



**BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS'  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**2015 - 2016**

**Excellence – Creativity – Integrity**

December 2016

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 2015-2016.

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 2015-2016. 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 2015-2016 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 McKeown and Mr O'Connor stood down as Governors and I would like to place on record my thanks to them for their service to the school.

Detailed as this report is, it can only give you a brief insight into the many varied aspects of school life during the 2015-2016 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: 2015-2016**

### **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 Roisin McGuire

### **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 2015-2016 school year.

He would also like to add his thanks to that of the Chairperson to Mrs McKeown and Mr O'Connor for their faithful and dedicated service on the Board of Governors.

## **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 2015-2016 school year it met 17 times either as a full board or sub committee. The dates of the meetings were as follows:

### **Full Board:**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **Salary/Staffing Committee:**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **Appointments Committee:**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **Complaints Committee**

27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### **PRSD Review Meeting:**

14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**School Staff  
2015-2016**

**Teaching Staff**

**Member of Staff**

**Class/Responsibility**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Mr R Woolsey        | Principal  |
| Mrs R McGuire       | Vice Principal<br>Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator, SENCO, Literacy<br>Co-ordinator, Deputy Designated Teacher |
| Mrs F Mulholland    | Nursery 1, Nursery Co-ordinator  |
| Mrs L Baxter        | Nursery 2 (Job Share)  |
| Mrs K Wells         | Nursery 2 (Job Share)  |
| Mrs E Mackle        | Yr 1, Foundation Stage Co-ordinator,<br>RE Co-ordinator  |
| Mrs A Biggerstaff   | Yr 2, ICT Co-ordinator   |
| Mrs B McGinnell     | Yr 2, PDMU Co-ordinator, Shared Education<br>Co-ordinator, Teacher Tutor                               |
| Mrs H McGibbon      | Yr 3, Inclusion & Diversity Co-ordinator,<br>Eco Co-ordinator  |
| Mrs A McCreesh-West | Yr 4, Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator, Music Co-ordinator   |
| Miss M McKernan     | Yr 4, Charity Co-ordinator   |
| Mrs R McGuire       | Yr 5   |
| Mrs S Brown         | Yr 6 (Job Share), Numeracy Co-ordinator  |
| Mrs L Martin        | Yr 6 (Job Share) Pupil Council &<br>Playground Co-ordinator  |
| Mrs L Walker        | Yr 7 (Job Share), World Around Us Co-ordinator   |
| Mrs B Heaney        | Yr 7 (Job Share), Designated Teacher,<br>Drama Co-ordinator, Library Co-ordinator                      |
| Mr R Hendron        | LSC, PE Co-ordinator, SEN Team   |
| Mrs K Barkley       | Intensive Support Teacher, Assessment<br>Co-ordinator, Art & Design Co-ordinator,<br>SEN Team          |

**Auxiliary Staff**

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs H Stewart  | Nursery Assistant        |
| Mrs G Good     | Nursery Assistant        |
| Miss J Carson  | Yr 1 Classroom Assistant |
| Mrs S Glavin   | Yr 2 Classroom Assistant |
| Mrs J Donnelly | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Mrs M Bell     | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Miss N Calvert | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Miss A Dixon   | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Mrs N Fusco    | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Mrs L Molloy   | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Mrs J Breen    | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Mrs E Cahoon   | SEN Classroom Assistant  |
| Miss L Trainor | SEN Classroom Assistant  |

Mrs R Tedford  
Miss R Doran  
Mrs T Milligan

Secretary until December 2015  
Secretary from January 2016  
Clerical Officer until October 2015

### **Ancillary Staff**

Mr P Creaney

Building Supervisor

Mrs C McShane  
Miss S Henderson  
Mrs M O'Connor  
Mrs D Larkin  
Mrs T Lawless

Cleaner  
Cleaner  
Cleaner  
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**

Mrs Tedford retired at Christmas 2015 after 27 years' service as secretary of Ballyoran Primary School. The Board of Governors would like to place on record their thanks and appreciation to Mrs Tedford for her tireless commitment and dedication to the school over the years and wish her a long and happy retirement. Mrs Tedford was replaced by Miss Doran who took over as secretary in January 2016

Miss McGibbon and Miss McKernan were appointed as permanent members of the teaching staff during 2015-2016.

