



BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS'
ANNUAL REPORT**

2014 - 2015

Excellence – Creativity – Integrity

December 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

As Chairperson of the Board of Governors of Ballyoran Primary School it gives me great pleasure to present you with our Annual Report for 2014-2015.

Firstly I want to thank all the staff of Ballyoran Primary School for their hard work, commitment and dedication, frequently beyond the school day, during 2014-2015. This has been another busy 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 a child's educational development and without which the school could not function effectively.

Thanks must also go to the pupils, without whom there would not be a Ballyoran Primary School, for all that they contributed in making 2014-2015 a most enjoyable and memorable year.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Governors who have faithfully served the school over this past year. Mrs McCreesh-West stood down as a Governor after 10 years of service and I would like to place on record my thanks to her.

Detailed as this report is, it can only give you a brief insight into the many varied aspects of school life during the 2014-2015 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

Eamonn Fleming
Chairperson of the Board of Governors

Ballyoran Primary School Board of Governors: 2014-2015

Transferor Representatives

Rev Canon Jim Campbell
Mrs Hazel Loney (Vice-Chairperson)
Mrs Enid Jennett
Rev Christina Bradley

Education Authority –Southern Region Representatives

Mr Eamonn Fleming (Chairperson)
Mrs Jackie McKeown

Parent Representatives

Mr Kevin O'Connor
Mrs Catherine Dunbar

Teacher Representative

Mrs Aine McCreesh-West (until December 2014)
Mrs Roisin McGuire (from March 2015)

Secretary

Mr Richard 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 2014-2015 school year.

He would also like to add his thanks to that of the Chairperson to Mrs McCreesh-West for her faithful and dedicated service as Teacher Representative on the Board of Governors over these past 10 years.

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 EA-SR).
- 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 2014-2015 school year it met 11 times either as a full board or sub committee. The dates of the meetings were as follows:

Full Board:

25th September 2014
25th November 2014
22nd January 2015
23rd March 2015
30th April 2015
28th May 2015

Salary Committee:

25th September 2014
28th May 2015

Staffing Committee:

8th June 2015
18th June 2015

PRSD Review Meeting:

28th May 2015

School Staff 2014-2015

Teaching Staff

Member of Staff

Class/Responsibility

Mr R Woolsey
Mrs R McGuire

Principal
Vice Principal
Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator, SENCO, Literacy
Co-ordinator, Deputy Designated Teacher

Mrs F Mulholland
Mrs J Carson
Mrs K Wells
Mrs E Mackle

Nursery 1, Nursery Co-ordinator
Nursery 2 (Job Share), Charity Co-ordinator
Nursery 2 (Job Share)
Yr 1, Foundation Stage Co-ordinator, RE
Co-ordinator
Yr 1, ICT Co-ordinator
Yr 2, PDMU Co-ordinator, Teacher Tutor
Yr 3, Inclusion & Diversity Co-ordinator
Yr 3, Eco Co-ordinator
Yr 4, Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator, Music Co-ordinator
Yr 5, Pupil Council Co-ordinator
Yr 6 (Job Share), Numeracy Co-ordinator
Yr 5/6 (Job Share), World Around Us Co-ordinator
Yr 7 (Job Share), Designated Teacher, Drama Co-ordinator, Library Co-ordinator
Yr 7 (Job Share)
LSC, PE Co-ordinator, SEN Team
Intensive Support Teacher, Assessment
Co-ordinator, Art & Design Co-ordinator, SEN
Team

Mrs A Biggerstaff
Mrs B McGinnell
Mrs H McGibbon
Miss R Colgan
Mrs A McCreesh-West
Mr A Skeffington
Mrs S Brown
Mrs L Walker
Mrs B Heaney

Mrs L Martin
Mr R Hendron
Mrs K Barkley

Auxiliary Staff

Mrs H Stewart
Mrs G Good
Miss J Carson
Mrs S Glavin
Mrs J Huddleson
Mrs J Donnelly
Mrs M Bell
Miss N Calvert
Miss A Dixon
Mrs N Fusco
Mrs L Molloy
Mrs J Breen

Nursery Assistant
Nursery Assistant
Yr 1 Classroom Assistant
Yr 2 Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant until Sept 2014
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant
SEN Classroom Assistant

Mrs R Tedford
Mrs T Milligan

Secretary – Executive Officer
Clerical Officer

Ancillary Staff

Mr P Creaney

Building Supervisor

Mrs C McShane
Miss S Henderson
Miss J Davis
Mrs M O'Connor
Mrs D Larkin

Cleaner
Cleaner
Cleaner until Feb 2015
Cleaner
Cleaner

Mrs D Larkin
Mrs M Cusack
Mrs L Larkin
Mrs J Breen

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant
Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant
Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant
Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

School Meals Kitchen Staff

Mrs D Campbell
Mrs E Murphy
Mrs H Culbert
Mrs D Rowney

Unit Catering Supervisor
Cook
Catering Assistant
Catering Assistant

Staff Changes

A number of staff left Ballyoran Primary School during the 2014-2015 school year:

- Mrs Carson retired at the end of June 2015 after 27 years' service. The majority of this time was spent teaching in the Nursery.
- Mrs Huddleson left the school in September 2014 after 15 years as a Classroom Assistant.
- Miss Davis left her post as a Cleaner in February 2015 after 10 years.
- Mr Skeffington left the school in June 2015 after two years teaching in Year 5.
- Miss Colgan left in June 2015 after one year teaching Year 3.
- Miss Carbery left in June 2015 after one year as a Classroom Assistant.

