



# Ballylifford PS

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May and June 2023



## TERM 3 DATES

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 –  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at  
11am

## BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

### DAYS

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May &  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**First Holy Communion –**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at  
12:30pm**

**World Daily Mile –  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Feel Good Friday –**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April and  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**PTE and PTM assessments  
– starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
May**

**Sport's Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
June**

**School Trips – Monday  
26<sup>th</sup> June**

**End of Year Mass and P.7  
Assembly – Wednesday  
28<sup>th</sup> June (P.7 last day)**

## May is the Month of Mary

In the month of May, we remember Mary our Mother. We pray the Hail Mary and ask Mary to care for and look after us. We will create a May Altar at the front of our school to mark Mary's special month. Each Friday in May we will come together as a whole school and pray the rosary to Our Lady.



## School Start time

Please remember that our start time is 9am. Children can arrive to school anytime between 8:30am and 9am. It is important that all children are present before 9am so that class can begin promptly. We appreciate your co-operation. Please continue to send children in full school uniform with **plain navy bottoms**. In the warmer weather, children can wear plain navy shorts/Ballylifford PE shorts with school jumper and polo-shirt.

## Promoting Positive Behaviour

We will continue to encourage all children to follow our Golden Rules so that learning can be effective in all classes. Whole school Rewards and Sanctions are in place in line with our Positive Behaviour policy. Children have all been reminded of our Golden Rules and our Sanctions at the start of this term. Good behaviour results in children displaying an excellent attitude to their learning. Please encourage your child to follow our school rules and to always remember their good manners. We are very lucky to have such well-behaved children in Ballylifford PS.

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## Accelerated Reader in Term 2

Congratulations to all the children from P.3 to P.7 for their fantastic reading and quizzing in Term 2. Several children reached their individual target and achieved over 85% or above in all quizzes. Well done everyone!



## Easter Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to Rose (John McCorry) on winning our Easter Hamper raffle. We hope Rose enjoyed all the lovely treats over Easter. The raffle raised a fantastic £225 – thank you boys and girls! This money will be added to the loose change collection and presented to Mary's Meals.



## Credit Union School Savers

Congratulations to our Credit Union School Savers for Term 2. They raised the fantastic amount of £1517.65. Keep up the great saving in Term 3 everyone!

## Ballylifford 100 Draw

Our last 2 Ballylifford 100 draws will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Good luck everyone!

## After School Clubs for Term 3

The following clubs will continue after school in Term 3 from 3pm to 4pm.

- ✓ Boys Football – every Wednesday
- ✓ Girls Camogie – every Friday

Thank you to Killian Conlan, Patrick Scott and Caroline Wilson for taking our After School clubs in Term 3 – their help and support is greatly appreciated.

## Hurling with St. Finbarr's

Brian from St. Finbarr's Hurling club will continue to take P.5/6/7 for Hurling every Thursday in Term 3 from 1:15pm to 2:45pm. Children can borrow a helmet and stick if they do not have one.

## Sporting events - Dates for your Diary

Meadowbank Hurling Tournament – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

All County Camogie Championship – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Woods PS Boys Soccer Tournament – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

South Derry Boy's Football Championship – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

South Derry Girl's Football Championship – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Aaron Devlin Memorial Boys and Girls Football tournament – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June



## World Daily Mile

All schools will be celebrating the World Daily Mile on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. See our school website for photos of Ballylifford completing the World Daily Mile on Thursday.

## Feel Good Friday

We will celebrate our last 2 Feel Good Fridays on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the buzz and excitement of 'Feel Good Friday' each month.

## PTE and PTM assessments May 2023

This year our PTE and PTM assessments for children in P.3 to P.7 will take place week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We hope to have all assessments completed by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Results of PTE and PTM will be shared with parents in the end of year pupil reports. We encourage all children to be in school every day this week if possible, to ensure all assessments are completed.

## First Holy Communion

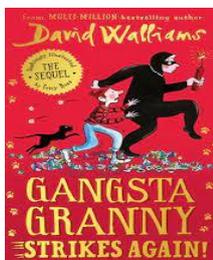
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 12:30pm for all our P.4 children. First Holy communion will be a parish event including all P.4 children from both Ballylifford and Derrychrin schools.

The choir (Children from P.3 to P.7) will be singing at First Holy Communion. (More details in separate letter prior to First Holy Communion).



## Travelling Book Fair

Thank you all children who purchased a book from our Book Fair in March. The Book Fair raised a total of £610 and the school received £306 commission to buy books for Accelerated reader and a set of Gangsta Granny novels to use as our Term 3 novel in P.5/6/7.



## Little Healthy Me sessions

Colette Slevin from AMH Menssana (Action Mental Health) will return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to complete the Little Healthy Me workshop with our P.1/2 and P.3/4 children.

## Annual Pupil Reports

Annual Pupil reports will be issued to Parents/Carers Week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## Derry GAA Coaching with Adrian Moran

Throughout Term 3, all classes will participate in sessions with Adrian Moran as part of our PE curriculum. The cost of the sessions is £8. This also includes PE with David from Active Kids every Tuesday. PE coaching sessions will end in the middle of June to allow time to prepare for Sport's Day. See photos on our school website of children enjoying PE Coaching sessions with Adrian.

## Thank you Miss McPeake

A huge thank you to Miss McPeake for teaching our P.3/4 class from Halloween to Easter. We hope to see Miss McPeake again soon. We are delighted to see Ms Hurl back to school fit and well.



## P.1 Induction Morning and Parent Talk

A P.1 Induction Morning and Parent Talk will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 9:30am to 10:30am. This is for the new P.1 children starting school in September 2023.

## Sport's Day

Sport's day this year will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. More details will follow in June.

## School Trips

End of year school trips will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

P.1 – P.4 – Sperrin Fun Farm

P.5/6/7 – Jet Centre (Bowling and Cinema)

## P.7 Last day

This year we will mark our P.7 children leaving with an End of School Year Mass and special assembly on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow closer to this date.

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