



Ballydown Times

May Newsletter 2022

Mr Murphy's Blog

May was another busy month which seems to have gone very quickly! It's hard to believe we are into the final month of the school year.

Stars of the month



I am delighted to announce our May winners for most improved reading are; Nursery Reuben Carey, P1W Elliott Robb, P1R Daniel Liggett, P2 Joshua Quigley, P2/3 Herbie Scott, P3 Elsie-May Brolly, P4 Mia Matthews, P4/5 George Mathers, P5 Louis Wallace, P6 Ellen Hare, P6/7 Alfie Wallace, P7 Sophie Little. Very well done. Our winners will enjoy ice cream treat with Mr Murphy.

Ballydown Fun Run

The PTA Fun run was a great success! Thank you so much for all of the sponsor money. We raised a fantastic total of £3684. Thank you so much for your support. A big thank you to our PTA, who raise so much for our school, all of which goes back into resources for our classrooms and playgrounds! We couldn't do without them.



Table Tennis

Our table tennis team were in action again for the individual finals, held in Lisburn Racquets Club. Well done to Angus Bell for winning the P6 boy section and Lilly Woods who finished 3rd.

Balmoral Show

It was great to see lots of pupils from Ballydown competing at Balmoral Show. Well done to James and Ellen Hare, Vanessa Ringland and Serena Brown. Mr Murphy even made an appearance!

Platinum Jubilee Street Party

We had a fantastic day celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thankfully the weather stayed in our favour, allowing us to enjoy our



outdoor Jubilee street party. A big thank you to the PTA who provided bouncy castle, obstacle course and disco bounce.

Shared Education

May has been another busy month for our shared education partnership with St Francis. We had trips to Kilbroney for P1, Whytes Estate with P6 & P2 & P3. Fort Evergreen, Nursery Streamvale Farm, P7 Belmont presentation, W5 P4 & P5.

Netball

Our Netball team took part in a tournament at Craigavon Leisure Centre. They played very well and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Rugby

Our rugby team attended tournaments at the Kingspan Stadium. The boys played really well against some tough competition and had great fun. Thank you to Banbridge Rugby club for their support and coaching this term.



Matilda the Musical

P7 pupils and teachers have been working very hard over the past weeks preparing for their performance of Matilda. We are all very much looking forward to what will be a very entertaining show. Tickets still available for tonight 16th June @ 7pm, £4.00.



Assessments

It has been a busy month for Standardised tests and class tests for our boys and girls. Everyone, especially the teachers, are glad to have them finished! Well done to everyone for working so hard.



Cycling Proficiency

P7 Pupils prepared for and took their proficiency tests. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Walker for training and preparing the children, despite a couple of rather damp afternoons!! Well done to everyone. Hopefully the children will have learnt essential skills for keeping safe whilst cycling.



Mrs Brown

Some of you may have already heard that Mrs Brown (P5) will be leaving us at the end of June. Mrs Brown arrived in Ballydown, as Miss Orr, in 2004. She has been a wonderful asset to our school and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best as she and her husband begin their new life in Maghera.

Uniform Sale

We will be holding a uniform sale on Tuesday 28th June. If you have any items of uniform which your child has outgrown, you may wish to send them into school. Please ensure uniform is clean and in good condition. There will be a small contribution of £1 per item sold for the eco team to use towards buying plants. Thank you.

Sports Day

We were rained off for most of the week, but were finally able to hold our Sports Day at the end of the week. It was a great day and we were delighted to be able to invite parents back this year for a whole school celebration. Well done to our winners and for all who took part and enjoyed! Medals will be awarded next week at our prize giving assembly.

Diary Dates June:

- Wednesday 15th June P7 Play Matilda at 7pm tickets £4
- Wednesday 15th June P5 W5 Shared Ed trip
- Thursday 16th June P7 Play Matilda at 7pm tickets £4
- Friday 17th June P1/2 Open Farm
- Thursday 23rd June P7 BBQ
- Friday 24th June Leavers Assembly and final day for P7 9:45am
- Monday 27th Nursery Graduation
- Monday 27th Football tournament, Rathfriland
- Tuesday 28th P6 Trip American Folk Park
- Tuesday 28th Uniform sale
- Wednesday 29th Ice Cream treat and new class introductions
- Thursday 30th June FINISH FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS (half day)