The Board of Governors would like to thank each of these members of staff for all that they have given to Ballyoran Primary School and wish them well 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 2014-2015 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

The Vision of the school was reviewed during 2013-2014 and the new Vision is as follows:

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

We celebrate each person as an individual and as a valued member of our school and wider community.

In an atmosphere of tolerance and trust, we actively encourage respect, self-worth, independence, team spirit, imagination, creativity and fun.

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.

2014-2015 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
- European Day of Languages
- Gaelic Coaching
- Hospice Coffee Morning
- Book Fair
- Soccer Festival
- Parents & Friends Meetings
- Pupil Council Meetings
- PSNI and Fire and Rescue Service Firework Safety Talk
- Flu Vaccinations
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Anti-Slavery Day Assembly
- School and SELB Christmas Card Competitions
- Credit Union Poster Competition
- Year 1 trip to Tannaghmore Gardens
- Years 2, 6 & 7 Young Enterprise
- Year 5 Fire and Rescue Service Visit
- Year 4 Art Workshop – Armagh County Museum
- Year 7 Day at Brownlow College
- Individual and Family Photographs
- Year 3 Art Workshop Millennium Court
- Readathon
- Thorp Family from USA Visit
- Year 4 Enrolment Ceremony
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Nursery Visit from Mackey Eye Care
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Soccer Friendly v Dickson PS
- Years 4 & 5 Litter Education Programme
- Year 4 Tesco ‘Farm to Fork’ Visit
- West Midland Theatre Company Show – ‘The Firebird’
- Year 7 Commitment Ceremony
- Nursery Extended Schools Workshop – ‘Santa’s Little Helpers’
- Years 3 – 7 Christmas Pantomime - Market Place Theatre, Armagh
- Parents & Friends Christmas Fair
- Nursery Workshop Crotchets & Quavers
- Year 7 trip to Belfast
- Canteen Christmas Dinner – pupils and staff
- Jo Jingles in Nursery

- Christmas Show
- Christmas Disco
- Christmas Musical Treat with South Ulster Community Band
- Choir and Instrumental Ensemble to Tesco Rushmere & Tesco Meadows
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Post
- Parents & Friends Christmas Parties

Spring Term

- Transfer Talks and Open Days/Nights
- Years 6 & 7 Alcohol & Drugs Workshops
- Swimming – Years 4 - 7
- CRED – Years 2, 3 & 4
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Parents & Friends Meetings
- Year 5 Steps Living History Workshop – The Egyptians
- Catholic Schools Week Mass
- Nursery CRED link with Hart Memorial
- Credit Union Quiz
- Year 7 Mass - Holy Spirit Theme
- Year 7 Intergeneration Programme & Celebration at Seagoe Hotel
- Healthy Living Day
- Diocesan RE Visit
- Safer Internet Day
- School Nurse Reviews
- Year 7 Service of Light
- Fair Trade Assembly
- World Book Day
- International School Meals Day
- Nursery Gathering Drums Workshop with Hart Nursery
- Confirmation
- Year 3 & LSC Story Telling Magic – Market Place
- Mid Ulster Spring Soccer Festival
- Year 6 Moy Park Challenge
- Year 4 & 5 Young Enterprise
- St Patrick's Day Irish Dancing Festival
- Year 4 Mass – Penance Theme
- First Confession – Year 4
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- Class & Group Photos

Summer Term

- Best Kept School Awards Judging
- Gaelic Coaching
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Parents & Friends Meetings
- Swimming – Years 4 – 7
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Year 6 & 7 Shannaghmore Residential
- Online Safety Workshop for pupils & parents
- Sponsored Fitness Day – Fitness Freddy
- Year 5 Gaelic tournament
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- Credit Union Prize Giving
- World Day for Cultural Diversity
- Assessment Week
- Filming for Year 7 DVD
- Sports Day
- Nursery Induction Evening
- Nursery Trip to Tannaghmore Gardens
- First Holy Communion followed by Celebration in Pastoral Centre
- Sports Award Presentation
- Brownlow Cup Soccer tournament
- Prize Day
- Nurse Medicals
- Filming of Choir and Recorder Group for Peoples Park Launch DVD
- Entrance Tests – Year 7
- Year 7 Love for Life Conference
- Gaelic Blitzes
- Pupil Council visit Craigavon Civic Centre
- Swimming Gala
- Year 1 Induction Meeting
- Year 2 Trip to W5
- Year 5 Trip to Odessey Cinema & Bowling
- Year 7 Trip to Lisburn Cinema and Pool
- Year 3 Trip to Jumping Jack's Lisburn
- Year 4 Trip to W5
- Year 6 Trip to Dundonald Ice Bowl
- Year 1 Trip to Clementsmount Farm
- LSC Trip to Lisburn Cinema and Wallace Park
- Nursery trip to Peter Pan's
- Year 7 EWS Transition Talk
- Nursery Graduation
- Year 7 Leavers Photograph
- Retirement Assembly – Mrs Carson
- Talent Show