### **Thanks**

**The Board of Governors would like to thank the Principal and all the Staff for their hard work and dedication during the 2015-2016 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**

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.

## 2015-2016 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
- Young Enterprise
- Year 4 & 5 Council Art Workshop
- European Day of Languages
- Gaelic Coaching
- Hospice Coffee Morning
- Book Fair
- Soccer tournament at Drumgor PS
- World Food Day
- Parents & Friends Meetings
- Pupil Council Meetings
- PSNI and Fire and Rescue Service Firework Safety Talk
- Flu Vaccinations
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Anti-Slavery Day Assembly
- Farewell Assembly to Father O'Dwyer
- School and EA Christmas Card Competitions
- Credit Union Poster Competition
- Year 1 trip to Palace Stables
- Year 3 trip to Armagh County Museum
- Nursery Crotchets & Quavers Workshop
- Year 7 STEM Day at Brownlow College
- Soccer tournament at Orchard PS
- Mobile Library Visit
- Year 5 Fire and Rescue Service Visit
- Individual and Family Photographs
- Tharp Family from USA Visit
- Non Uniform Day for Children In Need
- Year 4 Enrolment Ceremony
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Year 2 PSNI Visit
- Hospice Coffee Morning
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Year 4 Tesco 'Farm to Fork' Visit
- West Midland Theatre Company Show – 'Beauty & the Beast'
- Year 7 Commitment Ceremony
- Nursery cross community links with Hart Memorial Nursery
- Internet Safety Talk from PSNI
- Nursery Extended Schools Workshop – 'Santa's Little Helpers'

- Years 3 – 7 Christmas Pantomime - Market Place Theatre, Armagh
- Parents & Friends Christmas Fair
- Canteen Christmas Dinner – pupils and staff
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- Christmas Show
- Christmas Disco
- Choir and Instrumental Ensemble to Rushmere, Tesco Extra, Craigavon & Mahon Hall Nursing Home
- 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
- Shared Education – Years 1 - 4
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Parents & Friends Meetings
- Catholic Schools Week Mass
- Nursery CRED link with Hart Memorial
- Credit Union Quiz
- Year 7 Mass - Holy Spirit Theme
- Young Enterprise
- Diocesan RE Visit
- Safer Internet Day
- Debbie Doolittle's Wildlife visit Nursery
- NSPCC Workshops
- Dance-a-thon for NSPCC
- Five a side Soccer tournament
- Nursery 'The Gathering Drum' workshop with Hart Memorial Nursery
- School Nurse Reviews
- Year 7 Service of Light
- Fair Trade Assembly
- World Book Day
- Confirmation
- Year 6 Bee Safe event
- The Amazing Journey
- Year 5 – 7 Energy Workshop
- Young Enterprise
- St Patrick's Day Irish Dancing Festival
- 'Wear It, Beat It' Non Uniform Day for Charity
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Jo Jingles in Nursery

- Class & Group Photos

### **Summer Term**

- Nursery Soccer Coaching session
- Brownlow College Soccer Tournament
- Best Kept School Awards Judging
- Year 4 First Penance & First Confession
- Gaelic Coaching
- Soccer Festival at Drumgor PS
- Crotchets & Quavers Workshop in Nursery
- Water Bus – Years 5 – 7
- Year 6 Moy Park Challenge
- Cycle Against Suicide
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Parents & Friends Meetings
- Swimming – Years 4 – 7
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Year 6 & 7 Shannaghmore Residential
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- Credit Union Prize Giving
- Assessment Week
- Filming for Year 7 DVD
- Sports Day
- Nursery Induction Meeting
- 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
- Entrance Tests – Year 7
- Year 7 Love for Life Conference
- Gaelic Blitzes
- Year 1 Induction Meeting
- Year 2 Trip to Armagh Planetarium
- Year 5 Trip to Lisburn Cinema and Pool
- Year 7 Trip to Lisburn Cinema and Pool
- Year 3 Trip to Jumping Jack's Lisburn
- Year 4 Trip to Craigavon Watersports & Golf & Ski Centre
- Year 6 Trip to Dundonald Clip & Climb & Bowling
- Year 1 Trip to Clementsmount Farm
- LSC Trip to Craigavon Omniplex and Peoples' Park

