



BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**BOARD OF
GOVERNORS'
ANNUAL REPORT**

2012 - 2013

Excellence – Creativity - Integrity

October 2013

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 Report for 2012 - 2013.

Firstly I want to thank all the staff of Ballyoran Primary School for their hard work, commitment and dedication during the 2012 - 2013 school year. This year has been another busy and challenging year for staff as the school has continued to provide the best possible education for all its pupils in a happy, safe and secure environment.

Next, I want to thank parents and guardians for their support throughout the year which is vital in your child's educational development and without which the school could not function effectively.

My final thanks go to the pupils, without whom there would not be a Ballyoran Primary School, for all that they contributed in making 2012 - 2013 a most enjoyable and memorable year.

As I have already stated the year 2012 - 2013 has been a challenging year but it has also been a very positive year for the school with the official opening of the school's new Community Learning Centre by the Minister for Social Development in October 2012. This represents an investment of £140,000 by the Department of Social Development. This facility is already strengthening the links between the school and the local community and we have partnered with Blossom Sure Start who have set up an In Tune Programme for Two Year Olds in the Community Room.

I would also like to place on record my thanks to Mrs Amy Mallon who retired as a Governor during the 2012 - 2013 year after 17 years of faithful and dedicated service to Ballyoran Primary School. Being a school Governor in this day and age is an important yet challenging role and it must be recognised that it is a voluntary role. Members of the Board of Governors are very grateful to Mrs Mallon for her commitment to the school over these years and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Detailed as this report is, it can only give you a brief insight into the many varied aspects of school life during the 2012 - 2013 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)
Mrs F McKinney
Mrs A Mallon
Mrs H Loney

SELB Representative

Mr E Fleming (Vice Chairman)
Mrs J McKeown

Parent Representative

Mr K O'Connor
Mrs C Dunbar

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 2012 - 2013 school year.

He would also like to add his thanks to that of the Chair to Mrs Mallon for her faithful and dedicated service to Balloran Primary School as a school Governor over these past 17 years and wish her well for the future.

Responsibilities of the Board of Governors

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.

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 2012 - 2013 school year it met 18 times either as a full board or sub committee. The dates of the meetings were as follows:

Full Board:

27th September 2012
25th October 2012
29th November 2012
31st January 2013
7th March 2013
25th April 2013
30th May 2013
18th June 2013

Salary Committee:

25th October 2013
18th June 2013

Staffing Committee:

25th October 2012
8th November 2012
13th February 2013
27th February 2013
25th April 2013
18th June 2013
4th July 2013
29th July 2013

PRSD Review Meeting:

18th June 2013

School Staff 2012-2013

Teaching Staff

Member of Staff

Class/Responsibility

Mr R Woolsey
Miss R Daly/Mrs McGuire

Principal
Vice Principal

Mrs F Mulholland
Mrs J Carson
Mrs C Warnock
Mrs E Mackle
Mrs L Baxter
Miss A Turkington
Mrs B McGinnell

Nursery 1, Nursery Co-ordinator
Nursery 2 (Job Share), Charity Co-ordinator
Nursery 2 (Job Share)
Yr 1, RE Co-ordinator
Yr 1
Yr 2, ICT Co-ordinator
Yr 3, PDMU Co-ordinator, Teacher Tutor, Charity Team

Mrs A McCreesh-West
Miss R Daly/Mrs R McGuire

Yr 4, Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator, Music Co-ordinator
Yr 5, Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator, SENCO, Literacy Co-ordinator, Designated Teacher

Mrs S Brown
Mrs L Walker

Yr 6 (Job Share), Numeracy Co-ordinator
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
Mr R Hendron
Mrs K Barkley

Yr 7 (Job Share)
LSC, PE Co-ordinator, SEN Team
Intensive Support Teacher, Art & Design Co-ordinator, SEN Team

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Auxiliary Staff

Mrs H Stewart
Mrs G Good
Miss J Carson
Mrs S Glavin
Mrs J Huddleson
Mrs J Donnelly
Miss P King
Mrs J Ryans

Nursery Assistant
Nursery Assistant
Yr 1 Classroom Assistant
Yr 2 Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
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 M O'Connor

Cleaner

Mrs D Larkin

Cleaner

Mrs D Larkin

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Mrs M Cusack

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Mrs L Larkin

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Mrs J Breen

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

School Meals Kitchen Staff

Mrs D Campbell

Unit Catering Supervisor

Mrs M Noble

Cook until 30/09/12

Mrs E Murphy

Cook from 01/10/12

Mrs H Culbert

Catering Assistant

Mrs D Rowney

Catering Assistant

Miss Daly our Vice Principal became Mrs McGuire during the 2012 - 2013 school year after her wedding in December 2012. We congratulate her and wish her every happiness for the future.