Staff Development

Use of Baker Days & School Development Days 2014-2015

Date	Type of Day	Inset	Venue
July/August 2014	Baker Day - Floating	Classroom Preparation	In School
26/08/14	Baker Day	Motivating pupils in the school using the Quality Circle Time model to promote self-esteem, respect, positive behaviour and learning - - Jenny Mosley	Craigavon Civic Centre
27/08/14	Baker Day	School Leadership Team Meeting Staff Meeting Classroom Preparation	In School
28/08/14	Baker Day	Comprehension & Inference – Mrs K O’Hanlon Classroom Preparation	In School
29/08/14	Baker Day	Classroom Preparation	In School
29/09/14	School Development Day	Effective Use of Data	In School
03/10/14	School Development Day	Underachievement in Mathematics & Numeracy Nursery – SEN Training - Autism	In School
05/01/15	School Development Day	SEN Update	In School
06/01/15	School Development Day	Internal Standardisation	In School
13/02/15	School Development Day	Effective Use of Ipads – Amma Centre	In School
16/03/15	School Development Day	Internal Standardisation	In School
15/04/15	School Development Day Nursery Only	Attention & Listening Skills – ACE Team	In School

Staff were involved in the following training and development during the 2014-2015 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

- § Comprehension & Inference
- § Delivering Social Change – Signature Project
- § Reading Partnership
- § Guided Reading
- § Talking Partners
- § KS2/3 CPD Transition Project
- § Use of Fronter & Equella

Ø Numeracy

- § Delivering Social Change – Signature Project
- § Rocket Maths
- § Numeracy Catch Up
- § Peer Paired Numeracy
- § Numicon
- § KS2/3 CPD Transition Project

Ø ICT

- § Use of SIMs
- § Effective use of Ipads
- § C2K Annual Statistical Returns
- § CCEA – Assessment
- § Admissions Overview
- § Standard Setting & Sharing Practice
- § Future Classrooms
- § Ipads: Green Screen Magic
- § Assessment
- § Game Based Learning – Exploring Minecraft
- § E Safety
- § C2K End of Year Procedures

Ø WAU

- § Earth Sciences Project
- § Co-ordinator’s Course

Ø SEN

- § SEN Literacy CPD
- § SEN Update
- § Overview of ASD
- § De-escalation & diffusion of challenging behaviours
- § SENCO Regional Training
- § Behaviour Support Team Workshop
- § Supporting SEN with mobile devices

- Ø Music
 - § Charanga Music School

- Ø Leadership
 - § Stranmillis Associate Assessor
 - § Leading Learning Seminar
 - § KS2/3 Transition CPD Project
 - § Cross Phase Sharing of Good Practice
 - § Legal Issues
 - § Chief Inspector's Report
 - § Induction for new Governors
 - § SEN Legal Issues
 - § Board of Governors - Recruitment & Selection
 - § Board of Governors - The Role of The Chair & Vice Chair
 - § NAHT Leadership Conference

- Ø Nursery
 - § ASD
 - § Listening & Concentration
 - § Speech & Language

- Ø PE
 - § DE Health & Safety Document

- Ø Play
 - § Playful Learning

- Ø Assessment
 - § Effective use of Data
 - § Internal Standardisation & External Moderation of Using Maths
 - § Internal Standardisation
 - § PASS Test
 - § GL Assessment
 - § C2K Assessment Manager Analysis

- Ø Pastoral Care
 - § Jenny Mosley
 - § Designated Teacher Refresher
 - § Training for new staff
 - § Managing Safeguarding in Schools
 - § Chair & Designated Governor Child Protection Training

- Ø CRED/Shared Education
 - § CRED & Controversial Issues
 - § Delivering Social Change – Shared Education

Ø Induction

- § Introduction
- § The Context of Learning
- § Count, Read: Succeed
- § Positive Behaviour Management
- § Play Based Learning

Ø Inclusion & Diversity

- § Inclusion & Diversity Service Support Meetings with Co-ordinator
- § Language of the Month

Ø Health & Safety

- § Centralised Health Awareness Training – Anaphylaxis & Epilepsy
- § Food Safety Level 2
- § Fire Safety
- § First Aid

Ø Enhanced Cycling Proficiency

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 & Early Professional Development

Miss Colgan successfully completed Induction and Miss McGibbon and Mr Skeffington successfully completed Early Professional Development (EPD) during the 2014-2015 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 Language and Literacy included:

- Internal Standardisation of writing took place. Teachers levelled and filed three pieces of writing for every child.
- Talking Partners, a structured oral language programme designed to improve the way children communicate was delivered throughout the year in Year 4. Mrs McCreesh-West, Mrs Fusco and Mrs Molloy received the relevant training from the Education Authority to enable them to implement the programme.
- The Northern Ireland Signature Project continued throughout the year. ETI visited the school in November 2014 in relation to the Signature Project and positive comments were shared with the staff involved in the project and the Principal.
- Reading Partnership continued with Mrs Glavin, Miss Dixon and Miss Calvert. Twenty seven children benefited from participating in Reading Partnership.
- Mrs McGuire was awarded Accredited Teacher Status (ATS) from the British Dyslexic Association (BDA).