- Nursery trip to Peter Pan's
- Green Flag Eco Assessment
- Year 7 EWS Transition Talk
- Nursery Graduation
- Year 7 Leavers Photograph
- End of year class parties

## Staff Development

### Use of Baker Days & School Development Days 2015-2016

| Date             | Type of Day            | Inset  | Venue                         |
|------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| July/August 2014 | Baker Day - Floating   | Classroom Preparation  | In School                     |
| 25/08/15         | Baker Day              | Classroom Preparation<br>School Leadership Team Meeting  | In School                     |
| 26/08/15         | Baker Day              | Data Analysis<br>ASD Planning<br>Play<br>Classroom Preparation   | In School                     |
| 27/08/15         | Baker Day              | Staff meeting<br>Observation & Play<br>Speech & Language<br>Classroom Preparation  | In School                     |
| 28/08/15         | Baker Day              | Staff Meeting<br>Classroom Preparation   | In School                     |
| 25/09/15         | School Development Day | 'Empowering people towards greater health, happiness and resilience' – Shane Martin – Cluster event<br><br>Whole staff Child Protection & Fire Safety Training | Pastoral Centre<br><br>School |
| 28/09/15         | School Development Day | Tackling underachievement<br>Handwriting without Tears<br>Play<br>Speech & Language  | In School                     |
| 02/11/15         | School Development Day | Internal Standardisation   | In School                     |
| 04/01/16         | School Development Day | ICT Planning<br>SENCO dissemination from IEP Course<br>Speech & Language   | In School                     |
| 18/03/16         | School Development Day | Internal Standardisation<br>Motor Skills<br>Child Protection Policy  | In School                     |

Staff were involved in the following training and development during the 2015-2016 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
  - § Tackling Underachievement
  - § Handwriting Without Tears
  - § KS2/3 CPD Transition Project
  - § Grammar
  
- Ø Numeracy
  - § Tackling Underachievement
  - § Peer Paired Numeracy
  - § Count, Read: Succeed
  - § KS2/3 CPD Transition Project
  
- Ø ICT
  - § C2K Annual Statistical Returns
  - § SIMs Housekeeping
  - § Admissions Overview
  - § iTeach
  - § 2 Simple
  - § Assistive Technology
  - § E Safety
  - § Scratch
  - § C2K End of Year Procedures
  
- Ø Early Years
  - § Striving for Excellence: Leading Outstanding Practice in the Early Years
  
- Ø WAU
  - Fair Testing
  
- Ø SEN
  - § ASD Training from MCA
  - § Speech & Language
  - § Blended Training
  - § SENCo Clusters
  - § LSC Cluster
  - § IEPs
  - § Signature Project
  - § BST
  - § OT Sensory Motor Group Pilot
  - § CCET
  
- Ø Leadership
  - § RTU School Leader As Coach
  - § NAHT Middle Leader Development Programme
  - § Regional Appointments Assessor
  - § NAHT Leadership Conference

- Ø Assessment
  - § Effective use of Data
  - § Internal Standardisation
  - § UICT
  
- Ø Pastoral Care
  - § Child Protection whole staff training
  - § Promoting Positive Health & Mental Well-being in children and young people
  - § Exploring a range of strengthening strategies to support socially and emotionally challenged pupil
  - § Designated Teacher Refresher
  - § Rights Respecting Schools
  - § School Council
  - § Carecall Staff Well Being
  - § Self-esteem & Resilience
  
- Ø Shared Education
  - Co-ordinator training
  - Developing & embedding Shared Education – Creating a Vision
  
- Ø RE
  - § New Grow In Love Curriculum
  
- Ø Health & Safety
  - § Centralised Health Awareness Training – Anaphylaxis & Epilepsy
  - § Fire Safety
  - § Heart Start
  - § First Aid At Work

### **PRSD**

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

### **Induction**

Mrs Wells continued work on her Induction.