Thanks

The Board of Governors would like to thank the Principal and all the Staff for their hard work and dedication during the 2012 - 2013 year. They appreciate the efforts of the entire staff who contribute so effectively to the smooth running of a happy 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.

2012 - 2013 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

- Swimming: Years 4 – 7
- Year 7 Victorian Talk
- European Day of Languages
- Polish Lessons: Years 1 – 4
- Gaelic Coaching
- Hospice Coffee Morning
- Year 7 Young Enterprise
- Year 6 Visit Titanic Visitor's Centre
- Annual Book Fair
- PTA AGM
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Individual & Family Photographs
- Pupil Council Visit Civic Centre to meet Mayor
- Year 7 Trip to the Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont
- Official Opening of Community Learning Centre
- Year 4 Enrolment Ceremony
- Year 1 Trip to Tannaghmore Gardens
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- 7 A Side Soccer Competition
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- PSNI Firework Safety Talk
- Non Uniform Rainbow Day for charity
- Mackeys Eye Care in Nursey
- PSNI Car to Year 2
- Anti Bullying Week
- PTA Meetings
- School & SELB Christmas Card Competitions
- Yr 7 Commitment Ceremony
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Nursery Extended Schools Activity – 'Santa's Little Helpers'
- West Midland Theatre Company Show – The King of Copenhagen
- Sleeping Beauty – Market Place Armagh – Years 4 – 7
- Ambulance Visit to Year 2
- Year 1 – 3 Trip to Lisburn Linen Centre
- Netball Tournament
- Open Afternoon
- PTA Christmas Fair
- Canteen Christmas Dinner – pupils and staff
- Christmas Musical Treat with South Ulster Community Band

- Choir and Instrumental Ensemble to Asda, Tesco Craigavon, Tesco Meadows, and Lisnisky Care Home
- Christmas Post
- Christmas Celebration Concert
- PTA Christmas Parties

Spring Term

- Transfer Talks and Open Days/Nights
- Year 2 Young Enterprise
- Year 4 Gaelic Tournament
- Swimming – Years 4 - 7
- Gaelic Coaching
- LSC Dentist Visit
- Year 1 Trip to new Asda store
- Alex & Connie Puppet Show – Years 1 & 2
- 5 A side Soccer Tournament
- Years 6 & 7 Alcohol & Drugs Workshops
- Credit Union Quiz
- Internet Safety Day
- Year 7 Video link with author Marita Conlon McKenna
- Year 7 Mass
- Ceremony of Light – Year 7
- PTA Meetings
- PTA Winter Draw
- CRED: Community Relations Equality and Diversity - Cross Community Project with Bocombra PS
- Dental Visit to LSC
- PSNI Internet Safety Talk
- STEM Science Lessons – Years 2, 3 & 7
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- Healthy Living Day
- Confirmation
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- World Book Day
- Diocesan RE Visit
- 7 A Side Soccer Tournament – Lurgan Junior High School
- Yr 4 Mass – Penance Theme
- Moy Park Challenge - Year 6
- St Patrick's Day Celebration & Dancing Festival
- First Confession – Year 4
- Nursery Trip to Tannaghmore Gardens
- PTA Movie Night

Summer Term

- Gaelic Coaching
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Portadown Dancing Festival
- Drumcree College Multi Cultural Day – Year 7
- Nurse Medicals
- Best Kept School Awards Judging
- PTA Meetings
- Year 5 Gaelic Blitz St John's
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Year 5 Fire and Rescue Service Talk
- Year 7 Cycling Proficiency
- Nursery Outing to Tannaghmore Gardens
- Young Enterprise – Years 3, 4 & 6
- Surestart Speech and Language in Nursery
- Brownlow 6 A Side Tournament
- Ballyoran Gaelic Blitz
- Maths Show
- PSNI CASE Programme – Year 7
- Filming for Year 7 DVD
- First Holy Communion followed by Celebration in Pastoral Centre
- Show – A Twist In Time – Yrs 1 – 7
- Sports Day
- Credit Union Prize Giving
- Class/Group Photographs
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Swimming Gala
- Assessment Week
- Walk to School Week
- Shannaghmore & Manchester Information Evening
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- Eco Day
- Year 1 Induction Meeting
- Shannaghmore Residential – Year 7
- Eco Green Flag Assessment
- Trocaire Enough Food for Everyone Assembly & Workshops
- Sponsored Walk in Gosford Forest Park
- Manchester Residential – Years 6 & 7
- Browlow Cup 7 A Side
- Year 2 Trip to Oxford Island
- Year 5 Trip to Lisburn Cinema and Pool
- Year 7 Trip to Lisburn Cinema and Pool
- Year 7 Transition Talk
- Year 3 Trip to W5
- Year 4 Trip to Newry Funhouse

