



News Sheet

End of Term – June 2023

Safeguarding Team

Principal: Mr Woolsey
Designated Teacher: Mrs McGuire
Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Heaney
Nursery Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Mulholland
Designated Governor: Mrs Loney
Chairperson: Mr Fleming

End of Term Arrangements

Thursday 29th June will be our Class End of Year Party Day and pupils do not need to wear uniform.

School finishes early on Friday 30th June 2023 for the summer holidays. Please note that this will be a Non-Uniform, an Unhealthy Break Day and **NO DINNERS** will be served.

Pupils will have staggered dismissals as follows:

- 11.50am: Years 5 & 6
- 11.55am: Years 3 & 4
- 12noon: Years 1 – 2 & Nursery

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Stevenson to Ballyoran Primary School as our new secretary and hope that she settles in very quickly.

Mrs Heaney will be retiring at the end of August after nearly 35 years' service at Ballyoran Primary School. Mrs Heaney is very well known and respected in the local community and is one of the longest serving members of staff in the school, She has taught many hundreds of pupils, including parents of current pupils. As well as her teaching duties she has been heavily involved in Pastoral Care, Drama and Irish Dancing in school. As a school community we thank Mrs Heaney for all that she has given to the school over these past three and a half decades, we thank her for her hard work, commitment and dedication to this school and most importantly to the pupils of this school, who have always been her number one priority. We wish her a very long and happy retirement.

We also say farewell to two other teachers this year, Mrs McMurray has been teaching with us in various classes over this last 5 years: Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6. Miss Wright has been with us for two years in Year 3 and Year 5. We thank both ladies for all their hard work and commitment to the school and wish them well for the future.

Finally, we say farewell to four Classroom Assistants who have been with us this year: Miss Duraes, Miss Coulter, Miss Yendall and Miss Burke. We thank them for their service this year and wish them all the best for the future.

2022/2023 School Year

School reopens on Wednesday 30th August 2023 for the start of the 2022/2023 school year. **Please note that there will be school dinners this year from day 1.**

Classes for 2022/2023 School Year

Pupils got to spend 30 minutes in their new class for next year on Monday 26th June. The following are the classes for next year:

Class	Teacher
N1	Mrs Mulholland
N2	Miss Sanlisoy - Monday - Wednesday Mrs Wells – Thursday & Friday
Yr 1	Mrs Biggerstaff - Monday to Thursday Mrs Totten - Friday
Yr 1/2	Miss Carson: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mrs Totten: Thursday
Yr 2/3	Mrs McConville
Yr 3	Miss Baird
Yr 4	Miss Abraham
Yr 5	Mrs McGuire: Monday – Wednesday Mrs Walker: Thurs & Fri
Yr 6	Miss McKernan
Yr 7	Mrs Brown - Monday, Tuesday, Friday Mrs Martin – Wednesday & Thursday
LSC	Mr Hendron
Literacy and Numeracy Support	Mrs Barkley

Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer months Libraries NI are doing their usual Summer Reading Challenge and we would encourage parents to get their children involved in this.

Free School Meals

The application process for Free School Meal and Uniform Allowances for next year is now open. Eligible parents must apply online at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Please note that even if you are in receipt of Free School Meals this year, you must reapply for next year. Parents are asked to ensure that they get the application submitted by 28th July to ensure that you get the support in time for the start of the new year. **Failure to make an application now will mean that you will have to pay for school dinners from 30th August.**

School Meals Price

The Education Authority have not notified us of any increase to school meal prices. Currently the prices remain at:

- Nursery £2.50 per day
- Yr 1 – Yr 7 £2.60 per day

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues until the end of term. This Club will start on the first day of term – **Wednesday 30th August 2023**. The cost of the Breakfast Club remains at £1 per day. A reminder that if you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club this must be booked on a weekly basis by 1pm on the Friday of the week before by emailing ustevenson175@c2kni.net

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day event took place on Tuesday 6th June. The pupils tried their best in events such as sprint, obstacle race and skipping. Well done to all the pupils who took part. It was a very positive day and the weather was amazing. Thank you to all the parents who supported this.

