



Ballydown Times

June Newsletter 2025

Mr Murphy's Blog

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of the school year. It has been a busy but fantastically successful year at Ballydown. Thank you all so much for your support and commitment to our school and for making Ballydown just the best school community. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity shown to us all.

I hope you all have a great summer break and enjoy any holidays or trips out. Please get in touch if there is anything we can help with. I look forward to seeing you all at the end of August.

Stars of the month

I am delighted to announce our June winners for 'Teachers' Choice' award are; Nursery Daniel Thom, P1D Lily Smith, P1R Margaux Fairbairn, P2 Samuel Henning, P2/3 Annie Truesdale, P3 Harry Percy, P4 Noah McKnight, P4/5 Sophie O'Kane/ Harry Dobson, P5 Nathan Sands, P6 Danny Hillis, P6/7 Harley Irvine.



Our Special Awards for Best Behaviour and Manners went to: Nursery Maisie Porter/Alayla Johnson, P1D Reuben Winslow, P1R Reagan Toman, P2 Isabella McClughan, P2/3 Elena Wylie, P3 Charlie King/Pippa Donaldson, P4 Kate Cosgrave/Hayley Todd, P4/5 Malaya Young, P5 Savannah Jooste, P6 Rachel Glass, P6/7 Heidi McMullan.

Very well done.

Nursery were our winners of class of the month. Well done nursery.

P5 East Coast Adventure

Our P5 children had a great day at East Coast Adventure Centre, taking part in lots of outdoor pursuit and water activities. It is a great experience for the children and lovely to see children try something new and challenge themselves to overcome some fears!

Football

P6 children took part in a football tournament held at Rathfriland High. Our team played superbly to finish as runners up.

'The Greatest Show!'

Our P7 performance of 'The Greatest Show' was absolutely fantastic. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends along to watch the two performances. Our P7 children are such a talented group and we were all 'blown away' by the performance. A huge thank you to all of the staff involved and special thanks to our music director, Mrs Blair and the director Mr Russell.

Leavers' Assembly

Our leavers' Assembly took place last week to mark the end of our P7 children's time at Ballydown. Our guest speaker was Mrs Janis Wright, who is leaving Ballydown after 30 years dedicated service to our school. Mrs Wright spoke to the P7 about moving on, being brave, and going out to achieve their dreams. Farewell and thank you Mrs Wright for being such an important part of so many children's lives at Ballydown. We will miss you.



Our P7 children had visits to their new post primary schools this month. We have

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Stars

children going to lots of different schools this year; Banbridge Academy, Banbridge High, Dromore High, St Patrick's College, Newbridge Integrated and Rathfriland High. We wish our P7 children best wishes as they move to their new schools in September. We know they have had a great start to their education in Ballydown and are confident that they are ready for the next stage in their education.



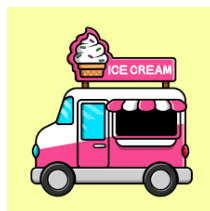
PTA

Thank you to our PTA who provided a BBQ and party for our P7 children to celebrate their last full day in school. Great fun was had by all. A huge thanks to our PTA who provide so much for us in school. This year along with your help our PTA have raised an amazing £13184. PTA are using this money to support our upgrade of the sound and lighting in the assembly hall and to upgrade our reading schemes, throughout the school. Thank you all much.



Ice Cream and Bouncy Castles

We finished term with a visit from the ice cream van for everyone and a chance for children to meet their new teachers and classmates.



We also had some fun on the bouncy castles kindly sponsored by our PTA.