- Year 6 Trip to Dundonald Ice Bowl
- Year 1 Trip to Clementsmount Farm
- LSC Trip to Lisburn Cinema and Wallace Park
- Love For Life Conference – Year 7
- Entrance Tests – Year 7
- Nursery Induction Meeting
- Sports Day Award Ceremony
- Annual Nursery Graduation
- Annual Prize Day
- Year 7 Leavers Photograph
- Year 7 Talent Show
- Class Changes
- PTA Crazy Hair & Silly Hats Day

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Use of Baker Days & School Development Days 2012 - 2013

Date	Type of Day	Inset	Venue
28/08/12	Baker Day	SLT Classroom Preparation	In School
29/08/12	Baker Day	Staff Meeting Fire Safety Training	In School
30/08/12	Baker Day	Numeracy Recovery Classroom Preparation	In School
31/08/12	Baker Day	Classroom Preparation	In School
21/09/12	School Development Day	Effective Use of Data – Yrs 3 - 7 Nursery & Foundation Stage Development	In School
05/11/12	School Development Day	SEN Literacy Continued Professional Development The Arts Yearly Overview	In School
20/02/13	School Development Day	Assessment of Cross Curricular Skills – ICT	In School
03/05/13	School Development Day	SEN Literacy Continued Professional Development	In School
10/06/13	School Development Day	Reporting to Parents	In School

Staff were involved in the following training and development during the 2012 - 2013 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
 - § SEN Literacy CPD
 - § Reading Partnership
 - § Co-ordinator's Cluster

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

- Ø ICT
 - § Assessment of Cross Curricular Skills
 - § 'My School' Familiarisation Course
 - § Fronter
 - § Annual Statistical Returns
 - § SIMs

- Ø TWAU
 - § Planning
 - § STEM Science

- Ø SEN
 - § SEN Literacy CPD
 - § ASD
 - § LSC Clusters
 - § SECO Clusters
 - § LSC SEN Framework for Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities
 - § Regional Implementation of the Proposed SpLD Support Model

- Ø Leadership
 - § School Development Planning
 - § Chief Inspector's Report
 - § Enhancing Leadership to Promote Learning
 - § Inspection

- Ø Nursery
 - § Clusters

- Ø PE
 - § Planning
 - § Safe Practice

- Ø Assessment
 - § Effective use of Data
 - § CBA On-Line Training
 - § Q Skills Awareness
 - § Internal Standardisation - Writing

- Ø Pastoral Care
 - § Staff Fire Safety Training
 - § Child Protection – Designated Teacher Refresher Training
 - § LAC Personal Education Plan
 - § Staff Child Protection Mop Up
 - § Behaviour Support
 - § Use of Automated External Defibrillator
 - § First Aid At Work

- Ø CRED

- Ø Art & Design
 - § Printing

- Ø Early Professional Development

- Ø Inclusion & Diversity
 - § Modelling Language for the Newcomer Child

- Ø Extended Schools

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.

Early Professional Development

Miss Turkington completed her Early Professional Development (EPD) during the 2012 - 2013 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

Language & Literacy

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

- All teachers completed the online SEN CPD Literacy project in association with Stranmillis University College and funded by DENI. The seven sessions featured the latest research and knowledge in the field of addressing Literacy difficulties. Each teacher received a certificate to verify completion of this course.
- Mrs McGuire and Mrs Walker participated in the SEN CPD Literacy project as specialist teachers and attended seven sessions after school in Beechlawn Special School. These sessions were based on the nature of dyslexia and supporting pupils with SpLD and dyslexia.
- Assessment material to the value of £1000 was given to Ballyoran Primary School by the SEN CPD Literacy project.
- End of Key Stage results in Literacy continue to be in harmony with the Northern Ireland average.
- All teachers assessed their pupils in Communication using the Cross Curricular Skills levels of progression.
- Literacy Co-ordinator carried out two Literacy Book Scoops and provided verbal and written feedback.
- PM Benchmarking was carried out by Mrs Barkley to ensure consistency.
- Year 4 novels to the value of £500 were purchased with profits from the Book Fair.
- Teachers continued to tweak their planning to suit the needs and levels of ability within their class.
- The Literacy co-ordinator spent 4 days reviewing and rewriting the Literacy Policy.

Reading Partnership continued with Mrs Huddleson, Mrs Glavin, Miss King and Mrs Ryans. Twenty pupils benefited from this one-to-one reading support programme which was funded through Extended Schools. Data from initial and final testing verified pupils involved had made significant improvements in reading.

The 'Hi Five' Literacy project funded under Neighbourhood Renewal by the Department of Social Development continued. This mainly involved Key Stage 2 pupils working in target groups of three for a period of ten weeks with Mrs Huddleson. Nine pupils benefited from this support programme and all pupils made notable progress.