End of Year Trips

Classes went on the following End of Term Trips this year:

Nursery	Peter Pan's
Year 1 & Yr1/2	Scallywags
Year 2	Airtastic
Years 3 & 4	Airtastic & cinema
Years 5, 6 & LSC	Airtastic & Bowling
Year 7	Oxford Island

Jo Jingles in Nursery

On Monday 2nd June, Jo Jingles visited Nursery for a morning of music and movement.

Love for Life Conference

On Tuesday 13th June, Year 7 pupils met with our Year 7 friends from Bocombra PS to take part in a 'Love for Life' Conference. They learned about being special, making decisions, friendships, peer pressure, growing up and being assertive. The learning was very interactive and fun, giving the pupils a chance to think about moving on as they start a new adventure in their next school.

Cycling Proficiency Test

Well done to eight Year 7 pupils who successfully completed their Cycling Proficiency Test with Mrs Martin during the month of June.

Gaelic Blitzes

Pupils in Years 5 – 7 got to take part in Gaelic Blitzes playing against pupils from other local Primary Schools during the month of June at Tir Nan Og.

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance for May:
Foundation/Key Stage 1: Year 2
Key Stage 2: Year 7H/W

Talent Show

We had a very successful whole school Talent Show on Tuesday 20th June 2023 which all of our pupils got the opportunity to audition for. This event really did show case the amazing talent of our pupils. The judging panel was made of former teachers Mrs Mackle and Mrs McCreesh-West along with our very own Mrs Heaney who is retiring this year. Well done to all the pupils who took part but particularly to our winners. We hope that this event will become an annual fixture on our school calendar.

Nursery Graduation

Our Nursery Graduation took place in the assembly hall on Wednesday 21st June 2023.

Prize Day 2023

Friday 23rd June was our Annual Prize Day; which is now a very important event in our School Calendar. The Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Prize Giving was first at 9.30am, then came the Key Stage 2 Prize Giving. Mrs McCreesh-West who retired last year, was Special Guest at both ceremonies. Pupils are to be congratulated on their successes and achievements. A list of the main Award Winners has been included in this News Sheet.

Transition Forms for Nursery

These were distributed to parents on Friday 23rd June. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Annual Reports for Year 1 to 7

Annual Reports were distributed to parents on Thursday 23rd June. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to request to speak to your child's teacher.

Data Collection Forms

These should already have been returned but if they haven't please ensure these are returned before the end of term to allow us to update our information in preparation for next year.

Unwanted Uniforms

Could you please send any unwanted school uniforms to the St Vincent de Paul shop in the Mayfair Business Centre.

School Watch

We ask that you help us out over the summer by reporting any suspicious activity around the school to the Police.

Farewell to Year 7

Thirty-five Year 7 pupils leave Ballyoran Primary School at the end of June and are transferring to the following Post Primary Schools.

Post-Primary School	Number of Pupils Transferring
Brownlow College	2
Clounagh Junior High School	1
Integrated College, Dungannon	1
Newbridge Integrated	1
St Catherine's College	2
St John the Baptist College	27
St Ronan's College	1

We thank these pupils for all that they have given to Ballyoran Primary School and wish them well for the future. We hope that they leave Ballyoran Primary School with many happy memories.

Term Dates & Holidays 2023-2024

Please see amended Holiday List for next year at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2rjsbvfc>

Menu for September 2023

Please note that the EA have developed a new 4 weekly rolling menu which they have published in a new format. This can be found on the school website at

<https://www.ballyoranps.com/school-meals/>

Thank You

This has been another busy year. A big thank you to all parents for your support and co-operation this year and to all the Staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the year and finally, to all our pupils for making this such an enjoyable year.

