



Ballydown Times

September Newsletter 2024

Mr Murphy's Blog

The new school year has got off to a great start and a busy September. A huge Ballydown welcome to all of our new nursery and P1 pupils and families to Ballydown. We have also welcomed a couple of new pupils into the older classrooms. Congratulations to Mrs McCrum on the birth of her baby boy. Welcome to Mrs Harrision who will be covering Mrs McCrum's maternity leave. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to speak to me or arrange a time with your child's teacher.



Stars of the month



Our September winners for making a **great start to the new school year**; Nursery Nellie Brown, P1D Finley Arthur, P1R Anna Hutchinson, P2 Thomas Hare, P2/3 Ethan Carey, P3 Lucy Mackey, P4 Arthur Hetherington, P4/5 Zach Gibson, P5 Charlie Jelly, P6 Maya McCall, P6/7 Lucia Anderson, P7 Lily Grace McClimmonds.

Behaviour and manners Award Nursery Robert Cromie, P1D Olivia Carey, P1R Luke Anketell, P2 Cora Wilson, P2/3 Sophia Hillis, P3 Noah Mooney, P4 Matha McClughan, P4/5 Penny O'Hare, P5 Freya-Rose Wilson, P6 Rebekah Anderson, P6/7 Seth Bell, P7 Harry Morrison.

Everyone enjoyed their morning tea and treats with Mr Murphy.

Best Class trophy winners

Our best class for September was P7R. Very well done.

After School Clubs

All of our after-school clubs got underway this month. It is great to see so many children getting involved in other activities outside of the classroom. If you have any other ideas for clubs or can offer a skill, please speak to us.



Table Tennis

Congratulations to our All Ireland winning Boys Table Tennis team were shortlisted for the ABC council sports award. Well done on getting to this final stage boys.

Amazing Journey

Thank you to the volunteers from Banbridge Baptist Church who visited school for 2 days to speak to each year group. They shared some Bible stories and gave us the opportunity to try on some clothes and taste food from Biblical times.

P4 Ulster Folk & Transport Museum

P4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Ulster Folk Park, as part of their school in the past topic. They looked fantastic dressed as children from the past and had great fun learning about school life in the past. They particularly enjoyed visiting the original Ballydown school building.

School Council Elections

Our New Council Committee for 2024-25 was elected with representatives from P4-P7. We look forward to listening to their ideas and how they can contribute to improving our school for all.

School Council Elections

P4	P5
Thea Crawford Rose McEvoy Noah McKnight	Evie Pollock William Fleming Jacob Lutton
P6	P7
Charlie McShane Lucia Anderson Esme McEvoy	Ethan Jeffers George Mathers Ollie McGregor

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Children and staff enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the end of September with some cakes and buns! We really appreciate all of the support for this very worthy charity. You helped us to raise £760.





Website & App

Please remember to visit our website www.ballydownprimary.org.uk regularly to see what our children have been up to. Download the NI Schools app so you can receive messages and updates.



Diary Dates:

Mon 21 st -24 th Oct	Parent-Teacher Interviews 2:15-4:00pm. Staggered Closure from 1:45pm (following Friday pick-up routine)
Mon 28 th Oct-Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term (No School)
Mon 4 th Nov	Start back
Mon 4 th Nov	Cross Country Portadown Rugby Club
Sat 16 th , 23 rd Nov	SEAG Tests (Good Luck P7s!)