Mathematics and Numeracy

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

- On analysis of PIM results from May 2011, the area of Solving Routine Problems was an area of weakness in all classes. It was decided that this would be our focus for improvement in Numeracy for the academic year 2012 - 2013. In many cases, the pupils were unable to identify the operation they needed to use, but once guided could perform the pencil and paper calculations. It was decided that all staff would teach children how to tackle such problems.

- ‘Processes’ lesson taught once a week in all classes covering the 7 strategies. The pupils are more familiar with the strategies and consequently are more confident in selecting the appropriate strategy and using relevant mathematical language.
- Mental Maths continued to be an integral part of all maths lessons. This consistent approach was introduced through effective planning, teaching and monitoring. Mental Maths Core Competences emphasize 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 as evidenced during PRSD observations in Years 3 - 7.
- All staff (Years 3 - 7) completed PRSD with common Numeracy target on ‘Solving Word Problems’. Children have become more familiar with selecting/highlighting relevant information/language and using this to establish the answer. The pupils demonstrated an increased awareness of how to tackle such problems and were able to identify the most appropriate mathematical operation to use in order to solve the problem. Years 3 - 7 are currently building up a bank of such problems at appropriate levels. Heinemann Maths Plus scheme ‘Word Problems’ has been introduced in Years 3-7 and are being used on a weekly basis. There is progression within the scheme.
- End of Key Stage results in Numeracy continue to be in harmony with the Northern Ireland average.
- All teachers assessed their pupils in Using Maths using the Cross Curricular Skills levels of progression.
- Two Book Scoops were carried out by the Numeracy co-ordinator and feedback given to individual teachers.
- The Numeracy co-ordinator spent 4 days reviewing and rewriting the Numeracy Policy in light of current curriculum stipulations.

ICT

ICT is a cross-curricular skill within the Curriculum and enjoyed by all children in all year groups in the school. Our ICT Suite continues to be well used by all children, providing an excellent environment for pupils to learn and improve their ICT skills.

During 2012 - 2013 we reviewed our whole school ICT planning and each teacher has been given their own scheme for ICT. This will ensure that all children are provided with appropriate opportunities to develop the range of necessary ICT skills with consistency and progression.

C2K have also introduced a new gateway called ‘My School’. During 2012 - 2013 Miss Turkington and Mr Woolsey attended training on this. Miss Turkington also received further training on ‘Fronter’, a programme for staff and children which can be used through ‘My School’. This is in preparation for the roll out of a new ICT infrastructure to every school in Northern Ireland.

The World Around US

- Teachers in Years 1 - 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.
- During the school 2013-2013 three classes within the school (Years 2, 3 and 7) availed of the expertise of Mr John McComb from STEM. Over the course of 4 weeks, Mr McComb taught a series of Science lessons in each of these year groups with the class teachers observing and participating. As a result of this input, it was decided that the third WAU topic taught in each year group, should be a purely Science based topic, in order to address the fact that Science is often the element in WAU that receives the least attention.

In light of the above, the Science co-ordinator was given a number of days during the third term to begin writing up a series of Science lessons for different year groups within the school. To date, Science topics have been completed for the following year groups: Years 7, 6, 5 and 3.

PDMU

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

The Heart Start programme was introduced and delivered to Years 1 – 7 by Mrs Stewart. It teaches pupils simple Emergency Life Support skills to help them know what to do in a life-threatening emergency. Pupils greatly enjoyed this, with one Year 7 pupil getting to use what she had learnt when her mother fell ill at home.

Years 2 - 7 took part in the Young Enterprise Programme. Pupils worked together through a series of engaging activity based sessions which was supported by a comprehensive programme and support materials through which they develop key skills and open their eyes to the exciting world of enterprise. This programme was delivered by volunteers from the local business community who come into school. During the

2012 - 2013 school year the school was one of only three schools in the SELB to be recognised with a prestigious Young Enterprise Centre of Excellence Award which was presented to the school by the President of Portadown Chamber of Commerce.

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

A scheme was put in place for Years 1 – 7 based on the Fundamental Movement Skills Programme. Following the Northern Ireland Curriculum, pupils do activities in Athletics, Dance, Games and Gymnastics.

Swimming instruction was provided again for Years 4 - 7 children throughout the year at Cascades Leisure Centre. It is 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 2013, the school held its own Swimming Gala for Year 6 and Year 7 pupils for which medals were awarded at the End of Year Sports Award Ceremony.

RE

Pupils continued to follow the 'Alive O' programme in RE from Years 1 - 7. The resources were again sponsored by Drumcree Parish and we are grateful to Father O'Dwyer for this. Children not wishing to be prepared for the sacraments covered a range of Bible stories.

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 following Nursery development took place during the 2012 - 2013 school year.

