



Ballydown Times

May Newsletter 2023

Mr Murphy's Blog

May was another busy month which seems to have gone very quickly! Great to welcome some sunshine at last for the month of June.

Stars of the month

I am delighted to announce our May winners for most improved reading are; Nursery Rayne Savage, P1G Jude Shaw, P1R David Moorehead, P2 Ollie Greenwood, P2/3 Dakota Gault, P3 Kate Cowan, P4 Fraser Smyth, P4/5 Charlie Cosgrave, P5 Kate Crawford, P6 Ben Russell, P6/7 Jack Maguire, P7 Jack McFadden. Very well done. Our winners will enjoy an ice cream treat with Mr Murphy.



Ballydown Fun Run

The PTA Fun run was a great success! Thank you so much for raising a massive **£3916!** 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 and your support. Over the past 2 years the PTA have funded new Interactive Whiteboards for all of the classrooms.



We have also made a donation of £400 to Rory Best's 330km **Miles to Mayo** walk for The Cancer Fund for Children.

Table Tennis

Our Boys and girls teams both qualified and took part in The All Ireland Finals in Dublin. Both teams played so well, finishing in silver medal positions. Well done.

Balmoral Show

It was great to see lots of pupils from Ballydown competing at Balmoral Show. Well done.

Coronation Party

We had a fantastic day celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. Everyone looked great



dressed up for a Royal Event! We all enjoyed our Coronation Parade, Street Party and some dancing.

Netball

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

Rugby

Our girls rugby team attended a girls tournament at the Kingspan Stadium. The girls played really well against some tough competition and had great fun, finishing in 2nd place. Thank you to Ulster Rugby for their support and coaching this term.



The boys teams took part in a tournament at Banbridge Academy. They played some super rugby finishing in second place. Thanks to all the coaching from Mr Russell and Banbridge Rugby Club.

'Oh What a Night!'

P7 pupils and teachers have been working very hard over the past weeks preparing for their performance of 'Oh What a Night'. We are all very much looking forward to what will be a very entertaining show. Tickets will be available from the office from **Tuesday 13th, £5.**



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.

Uniform Sale

We will be holding a uniform sale/swap next week beginning **12th 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. Uniforms will be available in the outdoor classroom. There will be a small voluntary contribution of £1 per item sold for



the eco team to use towards buying plants etc. Thank you.

Sports Day

What a beautiful morning we had for Sports Day. It was such a lovely morning in the sunshine and great to see so many parents and grandparents joining us for our sports day. Well done to all our medal winners.



Diary Dates June:

Monday 5 th -Tues 6 th	Nursery and P1 Intake Meetings
Monday 5 th	P5 East Coast Adventure Trip
Tuesday 6 th	P2 & P3 Butterfly Farm
Tuesday 13 th	P1 Trip Kilbroney
Friday 16 th	P1/2 Open Farm visit
Wednesday 21 st	P7 Play at 7pm tickets £5
Wednesday 21 st	Football tournament, Rathfriland
Thursday 22 nd	P7 Play at 7pm tickets £5
Friday 17 th	P1 Open Farm
Monday 26 th	P7 Party
Tuesday 27 th	P7 Leavers Assembly and final day for P7 9:45am
Thursday 29 th	Ice Cream treat and new class introductions
Friday 30 th	FINISH FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS (half day)