Mathematics and Numeracy

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

- ETI visited the school in November 2014 to review the provision for Mathematics within the Northern Ireland Signature Project. Positive comments were feedback to teachers involved and the Principal.
- A consistent approach to Mental Maths was introduced through effective planning, teaching and monitoring. Mental Maths Core Competences emphasize the teaching of appropriate strategies and are now included on monthly planners along with an outline of activities to teach the strategy/competence. Teachers discussed and clarified approaches to Mental Maths strategies at a staff meeting. Teachers also revised the whole school approach to written calculations to ensure consistency in method and language. The pupils are becoming more confident in using correct mathematical terminology and in discussing the strategies they have.
- All pupils Year 3-7 were registered to use ALTA Maths programme. This is a diagnostic test which covers all aspects of the Numeracy Curriculum. Training for teachers was revised in Term 1. Teachers are trying to ensure pupils use the package for 15-20 minutes each week. Where the package is being used regularly, pupils are more confident in tackling maths problems.
- A Numeracy Catch-up programme for Year 4 pupils was put in place. Eleven Year 4 pupils were targeted who were deemed to be underachieving. They received a block of 8-10 weeks (35 minutes, Monday-Thursday) extra support within a small group setting (3-5 pupils), focusing on the areas they were experiencing difficulty in. This was delivered by a trained classroom assistant Miss Dixon.
- Teachers are aware of the need for mathematical language to be on display in the classroom. Teachers are currently building up resources to achieve this.
- A considerable amount of money was put towards the purchase of Numicon for the Foundation Stage. Pupils are becoming familiar with these resources.
- Internal standardisation took place to level samples of Using Maths work. Samples of work were levelled and filed for each pupil.

- A Parents Workshop was held to equip parents in the early years to be able to help their children with Numeracy. This was led by Timothy Doyle.

ICT

ICT continues to be an important cross-curricular skill within the Curriculum. The assessment of ICT has not yet been made statutory but in preparation for this we are continuing to assess ICT in all year groups in line with the lines of progression as set out by CCEA. Each class are asked to complete one ICT task per term. Teachers then assess and submit a sample to Mrs Biggerstaff, ICT Co-ordinator. By completing the tasks we aim to provide children with opportunities to develop their ICT skills in meaningful contexts.

Mrs Biggerstaff continues to develop her understanding of assessing ICT and attended further training in February in relation to this. She also attended the Future Classrooms conference in March 2015 which promoted the idea of embedding the Arts and Creativity into learning around STEM in schools and communities. The conference focused on what has been learnt about the reality and impact of STEM based learning over the past decade as well as showcasing international best practice while exploring future challenges for creativity in learning.

We continue to use Ipads to support teaching and learning. This year the Amma Centre in Armagh provided in-school training for teachers and classroom assistants on how to use Ipads as a teaching and learning tool. Mrs Martin also attended 'Minecraft' training at the Amma Centre in May and Mrs McGuire and Mrs Brown also attended Ipad training. New Apps were added to the Ipads this year and they continue to be a popular learning tool with the children. The children thoroughly enjoy using the Ipads to assist with their learning and have developed good ICT skills through their use. This year Mr Skeffington ran an Ipad club after school. The Nursery have also been provided with the opportunity to use the Ipads by sharing the set assigned to our Learning Support Class.

Our ICT suite continues to be an excellent learning environment for pupils. We continue to run our ICT club after school. This allows children in Year 4 to 7 to use the ICT suite between 3 and 4 o'clock to complete schoolwork or homework activities and also develop their skills in ICT. It has proven to be very popular amongst the pupils.

World Around US

- The Earth Sciences Project in which the co-ordinator was involved, finally reached completion and the lessons and resources were made available on Equalla and Fronter for KS2 and KS3 pupils within Northern Ireland.
- The co-ordinator attended WAU training with other co-ordinators. At this training it became clear that in many schools, including our own, teachers find the teaching of Science the most challenging aspect of the WAU programme.
- In light of this, the co-ordinator planned to hold a training day on 'Fair Testing' in Science. Due to unforeseen circumstances this had to be postponed.
- The co-ordinator began the process of writing a policy for The World Around Us.
- The co-ordinator is aware that it continues to be a challenge for teachers to complete the teaching involved in the WAU programme, due to the demands of Literacy and Numeracy within the curriculum.

PDMU

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding was delivered to all pupils during the academic year using the Living, Learning resource. 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. The programme was delivered by trained volunteers from the local business community who came into school.

The Arts

Pupils received lessons in the Arts which comprise Art and Design, Music and Drama.

Art & Design

All pupils received lessons using a variety of different Art media e.g. paint, charcoal, pastels, fabric and clay. Year 3 took part in a Balance Bauble workshop and participated in a Christmas procession organised by Craigavon Borough Council.

Music

Music continues to play a significant role in Ballyoran Primary School, with upper strings and woodwind Tutors from the Education Authority Music Service providing pupils with opportunities to play violin, viola, clarinet and flute with some pupils beginning to work towards Associated Board Exams.