- § Reviewed short term planning
- § Reviewed observation books
- § Developed ICT skills
- § Developed opportunities for more parental involvement in school
- § Reviewed Nursery policies
- § Promoted Nursery

The Nursery visited Tannaghmore Gardens and Peter Pan's.

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

Special Educational Needs

The good practice within SEN and support from outside agencies continued throughout the 2012–2013 academic year.

- The most significant action was the teachers' involvement and completion of the online SEN CPD Literacy project in association with Stranmillis University College and funded by DENI. The main aim of this course was to further develop teachers' skill and knowledge in identifying literacy difficulties early and plan appropriate interventions.
- Mrs McGuire and Mrs Walker participated in the SEN CPD Literacy project as specialist teachers and attended seven sessions after school in Beechlawn Special School and Summer School at Stranmillis in August 2013.
- Assessment material to the value of £1000 was given to Ballyoran Primary School by the SEN CPD Literacy project.
- Mrs Barkley worked with pupils in Intensive Support lessons that had been identified as possible underachievers in Literacy and Numeracy. This proved extremely worthwhile as confirmed by initial and final data. Also, written evaluations by Mrs Barkley highlighted the continuing success of Intensive Support.

Assessment and Reporting

The following Assessment work took place:

- Data from 2012 shared with all staff and analysed
- Targets and priorities for improvement were set using the data
- Pupils were targeted for improvement using the data
- CBA (Computer Based Assessments) 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 ICT
- Standardised Assessment Week in May – Year 3 pupils were tested using NRIT IQ Test
- All parents received a written Annual Report in June which was in line with the Department of Education's legal requirements for reporting.

2012 - 2013 Statutory End of Key Stage Assessment Results

LEVELS AT END OF KEY STAGE 1

COMMUNICATION

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 1 (Yr 4)	
	Level 2 and above
Ballyoran Summary	79%
N. Ireland Summary	89.5%

USING MATHEMATICS

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 1 (Yr 4)	
	Level 2 and above
Ballyoran Summary	74%
N. Ireland Summary	90.22%

LEVELS AT END OF KEY STAGE 2

COMMUNICATION

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 2 (Yr 7)	
	Level 4 and above
Ballyoran Summary	65%
N. Ireland Summary	76.55%

USING MATHEMATICS

Percentage of pupils in the final year of Key Stage 2 (Yr 7)	
	Level 4 and above
Ballyoran Summary	82%
N. Ireland Summary	77.93%

Pastoral Care & Child Protection

During the 2012 - 2013 the following developments took place:

- Child Protection Refresher Training for Designated Teacher
- Child Protection Policy reviewed
- Health & Safety Policy reviewed
- First Aid Policy reviewed
- The school purchased an AED Automated External Defibrillator which has been placed in the staffroom. Six staff were trained in its use.

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 2012 - 2013 were as follows:

Class		
Yr 7	Niamh Garland, Chairperson	Charlie Larkin, Vice Chairperson
Yr 6	Emma Dunbar, Secretary	Adam Millar
Yr 5	Courtney Sharpe	Reghan McKinstry
Yr 4	Emma-Rose White-Trainor	Victor Guerra
Yr 3	Evie Judge	Tiernan Brennan
LSC	Shola Heath	William Shortland

House System

The House Competition continued during the 2012 - 2013 school year. All of the pupils in Years 1 – 7 are placed in one of the following houses:

1. Bann
2. Lagan
3. Foyle

Points are 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 Foyle, was recognised at Prize Day in June. Pupils elected a Captain and Vice captain for each House as follows:

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Bann	Cloda Girvan	Courtney Castles
Foyle	Niamh Garland	Shannon Hughes
Lagan	Zuzanna Osinska	Helena Santos

Enrolment

Enrolment at 30th June 2013

Nursery	Primary	LSC	Total
52	162	9	223

Attendance

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

Average Attendance % for 2012 - 2013: 92.1%

This was a drop of 1% on the previous year. Also the number of pupils receiving prizes for 100% attendance at Prize Day dropped on the previous year. However on the positive side, Sarah Hendron (Year 7) received a special award on Prize Day for not missing a day at school, during her seven years at Ballyoran Primary School. This is the first time in recent years that this has happened and we congratulate Sarah on this amazing achievement as well as thanking her mother.

When compared to schools in a similar Free School Meals band we are above 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 ensuring good attendance. Attendance levels are proof that pupils want to be in school every day because staff are making their educational experience motivating, interesting and meaningful.

Punctuality

Punctuality continues to be good for the vast majority of pupils 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, is not only 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 2012 - 2013 year.

PTA (Parent/Teacher Association)

The PTA continued to develop.