## **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 EA 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:

- Talking Partners, a structured oral language programme designed to improve the way children communicate was delivered throughout the year in Year 4.
- Reading Partnership continued with Mrs Glavin, Miss Dixon, Mrs Molloy and Miss Calvert. Thirty children benefited from participating in Reading Partnership.
- Hi-Five Reading and Writing programme was delivered by Miss Dixon to selected pupils from Key Stage 2.
- The school's performance data and the work in the children's books shows that most of the children from Yr 3 -7 in Literacy including those who require additional support with aspects of their learning make progress at or above expectation.
- A significant amount of money was spent on resources for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. New dictionaries were purchased for Key Stage 2 at a cost of £680. Parents & Friends donated £1000 which was spent on guided reading books for Key Stage 2. Commission from the Scholastic Book Fair (£1259.08) was spent on guided reading books for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Also, £680 was spent on New Wave Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation books for Year 3 -7 classes.

## **Mathematics and Numeracy**

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

- Teachers having created a mathematical rich language environment in their classroom with age-appropriate maths language on display. Teachers are building up their stock of appropriate resources.
- All pupils in Years 3 - 7 were registered to use the 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.
- The focus in Numeracy throughout the school was on Mental Maths. Teachers discussed and clarified approaches to Mental Maths strategies at a staff meeting. The Mental Maths focus for the week is now on display in all classrooms. 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 classes in Years 3 - 7 had an improved class average in the standardised Mental Maths Test carried out in May 2016.
- Teachers have focused on teaching pupils how to tackle word problems. The children have become more adept in identifying the mathematical language used and are able to identify the appropriate operation to use. Pupils are more independent in their ability to tackle these word problems successfully.
- A Numeracy Catch-up programme for Year 4 pupils was put in place. Fifteen Year 4 pupils were targeted and 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 trained classroom assistants Miss Dixon and Mrs Molloy.
- Parents Workshops were held to equip parents from Nursery to Year 7 to be able to help their children with Numeracy. These were led by Timothy Doyle.

- A link was established between Ballyoran Primary School and Brownlow College in order to liaise and share the Mathematics teaching in Year 7 and 8. An initial meeting was set up with 3 local feeder primary schools and the Head of Maths/Year 8 Year head at Brownlow College. Maths teaching methods were shared. Brownlow are planning to revamp their planners/teaching in light of the liaison.

## **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.

We continue to use iPads to support teaching and learning.

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 WAU programme was delivered through the teaching of a variety of topics from Year 1 to Year 7. Due to the skills based nature of this Area of Learning and the lack of prescribed content, a few teachers decided to adapt or change the topics taught to fit in with their own and the children's interests. In creating these new topics the teachers were aware of the need to include elements of History, Geography and Science and to ensure that all four strands were covered over the course of the year.

The after school training session for teachers on 'Fair Testing' in Science, took place in April. Teachers responded positively and were encouraged to use the templates provided to help them plan 'fair tests' with their classes.

## **PDMU**

PD&MU 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 developed key skills and opened 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.

### **Music**

Music continued 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). Nine pupils who were keen to continue playing in the String Ensemble, successfully competed in the Portadown Music Festival in April 2016, gaining first prize.

### **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. As a result of these efforts, the vast majority of our Year 6 and Year 7 pupils have now reached the level of being able to receive lessons in the big pool.