The Pathways Project began in September 2013 where each child in Year 4 began to learn to play a stringed instrument: Violin, Viola, Cello and Double bass. The project was extended for the academic year 2014 – 2015, with the same pupils in Year 5.

Drama

Drama continued in school this year incorporated into subjects such as Literacy, PDMU and WAU.

In addition, the entire school performed a special Christmas show. KS2 performed 'Christmas Around the World' which had a truly international flavour looking at the Christmas traditions in places including India, Africa and USA. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 charmed their audience with a sensitive portrayal of the Nativity.

PE

The PE scheme continues to be in operation 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 2015, 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

Children continued to follow the 'Alive O' Programme in RE from Year 1 - 7. The resources were again sponsored by Drumcree Parish and we are grateful to Father O'Dwyer for this. Children who chose to attend the alternative R E class have been covering selected 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
4. The Arts
5. Early Mathematical Development
6. The World Around Us

The following development took place during the 2014-15 school year:

1. To continue to improve short term planning
2. To continue to make more effective use of observation books to inform short term planning and to ensure progression in children's learning
3. To continue to improve outdoor areas of play
4. To continue to meet with Year 1 Teachers
5. To continue to develop links with Year 1 children
6. To continue to develop links with Hart Memorial Nursery
7. To develop Music in the Nursery

Pupils from our Nursery linked with pupils from Hart Memorial Nursery as part of the Community Relations Equality and Diversity programme. Our theme was making friends and working together. We also had a Music Workshop in Brownstown Community Centre called The Gathering Drums for all children and their parents.

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. We also had another music workshop called 'Crotchets and Quavers'.

Special Educational Needs

The good practice within SEN continued throughout the 2014 – 2015 academic year :

- Teaching support from the SpLD service continued throughout the year for seven pupils.
- Mrs McGuire was awarded Accredited Teacher Status (ATS) from the British Dyslexic Association (BDA).
- Twelve pupils were assessed by our Educational Psychologist. This figure includes six pupils with Special Educational Needs who were transferring from Nursery to Year 1.

Assessment and Reporting

The following Assessment work took place during 2014-2015:

- Data was shared with staff and analysed in order to highlight pupils who were underachieving, low-achieving or high-achieving.
- Underachieving pupils were targeted, monitored and reviewed at the end of the year, to see if they had improved.
- Data was used to identify any general areas of weakness in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Three successful Internal Standardisation meetings took place where teachers discussed how to assign levels to samples of pupils' work in Communication and Using Mathematics.
- At the end of the year, all staff recorded levels for each pupil in Communication and Using Mathematics.
- Levelled samples of work from each pupil have been stored and passed on to the next teacher.

2014-2015 Statutory End of Key Stage Assessment Results

Due to the ongoing Industrial Action and in line with the vast majority of schools in Northern Ireland, End of Key Stage Results have not been published in this year's Annual Report. This data was not submitted to CCEA but it was shared with parents.

Pastoral Care & Child Protection

During the 2014-2015 the following developments took place:

- Child Protection Policy reviewed
- Health & Safety Policy reviewed
- Child Protection Training for new staff
- Centralised Health Awareness Training – Anaphylaxis & Epilepsy
- Positive Behaviour Management Training
- Whole School Well Being & Self-esteem Approach Training with Jenny Mosley
- Designated Teacher Refresher Training
- Managing Safeguarding In Schools Training

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council continued to meet on a monthly basis with Mr Skeffington. Members got the opportunity to visit Craigavon Borough Council and meet the Mayor. The members for 2014-2015 were as follows:

Class	
Yr 7	Oliwia Osinska Nathan Campbell
Yr 6	Grace O'Connor Callum Mulholland
Yr 5	Mia Millar Sean Coyle
Yr 4	Niamh Larkin Shea Edgar
Yr 3C	Rafaela Chainho Shea Mulholland
Yr 3M	Aine Gorman Ryan Paulino
LSC	Amy Leigh Sterritt Ryan McGeown

Chairperson:
Vice Chairperson:
Secretary:

Nathan Campbell
Oliwia Osinska
Callum Mulholland

House System

The House Competition continued during the 2014-2015 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	Oliwia Osinska	Shane Caulfield
Foyle	Courtney Sharpe	Madison Hall
Lagan	William Paulino	Vitor Guerra

The House which won the House Cup for 2014-2015 was Foyle.

Enrolment

Enrolment at 30th June 2015

Nursery	Primary	LSC	Total
52	191	7	250

Attendance

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

Average Attendance % for 2014-2015: 93.3%

Attendance increased on the previous year by 0.4%, this exceeded our target and was very pleasing. Also the number of pupils receiving prizes for 100% attendance at Prize Day increased by 25% on the previous year.

Although our attendance remains below the Northern Ireland Average it is improving year on year and we have much to celebrate. 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 significant 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 2014-2015 year.

Parents & Friends

The Parents & Friends continued to develop during the school year.

Office bearers

- Mrs Clarke - Chairperson
- Mrs Mackle - Secretary
- Mrs Garland – Treasurer

The projects were as follows:

- Christmas Draw
- Christmas Cards
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas Parties
- Easter Draw

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

Approximately £1,000 was raised by the Parents and Friends during the year.