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

Richard Woolsey
Principal

PRIZE DAY 2022/2023
 Friday 23rd June 2023
Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

	Year 1 Mrs Biggesrtaff	Year 1 Mrs McConville	Year 2 Mrs McConville	Year 2 Mrs Muldrew	Year 3 Miss Baird	Year 4 Miss Abraham
Literacy	Faith McConville	Mila McDernan	Beatrice Lopes	Enda Creaney	Annabella Pereira	Allie-Rose mcAlinden
Numeracy	Dilanas Endrikaitis	Patrick Brankin	Daragh Knox Lucas	Jilianne Dela Cruz	Aedan Creaney	Ryan Magalhaes
ICT	Veronica Da Silva	Conor Hamilton	Harvey Hempkin	Jackson Pereria	David Fortes	Varshita Mahesh Babu
Star Pupil	Leah Nosal		Caelan McCool	Livia Varela	Maria Fialho	

SPORTS AWARDS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Girls	Wiktorja Chodarczewicz	Beatrice Lopes	Emilie Lawless	Reyna Kaplan
Boys	Joel Reid	Junior McGeown	Aedan Creaney	Ksawery Kazmierski

The Hyde Cup for Progress in Reading
Shekainah Buduan

Nominations for the Calvert Award	Rachel Hall, Caitlin Corrigan, Isaac Sergent, Gracella Vaz Soares Santiago Liggett Reyna Kaplan
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The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1

Isaac Sergent

PRIZE DAY 2022/2023

Friday 23rd June 2023

Key Stage 2

AWARDS	LSC Mr Hendron	Year 5 Miss Wright	Year 6 Miss McKernan	Year 7 Mrs Brown/Mrs Martin	Year 7 Mrs Heaney/Mrs Walker
Literacy	Jason Hall	Brody Winter	Beth Creaney	Maura Das Neves	Sienna Wright
Numeracy	Balthasar Carlson Li	Denis Kozlowski	Ethan Millar	Courtney McGeown	Kacper Skwara
ICT	Emma McGeown	Ruby Hall	Tomas Connolly	Ollie Byrne	Daniela Norusaite
Star Pupil	Brian Golicki	Katie Hamilton	Lucy Lennon	Isabella Pereira	Goda Valiute
World Around Us	Brian Golicki				
Reading	Jakub Czwojdrak				
Reading	James Johnston				
Positivity	Elainy D'Assuncao				
Being Kind and Helpful	Baldric Carlson Li				
Effort and Perseverance	Alessandra Da Veiga				

MAIN AWARDS	
The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy	Aishlinn Hughes
The Brown Family Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	Mairtin Moylan
The Wilson Brothers' Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	Maisie Millar
The Governors' Cup for ICT	Isabella Pereira
The Walker Cup for The World Around Us	Aogan McAlinden
The Lynas Award for Art and Design	Goda Valiute
The Heaney Cup for Drama	Kacper Skwara
The RE Cup	Jacinta Guterres
The Gilpin LSC Special Award	Baldric Carlson Li
The Principal's Cup for PDMU	Maisie Millar
The CWS Eco Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Eco Club	Ethan Millar

The Mallon Award for Courage, Patience and Resilience	Romeu Rodrigues
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House Competition	Final Results
	1 st Place: Foyle 8039
	2 nd Place: Bann 7820
	3 rd Place: Lagan 7708

SPORTS DAY AWARDS	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Overall Winner - Girls	Miriam Pires	Michalina Dobrowlska	Maisie Millar
Overall Winner - Boys	Hunter McCann	Jose Mendes	Yuran Mendes

Nominations for The Hagan Award	Aishlinn Hughes Maisie Millar Isabella Pereira Victoria Da Silva Sierra Antonio Domingos Kacper Skwara Jacinta Guterres Nuria Encada Pires
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The Hagan Award for Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School	Maisie Millar
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