### **RE**

Children in Years 1-2 are now following the new 'Grow in Love' Programme and Years 3-7 continued to follow the 'Alive O' Programme. The resources were again sponsored by Drumcree Parish and we are grateful to Canon Toner for this. Children who chose to attend the alternative RE class have been covering a selection 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
4. The Arts
5. Early Mathematical Development
6. The World Around Us

The following development took place during the 2015-16 school year:

1. Review of short term planning
2. Continued to improve outdoor areas of play
3. Development of Speech and Language strategies in the Nursery.
4. More effective use of adults in the Nursery.
5. Development of effective use of iPads in Nursery.
6. Review of Settling in Policy in light of changes made as a result of DE guidance.
7. Review of Positive Behaviour Management Policy.

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 called 'The Gathering Drum' for all children from both schools.

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'. Coach Chris also visited the Nursery on 3 occasions to help the children to develop their football skills. Debbie Doolittle visited the Nursery with a selection of wildlife animals. The Nursery enjoyed their outings to The Peoples' Park and Peter Pan's.

## Special Educational Needs

The good practice within SEN continued throughout the 2015 – 2016 academic year :

- Teaching support from the SpLD service continued throughout the year for six pupils.
- Over ten outside agencies worked with children at Stage 3 of the Code of Practice.
- Thirteen pupils were assessed by our Educational Psychologist. This figure includes three pupils with Special Educational Needs who were transferring from Nursery to Year 1.

## **Assessment and Reporting**

The following Assessment and Reporting took place:

- Data was shared with staff and analysed in order to identify pupils who were underachieving, low-achieving or high-achieving.
- Underachieving pupils were targeted, tracked 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.
- End of Year reports were sent home to parents.

### **2015-2016 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 shared with parents.

### **Pastoral Care, Safeguarding & Child Protection**

During the 2015 - 2016 the following developments took place:

- Child Protection Policy reviewed
- Child Protection Training for all staff
- Centralised Health Awareness Training – Anaphylaxis & Epilepsy
- Designated Teacher Refresher Training
- Self-esteem & resilience training

## Pupil Council

The Pupil Council continued to meet on a monthly basis on Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Martin. The members for 2015-2016 were as follows:

| Class    | Pupils                              |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Yr 7     | Aimee Wilson & Andy Byrne           |
| Yr 6     | Olivia Dunbar & Sean Coyle          |
| Yr 5     | Julia Pawelczyk & Filip Tyl         |
| Yr 4 McK | Molly Davis & Stephen Millar        |
| Yr 4 McC | Aine Gorman & Ryan Paulino          |
| Yr 3     | Caoimhe O'Connor & Owen Reynolds    |
| LSC      | Amy-Leigh Sterritt & Jamie Campbell |

This year they were responsible for ordering new Playground Equipment.

Office bearers:

Chairperson – Aimee Wilson

Vice Chairperson – Olivia Dunbar

Secretary – Andy Byrne

## House System

The House Competition continued during the 2015 - 2016 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  | Emma-Rose White Trainor | Sophie Griffin |
| Foyle | Seamus Reynolds         | Olivia Dunbar  |
| Lagan | Amy-Leigh Sterritt      | Paul Hendron   |

## Enrolment

Enrolment at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

| Nursery | Primary | LSC | Total |
|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 52      | 192     | 7   | 251   |

## Attendance

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

Average Attendance % for 2015 - 2016 was 93.9%, this is up 0.6% on the previous year and is to be celebrated.

Also the number of pupils receiving prizes for 100% attendance at Prize Day increased by nearly 20% on the previous year. The following pupils did not miss a day at school during 2015 - 2016:

- Cormac Reynolds
- Djasmine De Pina Domingos
- Matas Dimaitis
- Nayara Mendes
- Filip Zaliwski
- Caoimhe O'Connor
- Owen Reynolds
- Majka Adamczyk
- Oliwia Rybak
- Dayna Hughes
- Ronan Kofa
- Caitlin Reynolds
- Chelsey Williamson
- Niamh Larkin
- Conor Mulholland
- Olivia Dunbar
- Paul Hendron
- Mia Millar
- Aidan Kelly
- Shay Kelly
- Callum Mulholland
- Kathlyn Paulino
- Malachy Kofa

Aidan and Shay Kelly received special awards for not missing a day in 5 and 6 years respectively during their 7 years at Primary School.