This money was spent on:

- Christmas Fair costs
- Christmas gift for pupils
- Prizes for Easter Draw
- New Outdoor Play equipment for the Foundation Stage.

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 – Years 6 & 7 Residential, Numeracy Support, Internet Safety

Parents were invited in for our Christmas Fair, Christmas Concert, Refreshments after First Holy Communion, St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Irish Dancing Festival, Sports Day, Prize Day and Nursery Graduation.

Formal Parent/Teacher Meetings were held in October and March. The uptake was very pleasing with 92.5% of parents attending in October and 93% 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 continues to be 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 2014-2015.

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.

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

- Community Learning Centre hosts a Blossom Sure Start 'In Tune' programme for 2 year olds.
- Choir and Recorder Group were asked to take part in the launch DVD for the new People's Park
- Pupils had opportunities to take part in a wide variety of educational trips to local facilities e.g. Tannaghmore Gardens.
- Regular use of community facilities e.g. 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 and Hart Memorial Nursery through the Community Relations Equality and Diversity Programme (CRED).

- New Shared Education link with Bocombra Primary School established.
- 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 e.g. Firework Safety, Year 7 CASE Programme.
- The Choir and Recorder group sang at Tesco, Meadows and Rushmere Shopping at Christmas.
- Strong links with local church in particular with reference to First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Links with other local agencies: Education Welfare Service, Social Services, School Nurses, Council etc.
- Competitions e.g. 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.
- Supported St Mary's Youth Club through Extended Schools.
- Use of Website – www.ballyoranps.com.
- Use of local press – Portadown Times to promote the school.

Student Placements

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

- Stranmillis University College - 2 students
- Southern Regional College – 6 students
- Drumcree College – 2 students
- Brownlow Integrated College – 1 student
- Lismore Comprehensive – 1 student
- St Michael's Grammar School – 2 students
- Markethill High School – 1 student

Charity

The school continued its fundraising for Charity and would like to thank staff, pupils, parents and friends of the school for their support and generosity.

The following charities were supported during 2014-2015:

Event	Amount Raised	Charity
Poppy Appeal	£235	RBL
Non Uniform Day	£340.50	Toilet Twinning
Christmas Jumper Day	£198	Save The Children
Fitness Freddy Day	£646.50	QUB Rheumatology Research

Book Fair

We held our annual Scholastic Book Fair in our Central Library from Monday 6th to Friday 10th October 2014. There were over 250 titles to choose from this year, with an extra case of books specifically targeting our Nursery pupils. Book prices started at £2.99 and there was also a colourful selection of posters and stationery, always very popular. Year 7 pupils really enjoyed the experience of organising and running the Book Fair which was a great success, raising approximately £850. A huge thank-you must go to all the pupils, parents and friends who supported our Book Fair; this will mean lots of extra books for our school. Mrs McGuire, Literacy Coordinator, will choose which area to target. A Sponsored Readathon was held during Book Fair week which raised nearly £700 for School Funds.

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.

To celebrate the fact that we are a diverse and inclusive school, on Friday 26th September 2014 we marked European Day of Languages.

Isabel Russell, the area officer from the Inclusion and Diversity Service came into school to demonstrate a Language of the Month lesson to teachers from Year 3 – 7. She provided each teacher with a folder of resources to help them deliver Language of the Month to their class. Throughout the year children have been given the opportunity to count and say simple phrases in new languages.

We celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity on the 21st May 2015. Children from Nursery through to Year 7 took part in an African drumming workshop provided by The Gathering Drum. Children had great fun playing different beats and rhythms while learning about African culture. In preparation for the celebration day some classes researched Africa and created fact files. Other classes made African tribal necklaces, headpieces and painted African safari scenes.

Mrs Fusco provided Language Support to Newcomer pupils. Children worked in small groups to develop their language skills on a daily basis focusing on Literacy, Numeracy and reading tasks.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Thirty 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.

Seventeen Year 7 pupils were prepared for Confirmation and as part of their preparation, 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 and Rev Michael Sheehan. This year, Father Michael Sheehan assisted Mrs Mackle and Miss 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.

Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in a six week programme. The Year 2 programme was centred on Respecting Differences. Year 3 explored the theme of Celebrations and Year 4 identified and discussed the different elements of their identity.

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.

The Nursery continued its links with Hart Memorial Nursery.

External Coaches in School

Pupils benefited from a wide variety of coaches who visited the school during the year:

- § Paul Carvill and Stephen McCann 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.

Shannaghmore Residential

From 13th – 15st April 2015, Year 6 and 7 pupils took part in a residential trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre in Newcastle. 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. The pupils agreed that one of the highlights was the newly installed high ropes course which some brave pupils (and teachers!) were willing to undertake.

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 2014-2015 school year:

- Breakfast Club
- Homework Club
- ICT
- Gaelic
- Soccer
- Netball
- Basketball
- Games
- Choir
- Recorders
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Irish Folk Dancing
- Cookery
- Drama
- Board Games
- Gardening
- Ipads
- Eco
- French
- Speech & Drama
- Art
- 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 2014-2015 school year.

