilities.
- Links with other local Primary and Secondary schools through an Extended Schools' Cluster.
- Cross-community link with Bocombra Primary School through the Community Relations Equality and Diversity Programme (CRED).
- Links with local Tir na nOg GFC and the GAA Armagh County Board who provide coaching for pupils in Gaelic games.
- Strong links with local PSNI Community Affairs team who came into school on numerous occasions to speak to pupils eg. Firework Safety, Year 7 CASE Programme.
- Use of Website – www.ballyoranps.com.
- Use of local press – Portadown Times to promote the school.
- The Choir and Recorder group sang at Tesco, Meadows and Rushmere, Bank of Ireland and Lisnisky Care Home at Christmas.
- Strong links with local church in particular with reference to First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

- Links with other local agencies: EWO, Social Services, School Nurses, Council etc.
- Competitions eg. Credit Union.
- The Nursery continued its strong links with the local Sure Start Speech and Language team and 'Jo Jingles.'
- Links with business and enterprise as part of the Young Enterprise Programme.
- Part of Parish Romanian Orphanage Project – Copper Collection.

Student Placements

During the year the school welcomed 24 students in completing various courses/degrees as well as work experience.

- Ø Stranmillis University College -8 students
- Ø Southern Regional College – 9 students
- Ø South Eastern Regional College – 1 student
- Ø Drumcree College - 2 students
- Ø Craigavon Senior High School – 1 student
- Ø Lismore Comprehensive – 3 students

Charity

The school continued its fundraising for Charity and the Board of Governors would like to thank staff, pupils, parents and friends of the school for their generosity. The following charities were supported:

1. Southern Area Hospice	£47	(Staff Coffee Morning)
2. Poppy Appeal	£60.32	(Collection)
3. NSPCC	£1,035.55	(Big Workout)
4. Backpack Project		(Small packs made up)
5. Parish Romanian Orphanage Appeal		(Copper Collection)

Playground Friends

Year 7 pupils continued to carry out the role of Playground Friends in both the Senior and Junior Playgrounds. Each day at lunchtime, pupils working on a rota basis zoned the playground, set up the activities and supervised them.

Inclusion and Diversity

Newcomers continue to settle in the local community and our enrolment includes a significant number of pupils from other countries including Portugal, Lithuania, Poland and India. We are an inclusive school and highly respect the cultural diversity within our school community. The school receives a significant amount of extra funding for its

newcomer pupils. Bi-Lingual signs have been placed around the school to make it more welcoming for newcomers and Interpreters are provided for Parent/Teacher Meetings.

Teachers continued to complete the CEFR – Common European Framework which is a record of progress for newcomers and is now statutory.

Once again the school celebrated European Day of Languages in September when the whole school focused on the diversity of our pupil base.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Seventeen Year 4 children were prepared for First Holy Communion. As part of their preparation, the children participated in other celebrations in St. John the Baptist Church, including an Enrolment Ceremony and First Penance Ceremony. This year the service was on Saturday 19th May 2012 and for the first time the celebration after the service was held in the Pastoral Centre and was very well attended.

Twenty-two Year 7 pupils were prepared for Confirmation which took place on Sunday 4th March 2012. As part of their preparation, pupils participated in a Commitment Ceremony, a Holy Spirit themed Mass and a Ceremony of Light. Parents also participated in some of these celebrations. We are grateful for the pastoral support of our Chaplain Father O'Dwyer who visited the pupils on numerous occasions in school and was made most welcome. He also assisted Mrs Mackle and Mrs McCreesh-West in the organisation of the various celebrations. Year 7 children were invited to enrol as junior members of the Pioneer Council and had the opportunity to attend a five week GIFT Programme enabling them to meet Year 7 children from other schools.

Cross Community Links

The school continues to participate in the Community Relations Equality and Diversity (CRED) Programme with our partner school Bocombra Primary School.

Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 participated in puppet making and Object Theatre Workshops.

Year 5 took part in a Music workshop where they had the opportunity to listen to different music genres and play various instruments.

Years 6 & 7 developed their football skills and participated in a Football Tournament.

These programmes provided the pupils with the opportunity to address issues around diversity and inclusion and to consider how people of differing political, religious and cultural traditions can live together in a climate of mutual respect. Our community relations work through CRED makes a valuable contribution to the PDMU curriculum.