Office bearers

- Mrs C Dunbar - Chairperson
- Mrs A Kelly - Vice Chairperson
- Mr R Woolsey - Secretary
- Mrs Garland – Treasurer

The projects were as follows:

- One Movie Night
- Christmas Cards
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas Parties
- Winter Draw
- Crazy Hair and Silly Hats Day

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.

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.

An Open Afternoon was held in December.

A new Nursery Prospectus was designed.

Additional Parents' Meetings – Years 6 & 7 Residentials

Parents were invited in for a Christmas Concert, Refreshments after First Holy Communion, St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Irish Dancing Festival, Sports Day and Open Afternoon and Prize Day.

Formal Parent/Teacher Meetings were held in October and March. The uptake was very pleasing with 88% of parents attending in October and 86% 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 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 2012 - 2013 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 Minister for Social Development, Mr Nelson McCausland officially opened the new Community Learning Centre at Ballyoran Primary School on Thursday 11th October 2012. The new facility comprises an ICT Suite, multi purpose Community Room, Interview Room, toilets, changing rooms and baby changing facilities. The Community Learning Centre is used by the school during the day and is available for the local community to use both inside and outside school hours. Blossom Surestart are already using the Community Room three days each week to house one of their In Tune Programmes for Two Year olds and the school has hosted an ICT Beginner's Course for adults. Anyone wishing to book the new centre should contact the school office.

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 Craigavon), Asda 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.
- Supported St Mary's Youth Club through Extended Schools.

Student Placements

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

- Ø Stranmillis University College - 5 students
- Ø Queen's University – 1 student
- Ø Southern Regional College – 6 students
- Ø Drumcree College - 2 students
- Ø St Catherine's College – 2 students
- Ø Craigavon Senior High School – 1 student

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 pupils also brought in food items for Christmas Hampers which were made and distributed to senior citizens in the local area.

The following charities were supported:

1. Southern Area Hospice	£85	(Staff Coffee Morning)
2. Poppy Appeal	£36.95	(Collection)
3. Children's Rainbow Project	£327.30	(Non Uniform Day)
4. Action MS	£1,576.68	(Sponsored Walk)
5. Parish Romanian Orphanage Appeal		(Copper Collection)

Book Fair

From Monday 6th October to Friday 10th October 2012 we held our annual Scholastic Book Fair in our new Central Library Area located near the entrance to the Nursery. There were over 200 titles to choose from and book prices started at £2.99. There was also a colourful selection of posters and stationery, always very popular. Year 7 pupils really enjoyed the experience of organizing and running the Book Fair which was a great success, raising in the region of £700. A huge thank-you must go to all the pupils, parents and friends who supported our Book Fair; this meant lots of extra books for our school. Mrs McGuire, Literacy Coordinator, was able to target Key Stage 2 with a boost of high interest books for lower level readers.

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 and Poland. 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

Nineteen 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 11th May 2013 and the celebration after the service was held in the Pastoral Centre and was very well attended.

Twenty-one Year 7 pupils were prepared for Confirmation which took place on Sunday 2nd March 2013. 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 enjoy the Community Relations Equality and Diversity (CRED) Programme with our partner school Bocombra Primary School.

Year 1 participated in drama and music activities led by the Armagh Rhymers in the story of Finn McCool. Year 2 took part in a French Language Day. Year 3 enjoyed a Craft Day based on the theme of St. Patrick. Year 4 participated in a comprehensive P.E. programme. Years 5 and 6 developed their football skills and participated in a Football Tournament. Year 7 used the theme of Easter to inspire their Art Day activities.

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. We believe our community relations work makes a valuable contribution to curriculum provision which is further developed through PDMU.

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 school has partnered with Blossom Sure Start in setting up an 'In Tune' Programme for Two Year Olds in the Community Room in the new Community Learning Centre in the 2012 - 2013 year.

External Coaches in School

Pupils from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 benefited from a wide variety of coaches who visited 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.
- § IFA coach Nadine Murphy provided coaching for Year 1 and year 2 pupils throughout the year.

Shannaghmore Residential

From 29th – 31st May 2013, Year 6 and 7 pupils took part in a residential trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre. 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. Most pupils agreed that one of the highlights was a very interesting and informative walk along the beach at Dundrum on the first evening of our trip.

Manchester Residential

A very memorable and successful school trip to Manchester for nineteen pupils and four members of staff took place in June 2013. The itinerary was very exciting and included:

- Coach from Ballyoran PS to Dun Laoghaire and vice versa
- Boat sailing from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead and vice versa
- Coach from Holyhead to Manchester and vice versa
- Three night stay in Park Inn Hotel in Leigh, Greater Manchester
- Activities in the Lowry Art Museum

- Tour of the Science Museum
- Lunch in the BBC gardens and a tour of the Dr Who exhibition
- Day trip to Alton Towers
- Guided tour of Liverpool Football Club
- Bowling in Wigan

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 2012 - 2013 school year:

- Breakfast Club
- Kids' Club
- Gaelic
- Soccer
- Choir
- Recorder
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Irish Folk 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 2012 - 2013 school year.