Choir/Instrumental Ensemble

In the Autumn Term, the School Choir and Instrumental/Recorder Ensemble performed Christmas Carols at Tesco, Meadows and Rushmere Shopping Centre. These events were a great opportunity to establish links with our local community.

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

In the Spring/Summer term the School Choir provided the music for the Liturgy at the Parish Confirmation Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin and at Ballyoran Primary School Children's First Holy Communion Mass which was celebrated by Rev Father Sheehan.

Breakfast Club

The number of pupils attending Breakfast Club each morning increased in 2014-2015. Pupils enjoyed a healthy start to the day and the club was staffed by Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Breen.

Homework Club

The Homework Club continued 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 Bell.

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 Mondays from 3.00 – 4.00. The school soccer team took part enthusiastically in several tournaments throughout the year including the Mid Ulster League, Jones' Shield 5-A-Side and the Brownlow Cup 7-A-Side tournament for Year 6 and under.

Gaelic Club

Gaelic practice took place on Thursdays for boys and girls throughout the year under the direction of Paul Carvill and Stephen McCann, assisted by Mr Hendron. The core group of pupils who attended regularly showed a pleasing improvement in skills as the year went on. Both of the After School clubs 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 blitz with three other local schools: Presentation PS, St Mary's PS Maghery and St Oliver Plunkett's PS Ballyhegan. Ballyoran performed extremely well at this tournament with the ethos being very much one of fun and establishing new friendships.

Basketball

In April and May of 2015, a Basketball Club ran for 6 weeks under the direction of Mr Hendron. This was held each Wednesday from 3.00 – 4.00pm. The pupils who attended were very enthusiastic and learned a lot of new skills.

Games

Year 4 – 7 pupils had the opportunity to attend a Games Club on Thursdays in Term 1 with Mr Woolsey when they got the opportunity to learn many playground games.

Irish Folk Dancing Club

Irish Folk Dancing after-school club started on the first Wednesday in October 2014 and ran until our Annual Festival/Celebration in March 2015. The club met in the assembly hall from 3pm to 4pm and began with a selection of 20 pupils ranging from Year 4 to Year 7. Mrs Heaney, Year 7 teacher, led the club and was assisted by Year 6 pupils, Megan Stewart and Grace O'Connor, who attend a private dance class in Portadown and volunteered to help. The goal of the club was to have fun and learn something new.

In term 2, children from Year 3 were given the opportunity for the first time, to participate in a six week session with Mrs Mackle to introduce them to some simple Irish Dancing steps.

All club members took part in the Annual School Festival where we had our largest audience ever and welcomed our guests traditional Irish musicians from Clanbrassil Comhaltas.

Cookery Club

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

ICT Club

ICT Club continued for Year 4 – 7 pupils from 3.00 – 4.00pm during the 2014-2015 school year. Pupils got the opportunity to complete homework on the computer, carry out research or play some games in a safe and controlled environment supervised by Mrs Glavin.

Recorder Club

In term 1, Year 4-7 pupils had the opportunity of attending a Recorder Club for six weeks with Mrs Mulholland. This was held every Wednesday afternoon. This was an introduction for beginners, teaching children the basics of holding a recorder, learning the notes and reading the music. The children really enjoyed this club.

Speech & Drama Club

During Term 2 children from Year 4 – 7 were given the opportunity to attend Speech and Drama Club with Miss McGibbon. Over a six week period the children worked very hard to prepare for the Portadown Speech Festival. This was held in the Portadown Town Hall during the first week in March. Everyone who entered the festival stood on stage and performed their individual poems. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and achieved great success.

French Club

This club took place in the Year 7 classroom for 6 Thursdays during term 2 with Mrs Martin and was available to year 6 and 7 pupils. The children who were involved looked at the location of France in Europe and explored some French cultural activities – including cooking and eating some French food. The children spent most of the time learning greetings, numbers and some basic French phrases through both speaking and singing. All the children enjoyed these activities and participated fully.

Board Games Club

In term 3, Year 4 and 5 pupils participated in Games Club with Mrs Biggerstaff. It was a popular club and children had the opportunity to play a variety of board games together such as Draughts, Chess, Ludo, Monopoly. They were able to learn the rules for different games and how to play and compete against each other in a fun context.

Gardening

Pupils from Key Stage 2 got the opportunity to use garden tools, pull out weeds, rake soil and finally plant daffodil and tulip bulbs in the flower beds around the school with Mrs McGuire.

Art Club

Year 6 and Year 7 pupils participated in Art Club with Mrs Barkley in term 1 by doing craft activities based on the theme of Christmas. The pupils had fun doing card-making,

printing, painting and decorating with glitter. Their festive work was displayed in the Assembly Hall in time for the Christmas Fair and other Christmas celebrations.

In Term 3, Years 4-7 pupils had the opportunity to attend Art Club with Mrs Wells. They used pastel chalks to draw tulips as well as learning some history about Vincent Van Gough's famous Sun Flower Painting. They also had fun competing to make the best spaghetti tower structure. The club was well attended and they took home some lovely pieces of art work.