Sure Start Links

The Nursery continued to foster strong links with the local Blossom Sure Start. Jo-Jingles visited the Nursery and LSC on three occasions. 'The Music and Movement Experience' programme was aimed at developing the children's rhythm.

Speech and Language support was also provided by Sure Start.

The Principal continued exploratory talks with Sure Start about the possibility of basing an 'In Tune' Programme (Sure Start's programme for two year olds) at Ballyoran Primary School. As a result of these discussions and after a survey of local parents it was agreed that Sure Start would move an 'In Tune' Programme to the Community Room in the new Community Learning Centre in the 2012-2013 year.

Swimming

Swimming instruction was provided for Years 4 - 7 pupils at Cascades Leisure Centre. It was particularly pleasing to note the progress made by Year 4 and Year 5 pupils, many of whom had not attended swimming lessons previously. In June of 2012, the school held its Annual Swimming Gala for Year 6 and Year 7 pupils for which medals were awarded at the end of year Sports Award Ceremony.

External Coaches In School

Pupils from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 benefited from a wide variety of coaches who attended the school during the year.

Paul Carvill from the local Tir na nOg Gaelic Football Club coached pupils from Year 3 to Year 7 in blocks of 5-6 weeks.

Ulster Council coach Kathy Crangle provided coaching for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils throughout the year.

Darren Pepper coached Year 6 pupils in Rugby in Term 2.

Shannaghmore Residential

Year 7 pupils took part in a residential trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre from 30th May until 1st June 2012. All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Pupils had the opportunity to undertake a range of activities including canoeing, adventure walk and wall climbing.

Extra Curricular Activities

The School continued to expand its programme of after school clubs and provided pupils with a wide variety of extra curricular activities. The following clubs were on offer during the 2011-2012 school year:

- Breakfast Club
- Kids Club
- Gaelic
- Soccer
- Choir
- Recorder Group
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Irish Dancing
- ICT
- Cookery
- Netball
- Drama
- French
- Eco Club
- Cycling Proficiency

The Board of Governors would like to thank all the staff involved in the above activities for their commitment and dedication shown during the 2011-2012 school year.

Choir/Instrumental Ensemble

The Choir continued to practice regularly under the direction of Mrs McCreesh-West on Tuesday afternoons.

In the Autumn Term, the School Choir and Recorder/Instrumental Ensemble performed Christmas Carols at Tesco, Meadows Shopping Centre, Tesco, Craigavon, Bank of Ireland and Lisnisky Care Home. These events were a great opportunity to establish links with our local community and the elderly thoroughly enjoyed the pupils' performances.

The School Choir and Recorder/Instrumental Ensemble also performed at our School Christmas Celebration which was attended by many parents.

In the Spring/Summer term the School Choir and Recorder/Instrumental ensemble provided the music for the Liturgy at the Ballyoran Primary School Childrens' First Holy Communion Mass which was celebrated by Father O'Dwyer. They also provided the Liturgical singing and instrumental music for the Parish Confirmation Mass which was celebrated by Archbishop Brady.

The School Choir and Recorder/Instrumental Ensemble also performed at the official opening of our newly refurbished school.

Instrumental Tuition

Music continued to play a significant role in Ballyoran Primary School, with upper strings and woodwind Tutors from the SELB Music Service providing pupils with opportunities to play violin, viola, clarinet and flute. Pupils achieved certificates for various grades in Associated Board Exams.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club continued to be well attended each morning from 8.15am to 8.45am. Pupils enjoyed a healthy start to the day and the club was staffed by Mrs Huddleson and Mrs Donnelly. The location of the Breakfast permanently moved to the Dinner Hall.

Homework Club

A new Homework Club was established during the school and was open to Year 4 – 7 pupils. Pupils are provided with an appropriate environment in which to complete their homework Monday to Thursday. The club was staffed by Mrs Huddleson and Mrs Stewart.

Kids Club

The Kids Club was once again offered to Year 2 and Year 3 pupils on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year. Those pupils who attended enjoyed a range of art and craft activities with Mrs Glavin and Mrs Donnelly.