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. To try to improve this situation during 2015-2016 we introduced a new punctuality procedure in the morning whereby all pupils who arrived after 9am were marked on SIMs as late. Teachers will also distribute letters if a pupil is consistently late and the Principal will make contact with parents.

### **Partnership with Parents**

Links between the school and parents which are vital, continued to be fostered and encouraged in various ways during the 2015 - 2016 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 £2,000 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
- Literacy books for Key Stage 2
- Nursery Outdoor 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 May.

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 and Nursery Graduation.

Formal Parent/Teacher Meetings were held in October and March. The uptake was very pleasing with 90% of parents attending in October and 87% 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](http://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 2015 - 2016.**

### **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.
- Pupils had opportunities to take part in a wide variety of educational trips to local facilities.
- 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.
- Shared Education partnership with Bocombra Primary School.
- 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 Extra, Rushmere Shopping Centre and Mahon Hall Nursing Home 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](http://www.ballyoranps.com).
- Use of local press – Portadown Times to promote the school.

### **Student Placements**

During the year the school welcomed 14 students in completing various courses/degrees as well as work experience.

- Southern Regional College – 4 students
- Drumcree College - 3 students
- St Catherine's College – 3 students
- Brownlow Intergrated College – 2 students
- Stranmillis University College – 1 student
- University of Manchester – 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 2015 - 2016:

| Event                  | Amount Raised | Charity   |
|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Coffee Morning         | £104.50       | NI Hospice                                      |
| Spots and Mad Hair Day | £459          | BBC Children in Need                            |
| Poppy Appeal           | £36           | Royal British Legion                            |
| Christmas Hampers      | N/A           | Portadown Cares                                 |
| Christmas Jumper Day   | £362.10       | Save the Children,<br>Macmillan and Make-A-Wish |
| Dance-a-thon           | £1088.85      | NSPCC   |
| Wear Red Day           | £265          | British Heart Foundation                        |

## Book Fair

We held our annual Scholastic Book Fair in our Central Library Area. It ran from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015. 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 organizing and running the Book Fair which was a great success, raising in the region of £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.

## Playground Friends

Playground Friends applied for the job in September 2015. After some training the children were split into 3 groups and worked in teams to set up and administer games in both the playgrounds.

## Inclusion and Diversity

We are an inclusive school and highly respect the cultural diversity within our school community. 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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 we marked European Day of Languages.

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 six Year 4 children were prepared for First Holy Communion by Mrs McCreesh-West and Miss McKernan. The ceremony was conducted by Canon Michael Toner. They also took part in a first Penance ceremony as part of their preparation.

Seventeen Year 7 pupils were prepared for Confirmation and as part of their preparation, participated in an Enrolment Ceremony, a Holy Spirit themed mass and a Ceremony of Light. We are grateful for the pastoral support of our chaplain Canon Michael Toner and Rev. Michael Sheehan and their assistance in the organisation of the various celebrations. Year 7 children were invited to enrol as junior pioneer 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.

### **Shared Education**

Shared Education has been defined as education that will provide opportunities for children and young people from different community backgrounds to learn together. The school continued to enjoy the Shared Education Programme with our partner school Bocombra Primary School.

The Co-ordinators from both schools delivered a joint lesson 'Getting to know you' for the ETI with the Year 3 pupils. The ETI met with the Co-ordinators, children and Principals. They agreed with our self-evaluation that our partnership is at the Developing Stage.

Staff in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One from both schools came to together to plan a series of six lessons on the World Around Us topics. These lessons 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 work and live together in a climate of mutual respect. We believe that Shared Education makes a valuable contribution to curriculum provision which is further developed through PD&MU.

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:

- § Stephen McCann and Shea Skelton 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.