Heartstart

Heartstart is a British Heart Foundation (BHF) initiative to teach the public what to do in a life-threatening emergency. Working in partnership with a wide range of agencies and organisations, including schools the BHF aims to save lives by providing opportunities for the public to learn emergency life support skills (ELS). The ELS programme can be incorporated into various parts of the curriculum, eg PDMU, Science, PE and the Arts . The ELS skills are taught throughout the school and lessons are age appropriate. Ballyoran PS is privileged to have been granted the full quota of manikins (14 + 1 Infant) with which we can teach the year 7 children CPR. Over the years of our affiliation with Heartstart the pupils in Ballyoran PS have enjoyed the programme and participated enthusiastically. During the 2014-2015 school year, a number of Year 7 pupils attended an after school Heartstart Club with Mrs Stewart.

Eco Committee

During 2014-2015 new members were elected from each class to join the Eco Club with Miss Colgan. The Committee worked to renew the Green Flag Award that was awarded to us in 2012/2013. They maintained three projects that the school has already been working on, along with one new project. The Committee was responsible for monitoring energy and encouraging teachers and pupils to be energy efficient. To help them do this held a Switch Off Fortnight. The school continued to implement the Healthy Eating Policy throughout break and lunch time and a Healthy Living Day was organised to promote this. The final project was a Biodiversity related topic that involved work in the Eco garden. The new project was based on water conservation and to promote this a Non Uniform Day was organised as part of the Toilet Twinning Project. As a result of this the school has funded toilets in Cambodia.

The Eco Committee members for 2014-2015 were:

- Year 3 – Molly Davies and Molly Cullen
- Year 4 – Jack Campbell and Alisha McConville
- Year 5 – Evie Judge, Noah McCann and Raissa Vicente
- Year 6 – Aidan Kelly and Madison Hall
- Year 7 – Sandra Pereira and John Paul Ferreira

Cycling Proficiency Scheme

The scheme did not take place in 2014-2015 as no pupils were interested in doing it.

Extended Schools

The school again was fortunate to receive £21,800 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. ICT Club
4. Soccer Club
5. Gaelic Club
6. Reading Partnership
7. St Mary's Youth Club Summer Scheme

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:

- § Reading Partnership
- § Adult ICT Course
- § Drama Project
- § Nursery Christmas Workshop

Competitions

During the 2014-2015 school year pupils enjoyed taking part in the following Art Competitions:

Date	Competition	Classes
October 2014	Credit Union Poster Competition	Y3, Y7 & LSC
October 2014	SELB/Ballyoran Christmas Card Competition	Y1-7 & LSC
January 2015	Aer Lingus Art Competition	Y5

Healthy Breaks

Ballyoran Primary School is a Health Promoting School and has operated a Healthy Breaks Policy for many years. Our Healthy Snack initiative provided by the canteen came to an end in 2014-2015 and parents of pupils in Years 3 – 7 were asked to take responsibility for sending in a healthy snack each day. The school also continued to offer pupils the opportunity to buy milk as part of the European Milk Subsidy Scheme.

School Leavers

Twenty Year 7 pupils left Ballyoran Primary School on 30th June 2015, transferring to the following seven post primary schools:

Brownlow College	3 pupils
Drumcree College	6 pupils
Lismore Comprehensive	10 pupils
St Catherine's College	1 pupil

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 May and June 2015. 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 Primary School.

Prize Day

Prize Day continues to get bigger and better with more awards each year. Our special guest for both ceremonies was Mrs Carson.

School Finance

LMS Budget - Financial Year: April 2014 – March 2015

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	£870,348
2. Expenditure	
Staff	£783,503
Running Costs	£80,535
3. Total Expenditure	£864,038
4. Carry over for 2015-2016	£6,310

School Fund Account: 1st August 2014 – 31st July 2015

1. Opening Balance:	£975.69
2. Income:	£18,611.32
3. Expenditure:	£17,470.58
3. Closing Balance:	£2116.43

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.
- All valuable assets are marked with DNA.
- 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.

School Premises/Accommodation

The Governors, with the assistance of the Education Authority – Southern Region 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 were the main maintenance developments of the 2014-2015 school year:

- § New door closers fitted in various locations
- § Roof and plumbing leaks repaired in various locations
- § Blockages in sewers repaired
- § Classroom 3 window frame secured
- § New Foundation Stage coat hangers
- § Broken windows repaired in LSC and Assembly hall
- § New noticeboard in VP's office
- § Maintenance to radiators, boiler and heating controls
- § New door with vision panel to Classroom 11
- § Outside water tap fitted
- § Maintenance to alarm system
- § Nursery Outdoor Play frame repaired in line with Health and Safety report
- § Exterior panels replaced on mobile
- § Flood damage repaired after leaks in Staff Toilets and Nursery toilets

The Board of Governors wish to place on record its thanks to the Education Authority-Southern Region Maintenance Department for all their support in maintaining the premises during the year

School Closures: 2014–2015

Holidays for pupils and staff

September	-
October	27 - 31
November	-
December	22 – 31
January	1 - 2
February	16 - 18
March	17
April	2 - 10
May	4, 25
June	-

School Development Days – Staff Training

- Monday 29th September 2014
- Monday 3rd November 2014
- Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th January 2015
- Monday 16th March 2015
- Tuesday 26th May 2015