



Ballydown Times

February Newsletter 2025

Mr Murphy's Blog

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. February has gone quickly. Well done to all of our winners and those who have taken part in competitions. We are really looking forward to seeing our KS2 children's talents on stage at the Spring Concert.



Pupil of the Month

Our February target was for **presentation**. This month's winners were: Nursery Arnold Little, P1D Leah Gordon-Barnett, P1R Alexander Little, P2 Donald Smyth, P2/3 Alfie Porter, P3 Katherine Parton, P4 Meah Fisher, P4/5 Grace Herriot, P5 Rudy Bickerstaff, P6 Ella Vint, P6/7 Matthew Hughes, P7 Harry Jelly.

Best manners and Behaviour award winners were: Nursery Ellie-Mae Houston, P1R Leah Liggett, P1D Bethany Vint, P2 Rayne Savage, P2/3 Noah O'Kane, P3 Fergus Bickerstaff, P4 Elliott Robb, P4/5 Josh Quigley, P5 Louie Vint, P6 Lugh Harper-Simmance, P6/7 Joel Porter, P7 Scarlett Proctor.

Everyone received a certificate in assembly and enjoyed a special break with Mr Murphy. Well Done!

Class of the Month

Mr Murphy's choice for best class and winner of the trophy was P2/3 Mrs Harrison.



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/teacher meetings took place this week. Thank you for your support at these. Remember if you wish to speak to your child's teacher outside of these meetings, please do not hesitate in contacting school to arrange an appointment or speak to Mr Murphy when you see him out and about, if you have any queries or concerns.

Girls Football

Our girls took part in Evo Girls Tournament this week, at Cheney Park. The girls played superbly, winning their group section.

Hockey

The boys team took part in the Mid Ulster tournament earlier this month, winning their section. The boys and girls team took part in the Mid Ulster hockey tournament held at Havelock on 26th February. The girls team finished in 3rd place. The boys team got through to the finals and have qualified for the Pearson Cup finals to be held at Stormont.

Community Sports Week

8 children represented school at The Night of Champions held at Banbridge High School. They enjoyed lots of fun activities, as well as learning about Christ through Sports.

Chinese New Year

P4/5, P5 and P7R children have been continuing their weekly mandarin lessons. P7 enjoyed a fun morning celebrating Chinese New Year of the Dragon at Banbridge Academy. They enjoyed watching some Chinese performers, demonstrating traditional Chinese costumes, dance and acting.

Internet Safety

Safer Internet Day was Tuesday 4th February. Children took part in activities and lessons about keeping safe online. There has been a lot of discussion in the media this month about the dangers of social media. Please remember to monitor your child's online activity. Phones, messages, social media accounts should be checked regularly.

Ballydown Celebrates World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on Friday 7th March. Children may wear a book character costume or their oodie/onesie/PJs to school. Please wear safe and practical footwear. Children may enter the various competitions:



Nursery-P3 Wooden Spoon Book character

P4-P7 will be participating in the Newsdesk competition where they have to design a book cover.

www.worldbookday.com



Diary Dates:

Tues 4 th March	P6 SEAG Transfer Test information 2.15pm
Wednesday 5 th March	P7 London Information Session 7pm
Friday 7 th March	Ballydown celebrates World Book Day
Tuesday 11 th March	Rehearsal P5-P7 Spring Concert rehearsal in church (children to be dropped at church in the morning)
Wednesday 12 th March	KS2 Spring Concert (Ballydown Church) 9.45am and 6.30pm (children to be dropped at church in the morning)
Monday 17 th March	School closed for St Patrick's Holiday
Wed 19 th March	Cool for School Photographs (individual and family)
Mon 24 th -Thurs 27 th March	P7 trip to London
Fri 28 th March	PTA Bake Sale
Fri 11 th April	Finish for Easter Holidays 12.00 staggered closure PTA Easter Bounce
Mon 28 th April	Term 3 begins
Mon 5 th May	May Day bank Holiday
Tues 6 th -Thurs 8 th May	Standardised testing for P3-P6





Pupils of the Month



Special Award Winners



Girls Football Team



Boys Hockey Team



Swimming Team 2025



Girls Hockey Team