## **Healthy Kids**

The pupils in Key Stage 2 benefitted from a new Healthy Kids initiative, under the leadership of Paul Carvill and Liam McCorry. Year 5 - 7 pupils received an 8 week block of sessions which included an initial assessment in week 1 and a further assessment in the final week to ascertain the level of progress. Central to the Healthy Kids programme was the Golden Mile where the pupils were encouraged to complete a circuit designed in the playground over a period of 15 minutes of either walking or running. The aim was very much to improve each pupils level of fitness.

## **Shannaghmore Residential**

From 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>st</sup> May 2016, 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. There were several highlights, including a group which was lucky to go canoeing in the harbour at Newcastle. The staff noted the wonderful cooperation and positive spirit shown by the pupils.

## **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 2015 - 2016 school year:

- Breakfast Club
- Homework Club
- ICT
- Gaelic
- Soccer
- Netball
- Board Games
- Choir
- Recorders
- Instrumental Ensemble

- Irish Folk Dancing
- Cookery
- Drama
- 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 2015 - 2016 school year.

### **Choir/Instrumental Ensemble**

We had a School Choir consisting of thirty five pupils and a small Recorder Ensemble consisting of six pupils. The Choir and Recorder Ensemble were involved in providing Carol singing/Music at various events during the Christmas period and providing music for the Liturgies of both First Communion and Confirmation Masses.

### **Breakfast Club**

The number of pupils attending Breakfast Club each morning increased in 2015-2016. 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 Miss Dixon.

### **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 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 Shea Skelton 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 two blitzes with three other local schools: Presentation PS, St Mary's PS Maghery and St Oliver Plunkett's PS Ballyhegan. Ballyoran performed extremely well at these tournaments with the ethos being very much one of fun and establishing new friendships.

### **Irish Folk Dancing Club**

Irish Folk Dancing after-school club started on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and ran until our Annual Festival/Celebration in March 2016. 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 this year by two Year 7 pupils, Grace O'Connor and Megan Stewart; both girls attend a private dance class in Portadown and volunteered to help. The goal of the club was to have fun and learn something new. All club members who attended consistently took part in the Annual School Festival, dancing solo and as part of a team. Each dancer received at least one medal at the dancing festival which was very well supported by parents and friends.

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

### **ICT Club**

ICT Club continued for Year 4 – 7 pupils from 3.00 – 4.00pm during the 2015-2016 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.

### **iPad Club**

Pupils from Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed participating in an iPad club with Mrs McGuire. They enjoyed creating short clips on iMovie.

### **Recorder Club**

In term 1, Year 3-7 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**

In terms 2 & 3, Year 5 - 7 pupils had the opportunity of attending a French club for six weeks with Mrs Martin and Mrs Baxter. These clubs were held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The children enjoyed learning basic French greetings, numbers, animals and colours in French. They were able to use the Interactive Whiteboard to play games to reinforce the topics. We finished off with a French food party, which the children really enjoyed!

## **Board Games Club**

In Term 2, pupils took part in a Board Games Club under the direction of Mr Hendron. There was a wide range of games available including chess, draughts, Connect 4, Logo Grab and Snakes and Ladders.

## **Art Club**

Pupils from Years 4 - 7 participated in Art Club with Mrs Barkley 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.

## **Eco Committee**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June we were awarded our second Green Flag from Eco-Schools. Throughout the year the Eco Committee met with Miss McGibbon to prepare for the assessment. The children were responsible for talking to the whole school during assemblies, informing their classes of our main topics and maintaining the Eco Garden. Our Eco Committee care deeply about environmental issues and wish to make a positive change in the environment around them. The Eco-Schools programme provides an ideal way for fostering environmental awareness in the entire school in a way that links to many curriculum areas.