Soccer Club

Year 5, 6 and 7 boys and girls received coaching in soccer throughout the year from Ambassadors in Sport, under the direction of PE Co-ordinator Mr Hendron. This took place on Wednesdays after school. The school soccer team took part enthusiastically in several tournaments throughout the year including the Mid Ulster League, the Mullen Cup, Jones' Shield 5-a-side and the Brownlow Cup 7-a-side tournament for Year 6 and under.

Tiernan Byrne, a Year 7 pupil was selected to take part in a trial organised by the Mid Ulster Schools' Football Association. He was successful in this trial and went on to play in a Celtic tournament against other schools' associations from Wales and Scotland in May 2012. This was a great honour for both Tiernan and the school.

Gaelic Club

Gaelic practice took place throughout the year on Thursdays for boys and girls under the direction of Mr Hendron and Stephen Mc Cann. The core group of pupils who attended regularly showed a pleasing improvement in skills as the year went on. The boy's team took part in a series of blitzes throughout the year with four other local schools:

Presentation PS, Portadown Integrated PS, St Mary's PS Maghera and St Oliver Plunkett's PS Ballyhegan. Ballyoran performed extremely well at all of these tournaments with the ethos being very much one of fun and establishing new friendships.

Irish Dancing Club

Irish Folk Dancing Club met every Wednesday throughout the year in the Assembly Hall from 3pm – 3.30pm with Mrs Heaney. It was offered to pupils from Year 4 to Year 7. Pupils were taught solo dances: Reel, Light Double Jig, Single Jig and Slip Jig; in addition, some pupils learnt one or two team dances where they needed to co-operate with a partner. Dancers took part in the Portadown Festival as well as our own Dancing Festival. Over the last few years, pupils have experienced varying degrees of success at the Festivals, winning certificates, medals, trophies and cups. This is certainly celebrated, but teamwork, improvement and enjoyment remains the main focus of the club.

Cookery Club

Year 4 pupils got the opportunity to attend a Cookery Club with Mrs Carson on Thursdays in Term 1.

Year 5 pupils attended Cookery Club on Wednesdays in Term 2 with Mrs Mackle.

ICT Club

Year 5 -7 pupils were given the opportunity to go to a weekly ICT Club on Wednesdays in Term 3 in the ICT Suite which was taken by Mr Woolsey .

Recorder Club

Mrs Mulholland took Year 4 and 5 pupils for a Recorder Club on Wednesdays in Term 2.

French Club

Year 4 and 5 pupils enjoyed a French Club on Wednesdays in Term 1 with Mrs Warke.

Netball Club

Netball was introduced as an Extra Curricular activity to the school last year by Miss Turkington. Year 6 and 7 girls got the opportunity to attend this throughout the year on Friday afternoons. The girls have been very enthusiastic about Netball and have enjoyed attending each week. They have been able to develop ball skills and good sportsmanship qualities by playing matches against each other. In Term 3 of 2012 the team also played a match against St John's Primary School which allowed them to gain more experience and also develop good links with another school. It is hoped that this year more matches against other schools will be arranged. We also have been provided

with a Netball court in the assembly hall which will allow other schools to visit Ballyoran for matches.

Drama Club

Year 5 - 7 pupils attended Drama on Thursdays with Mrs Russell in Terms 2 and 3.

Art Club

Years 4 and 5 attended Art Club on Thursdays in Term 3 with Mrs Barkley.

Eco Club

Year 3 – 7 Eco Committee members attended Eco Club on Thursday afternoons with Miss Turkington.

Adults ICT Course for Beginners

Miss Daly led a 6 week Adults ICT Course for Beginners in the new ICT Suite in Term 3.

Cycling Proficiency Scheme

Year 7 pupils once again took part in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme in the summer term. Pupils were trained by Mrs McGinnell was supported by our DOE Road Safety Officer, Mrs Lorna Dougan who administered the test. The training took place within the school grounds and helped pupils to identify the risks that they encounter on the roads. Four pupils successfully completed their Cycling Proficiency Test.