Choir/Instrumental Ensemble

Mrs McCreesh-West has continued to conduct the School Choir and Instrumental Ensemble.

In the Autumn Term, the School Choir and Recorder Ensemble performed Christmas Carols at Tesco (Meadows Shopping Centre), Tesco (Craigavon) and Lisnisky Care Home. These events were a great opportunity to establish links with our local community.

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

In the Spring/Summer Term, the School Choir and Recorder Ensemble provided the music for the Liturgy at the Ballyoran Primary School Children's First Holy Communion

Mass. They also provided some of the Liturgical singing and instrumental music for the Parish Confirmation.

Music continues 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 with some pupils beginning to work towards 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 Breakfast Club was opened to Nursery pupils for the first time.

Homework Club

The Homework Club continued into its second year and was open to Year 4 – 7 pupils. Pupils were 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. In the Brownlow Cup, Ballyoran qualified from their group and only narrowly lost out in the semi final.

Gaelic Club

Gaelic practice took place on Thursdays for boys and girls throughout the year under the direction of Paul Carvill and Stephen Mc Cann, assisted by Mr Hendron. The core group of pupils who attended regularly showed a pleasing improvement in skills as the year went on. Year 3 pupils were offered after school Gaelic for the first time and this proved to be very popular on Thursday afternoons. Each class (Year 3 – 7), received a 6 week block of lessons at the end of which they took part in a tournament with other local schools. The boys 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 Maghery 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 Folk Dancing Club

Last year, Irish Folk Dancing ran every Wednesday from 3pm to 3.45pm from October to March. The club's year culminated in our Annual Festival/Celebration which coincided with St. Patrick's Day. This was a new venture for us as we included dancing competitions with a simple programme of Irish music, provided by Mrs McCreesh-West and display dancing from Keelin Brennan, Year 6. The club met in the canteen area every week with a selection of 18 pupils from Year 4 to Year 7. Some pupils also entered Portadown Festival in 2013 and gained some experience competing against other Primary Schools from as far away as Belfast.

Cookery Club

Year 4 pupils got the opportunity to attend the Cookery Club with Mrs Carson on Thursdays in Term 2. They enjoyed making buns, pancakes and fresh fruit salad.

Year 5 children attended Cookery Club on Wednesdays in Term 3 with Mrs Mackle.

ICT Club

In Term 1, Year 4 and 5 pupils attended an ICT Club in the ICT Suite with Mr Woolsey. Pupils were involved in designing a range of posters as for the Eco Committee.

In Term 3, Year 5 -7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed developing their ICT skills with Mrs McGuire. The focus was on typing skills which was explored through animation and games on the BBC Touch Typing website.

Recorder Club

Year 4 pupils attended Recorder Club on Wednesdays in Term 3 with Mrs Mulholland.

French Club

Year 4 - 7 pupils enjoyed a French Club with Mrs Baxter on Wednesdays in Terms 2 and 3.

Netball Club

Netball, coached by Miss Turkington, continued to be a popular extra curricular activity during the school year. It was open to Year 6 and 7 girls and took place each Friday afternoon. The girls were very enthusiastic and enjoyed attending each week, developing ball skills and good sportsmanship qualities by playing matches against each other. At the end of Term 1 the girls had the opportunity to attend a tournament in Craigavon Leisure Centre which was attended by other netball teams from a range of local primary schools. This provided the girls with the opportunity to gain experience of playing matches and also to meet children from other local schools.

Drama Club

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

Art Club

Year 6 and Year 7 pupils participated in Art Club with Mrs Barkley by doing craft activities based on the theme of Christmas. Their festive work was displayed in the Assembly Hall and Community Learning Centre.

Eco Committee

Year 3 – 7 Eco Committee members attended meetings with Miss Turkington regularly.

Year 7	Niamh Garland	Hollie O'Neill	Zuzanna Osinska
Year 6	Emma Larkin	Catherine Hendron	
Year 5	Oliwia Osinska	Calum Caulfield	
Year 4	Aidan Kelly	Shay Kelly	Emma-Rose White-Trainor

Cycling Proficiency Scheme

Year 7 pupils took part in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme with Mrs McGinnell. The training took place within the school grounds and helped them as cyclists to identify the risks that they encounter on the roads. During the school year four children from Year 7 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
7. St Mary's Youth Club

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
- § Nursery Christmas Workshop
- § Year 7 Leavers' DVD