The Eco Committee members for 2015 - 2016 were:

- Year 3 – Issey-May Byrne and Matheus Duraes
- Year 4 – Oliwia Rybak and Woyciech Borowczyk
- Year 5 – Leah Gibson and Humberto Marinho Da Cruz

- Year 6 – Roisin Larkin and Darnell McConville
- Year 7 – Aimee Wilson and Callum Mulholland

Children took part in a six week after-school Eco Club with Miss McGibbon. They were responsible for weeding areas of grass around the school and decorating the Eco Garden. The children designed posters using recycled milk top lids. They had lots of fun learning about global working and how to protect the environment. The Eco Club also signed up to the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council's Adopt a Street campaign that saw them take part in litter picks around the school grounds.

### **Cycling Proficiency Scheme**

Two 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.

### **Extended Schools**

The school again was fortunate to receive £17,835 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 2015-2016 school year pupils enjoyed taking part in the following Art Competitions:

| Date         | Competition  | Classes      |
|--------------|--|--------------|
| October 2015 | Credit Union Poster Competition  | Y3, Y5 & LSC |
| October 2015 | Ballyoran Christmas Card Competition                                   | Y1-7 & LSC   |
| October 2015 | Armagh Planetarium Christmas Card Competition (Winner: Aidan O'Connor) | Y6           |
| March 2016   | Tesco St Patrick's Day Colouring Competition                           | Y1-4         |
| April 2016   | Tesco Design a Football Shirt Competition                              | Y4-5         |

### **Healthy Breaks**

Ballyoran Primary School is a Health Promoting School and has operated a Healthy Breaks Policy for many years. Nursery and Foundation Stage pupils are provided with a healthy snack each day by the school. Pupils in Years 3 – 7 are responsible for bringing 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**

Eighteen Year 7 pupils left Ballyoran Primary School on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, transferring to the following six post primary schools:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Brownlow College            | 1 pupil   |
| Drumcree College            | 11 pupils |
| Lismore Comprehensive       | 3 pupils  |
| St Catherine's College      | 1 pupil   |
| Clounagh Junior High School | 1 pupil   |
| St Patrick's Grammar School | 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 Tedford.

## School Finance

### LMS Budget - Financial Year: April 2015 – March 2016

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.

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Total Available Budget</b>   | <b>£944,318</b> |
| <b>2. Expenditure</b>              |                 |
| <b>Staff</b>                       | <b>£845,613</b> |
| <b>Running Costs</b>               | <b>£81,379</b>  |
| <b>Less Income</b>                 | <b>£17,241</b>  |
| <b>3. Total Expenditure</b>        | <b>£909,751</b> |
| <b>4. Carry over for 2016-2017</b> | <b>£34,567</b>  |

### School Fund Account: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1. Opening Balance:</b> | <b>£2280.02</b>   |
| <b>2. Income:</b>          | <b>£17,540.83</b> |
| <b>3. Expenditure:</b>     | <b>£18,601.91</b> |
| <b>3. Closing Balance:</b> | <b>£1218.94</b>   |

## **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 2015 - 2016 school year:

- New Lights fitted and ceilings painted in Dinner Hall & Assembly Hall
- Finger guards fitted to Foundation Stage doors
- Carpet fitted in N1 and Staff Room after flood damage
- Lights fixed in Nursery, Yr 4 and Cleaner's store
- Leaks in LSC Boys toilets repaired
- Mobile floor repaired
- New Year 2 door closer fitted
- Door Entry System to Community Learning Centre fixed
- Boilers serviced and repaired
- Roof leak repaired in Foundation Stage corridor & Nursery 1 store
- New door handles fitted in Year 7 classroom
- Annual Electrical Testing

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: 2015 – 2016

### Holidays for pupils and staff

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| September | -           |
| October   | 29 - 30     |
| November  | -           |
| December  | 21 – 31     |
| January   | 1           |
| February  | 15 - 19     |
| March     | 17, 25 - 31 |
| April     | 1 - 8       |
| May       | 2, 30       |
| June      | -           |

### School Development Days – Staff Training

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Exceptional Closures

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Polling Station use for Assembly Elections
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 – Polling Station use for EU Referendum