Extended Schools

The school again was fortunate to receive money as part of the Department of Education's Extended Schools Programme whereby schools are encouraged to extend their activities beyond the normal school day. The following activities were possible because of this funding:

1. Breakfast Club
2. Homework Club
3. Year 2 Kids Club
4. Year 3 Kids Club
5. Soccer Club
6. Reading Partnership

As well as our own school activities, the school was again part of an Extended Schools Cluster with the following schools:

- St John The Baptist Primary School
- St John The Baptist Nursery School
- Millington Primary School
- Millington Nursery School
- Hart Memorial Primary School
- Drumcree College
- Presentation Primary School

The schools took part in many joint activities including

- § Drama Project
- § Adult ICT Course
- § Nursery Christmas Workshop
- § Year 7 Leaver's DVD

Eco Schools

In 2011/2012 the school joined the Eco-Schools Programme. This programme provides an ideal way for fostering environmental awareness in the entire school in a way that links to many curriculum subjects. Through the programme, schools can achieve three awards with the final and most prestigious award being the Green Flag. The Eco Club was established in September 2011 and was made up of class representatives from Year 3 to Year 7. During the year the Eco Club achieved both the Bronze and Silver awards. Through both awards the school grounds were improved and a vegetable garden was created in which children were able to plant their own vegetables in raised beds. Children also became more aware of the importance of recycling during our Eco Day in 2012 in which a whole day was dedicated to learning about recycling and the environment through different activities in each classroom. Money was also raised for school funds through the 'Cash for Clobber' scheme. Children brought in old clothes which were then weighed and bought by Cookstown Textiles Recyclers. The programme has allowed the whole school to be involved in learning about the environment and all children have been able to participate and enjoy the programme. Next year we hope to achieve our final award, the Green Flag.

Competitions

During the 2011-2012 school year pupils took part in the following Art Competitions:

- Bible Art Competition
- SELB Christmas Card Competition
Weronika Czerniak, a Year 6 pupil at Ballyoran Primary School won the SELB Christmas Card Competition. Her design appeared on all the cards sent out by the Chief Executive of SELB. This was a great honour for both Weronika and the school. Weronika's prize was a framed copy of her design and £50. The school also received £50.
- Ballyoran Christmas Card Competition
- High Street Mall Mothers' Day Competition
Hollie O'Neill from Year 6 won this competition in which pupils had to draw a

- portrait of their mother. Hollie received a framed copy of her work.
- Credit Union Poster Competition
Again a number of pupils from the school were successful in this competition.

Healthy Breaks

Ballyoran Primary School is a Health Promoting School and is also a 'Boost Better Breaks' School. We have operated a Healthy Breaks Policy for many years. The 2011-2012 saw a change to this policy whereby the Fruit Tuck Shop was replaced by the kitchen who now provide a new Healthy Snack. Pupils in Years 1 – 7 have the opportunity to order a variety of snacks on a daily basis including toast, crackers, pancakes, fruit and orange juice priced at 25p per item.

School Leavers

Twenty-nine Year 7 pupils left Ballyoran Primary School on 29th June 2012, transferring to the following post primary schools:

1. Lismore Comprehensive	11 pupils
2. Drumcree College	8 pupils
3. Brownlow College	5 pupils
4. St. Catherine's, College	1 pupil
5. St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	1 pupil
6. St Patrick's College, Banbridge	1 pupil
7. Killicomaine Junior High School	1 pupil
8. Dungannon Royal	1 pupil

Year 7 Leavers' DVD

Year 7 made a Leavers' Pop DVD in June 2012. This DVD which was of excellent quality was professionally filmed in school over three days and all Year 7 pupils received a copy as a reminder of their last year at Ballyoran Primay School.

Prize Day

Prize Day continues to get bigger and better with more awards each year. The Special Guest for the Foundation/Key Stage One event was Mrs G O'Hanlon, former teacher. Ms G Hall SELB Senior Principal Architect was the special guest for the Key Stage Two event.

School Finance

LMS Budget - Financial Year: April 2011 – March 2012

With the introduction of Local Management of Schools (LMS) each school receives an annual budget, which is largely based on the number of pupils attending the school. Since April 1992 the LMS budget for Ballyoran Primary School has been fully delegated to the Board of Governors.

Please note that the LMS budget report covers the financial year from April to March as distinct from the academic year from September to June.