Eco Schools

2012 - 2013 was an important year for our school in relation to the Eco Schools Programme as we were working towards achieving the final award, the Green Flag. In order to achieve this award the Eco Club worked with all the children in the school to carry out various activities. Three projects were planned and undertaken by Miss Turkington and the Eco Club in order to achieve the Green Flag. First, the school took part in a 'Save Energy' campaign in order to reduce the amount of energy used in the school and also to save money. Secondly, the Eco Club introduced a 'Healthy Living' campaign encouraging all pupils to live a healthier lifestyle. As part of this we had a 'Healthy Living Day' through which all classes took part in healthy living activities with the assistance of coaches from the Irish Football Association. Finally, for our third project, we created an Eco Garden in our school grounds. We applied for funding through the HSBC and received £2335. We used this money to buy picnic tables, plants, planters and tools to create our Eco Garden. HSBC volunteers and staff from Oxford Island came to the school for the day at the end of May to help set up the garden. The

Eco-Club worked with the staff and volunteers and our Eco Garden was created. It is now a valued part of our school and used by all classes.

On the completion of our three projects we could then apply to be assessed for our Green Flag. Two assessors came to the school at the end of May and were given a tour by the Eco Club who also informed them of the projects which had been undertaken. The assessors were extremely impressed by the hard work which had gone into each project and awarded the school the Green Flag.

Competitions

During the 2012 - 2013 school year pupils took part in the following Art Competitions:

Date	Competition	Classes
September 2012	Waterfront 'Sleeping Beauty Colouring Competition	Years 3 - 7 & LSC
November 2012	Ballyoran Christmas Card Competition	Years 1 -7 & LSC
November 2012	Credit Union Poster Competition	Year 3, Year 7 & LSC

Healthy Breaks

Ballyoran Primary School is a Health Promoting School as well as a 'Boost Better Breaks' School and has operated a Healthy Breaks Policy for many years. Pupils continue to get the opportunity to buy a Healthy Snack each day from the canteen including toast, crackers, pancakes, fruit and orange juice priced at 25p per item. The school also started offering pupils the opportunity to buy milk as part of the European Milk Subsidy Scheme during the 2012 - 2013 year.

School Leavers

Twenty-one Year 7 pupils left Ballyoran Primary School on 28th June 2013, transferring to the following six post primary schools:

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| 1. Brownlow College | 5 pupils |
| 2. Ceara Special School, Lurgan | 2 pupils |
| 3. Drumcree College | 5 pupils |
| 4. Lismore Comprehensive | 4 pupils |
| 5. St. Catherine's, College | 2 pupils |
| 6. St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon | 3 pupils |

The Board of Governors wish these pupils well for the next stage of their education and thank them for all that they have contributed to Ballyoran Primary School during their time here.

Year 7 Leavers' DVD

Year 7 made a Leavers' Pop DVD in June 2013. 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 Marta Jaworska, Year 1 – 4 Polish teacher. Miss Kate Richardson, who has rowed the Atlantic Ocean, was special guest for the Key Stage Two event.

School Finance

LMS Budget - Financial Year: April 2012 – March 2013

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	£875,404
2. Expenditure	
Staff	£721,718
Running Costs	£86,584.68
3. Total Expenditure	£808,302.68
4. Carry over for 2013-2014	£67,101.32

School Fund Account: 1st September 2012 – 31st July 2013

1. Opening Balance:	£1,813.80
2. Income:	£21,173.07
3. Expenditure:	£20,983.98
3. Closing Balance:	£2,002.89

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, Nursery and Community Learning Centre are protected by electronic access controls.
- A closed circuit television system operates inside and outside 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 refurbishment of the school was completed with the following work being carried out by SELB Architects Department:

- § Refurbishment of staff toilets
- § Refurbishment of LSC toilets
- § Walkway closed in between canteen and senior block

The following were the main maintenance developments of the 2012 - 2013 school year:

- § Room 11 – new vinyl floor and repainted
- § Staff Room – new wooden floor and repainted
- § Heating zoned in Community Learning Centre
- § New sink unit in Community Room
- § Steps repointed at main car park
- § Mobile removed
- § New Noticeboards put up
- § Interactive Whiteboard in Year 2
- § Lines on assembly hall floor
- § New Internal and External CCTV system installed
- § Bin Cage

- § New keypad lock in ICT Suite, Caretaker's Store and Cleaners' Stores
- § New Play Area for Surestart
- § New flower bed at front of school
- § Fire Alarm call point covers
- § 'Sun Safe' signs
- § Eco Garden
- § Snags from major refurbishment

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: 2012–2013

Holidays for pupils and staff

September	-
October	31
November	1, 2
December	24 – 28, 31
January	1 - 4
February	18 - 19
March	18, 28 - 29
April	1 - 5
May	6, 27
June	-

School Development Days – Staff Training

21st September 2012
 5th November 2012
 20th February 2013
 3rd May 2013
 10th June 2013