1. Total Available Budget	£819,971
2. Expenditure	
Staff	£710,660
Running Costs	£69,855
3. Total Expenditure	£780,515
4. Carry over for 2012-2013	£39,456

School Fund Account: 1st September 2011 – 31st July 2012

1. Opening Balance:	£217.13
2. Income:	£10,299.46
3. Expenditure:	£8702.79
3. Closing Balance:	£1,813.80

School Security

DENI 1998 regulations require formal information to be presented regarding school security. Please note the following:

- Visitor access control - during school hours all visitors to school must enter by the front door and report to reception, sign the Visitors' Book and get a Visitors' Pass which must be worn at all times.
- The front doors of the School and the Nursery are protected by electronic access controls.
- A closed circuit television system operates on school premises.
- Secure doors and windows.
- Fire Detection Systems - the school is fitted with a fully functional fire alarm.
- Computer security - information held on computer can only be accessed by using confidential passwords.
- Intruder Alarm - the school is protected by an intruder alarm system.
- Security lights cover the exterior of the building.
- A security fence is in place around the site.

A Security Assessment is carried out annually by the Board of Governors and forwarded to the SELB.

School Premises/Accommodation

The Governors, with the assistance of the SELB Architects and Maintenance Departments continue to upgrade the school building and grounds. Although the day to day management of maintenance issues is delegated to the Principal, each year the Governors carry out an Inspection of Premises.

The following are the main maintenance developments of the 2011-2012 school year:

Refurbishment of School

The school had a major £500,000 refurbishment. This refurbishment came as a result of a Minor Works Application to the SELB. The refurbishment took 6 months beginning in November 2011 and was completed in April 2012. The works necessitated much disruption to the daily operation of the school but the Board of Governors believe that it was worth it. The refurbishment included the following:

- § New Nursery accommodation in the main school – separate entrance, cloakrooms, 2 playrooms with toilets, quiet rooms and stores, Office, Kitchen/Utility and Staff Toilets.
- § Newly refurbished Foundation Stage suite of 3 classrooms with communal Resource Area, toilets, stores and staff toilets.
- § New Link corridor from Office Block to the Nursery and Foundation Stage with space for library area
- § All Key Stage 1 and Key Stage Classes given stores.

- § New Key Stage 1 and 2 toilets
- § New link corridor

The Refurbished school was officially opened by the Minister for Education Mr John O'Dowd on 13th June 2012.

As well as this the school received a grant of approximately £140,000 from the Department of Social Development for a new Community Learning Centre. This has been sited in the old Nursery block and comprises a Community Room, ICT Suite, Interview Room, Toilets, Changing Rooms, Baby Changing facilities and storage as well as more car parking spaces.

The Board of Governors are delighted with the refurbishment and the new Community Learning Centre and wish to thank everyone involved in these projects in particular the SELB Senior Principal Architect Ms Glenda Hall and the SELB Project Manager Mr Colin Bingham, also the contractors Peter O'Hare and Company, Newry. We believe that it gives the school 21st century facilities allowing it to meet the educational challenges of the future with confidence in modern accommodation.

Other Maintenance completed during the year:

- § Refurbishment of old library as new Learning Support Class – new floor, painting, blinds and sink
- § Repainting of all Key Stage 1 and 2 classrooms, cloakroom areas, LSC foyer and toilets
- § New handrail in central area steps and staff car park steps
- § Replacement of exterior brick wall in central area
- § New flower beds
- § Blinds in Senior Block staff toilets
- § Removal of mobile
- § New floors in switch room and Caretaker's store
- § Replacement of fascia at Caretaker's Residence
- § Data projector mounted in assembly hall
- § Data screens mounted in main foyer and Nursery foyer
- § Damaged kerbs replaced
- § Damaged window sill mended

The Board of Governors wish to place on record its thanks to the SELB Maintenance Department for all their support in maintaining the premises during the year.

School Closures: 2011–2012

Holidays for pupils and staff

September	-----
October	31
November	1
December	22 - 30
January	2 - 4
February	16 - 17
March	19
April	5 - 17
May	7
June	4 - 5

Exceptional Closures (approved by Department of Education due to refurbishment relocation)

17th – 18th October 2011 – Whole school

21st – 22nd February 2012 – Nursery only

18th – 20th April 2012 – Primary School

School Development Days – Staff Training

23rd September 2011

5th – 6th January 2012

20th February 2012

30th April 2012