



Summer term is here in Ballysillan. We cannot wait to get some lovely weather to be moving lots of our learning outdoors.

End of Year Celebrations

We understand that the end of term is a very special time. Currently we are working hard in the background to ensure that our 2 "key transition" year groups (Nursery and P7) are going to have lovely end of year ceremonies. We can confirm that Nursery Graduation will be Monday 26th June and P7 End of Year Service will be Friday 23rd June.

We will be in touch very soon with specific arrangements. P1-P6 will also be working hard to put together some lovely end of year experiences.

New Academic Year Arrangements

We are just reminding parents that all classes and teachers will be organised in June for the new academic year. Parents will be informed of this when they receive their report at the end of June. Nursery parents please see separate information on P1 transition.

Testing

Throughout the month of May we are conducting all of end of year assessments. These assessments are incredibly important to inform us on how your child is managing their learning. Assessing your child's academic ability allows the next teacher to

create the right lessons and learning objectives for next year. Please can you ensure you send your child every day in May so they do not miss any revision time or very important testing.

Primary One Transition June 2023

Parents have now been informed if they have been accepted into Ballysillan Primary School. We are absolutely delighted at all of our Nursery parents choosing our school. We are also delighted to welcome lots of new faces. New P1 parents, for the academic year September 2023, will be finding out who their P1 teacher is at the beginning of June. All children will then take part in our fantastic transition process. Children will get to take part in "Stay and Play" club in P1 one afternoon a week. The P1 teacher and assistant will also be in the Nursery playing with the children and reading stories. Via Seesaw parents will also receive lots of information and have time scheduled to speak to the P1 staff to share any extra information and concerns.

King's Coronation

On Thursday 4th May we are celebrating the Coronation of the King. To get into the spirit, we are running a red, white and blue theme. If children would rather wear red, white and blue instead of their school uniform, this is perfectly acceptable! All classes will be completing lots of fun and educational activities focused on the Coronation. Look out on Facebook for some updates! Dinners will run as normal, however, we are decorating the hall and the children will be provided with "party boxes" instead of their usual meal.

Bank Holidays and School Closures

Just a reminder that school is closed Monday 8th May and Monday 29th May for Bank Holidays. We also have a staff development day on Tuesday 30th May. School will also be closed on this date.

P6 Thriving Families

Just a reminder that P6 Thriving Families is being held on Wednesday 3rd May in our ICT suite. Please check Seesaw for all of the details. Our aim is to connect your child with a loved one/familiar adult. Remember any loved one can attend and come along to be with your child.

P7 Thriving Families

Just a reminder that P7 Thriving Families is being held on Wednesday 10th May in our playground. Please check Seesaw for all of the details. Our aim is to connect your child with a loved one/familiar adult. Remember any loved one can attend and come along to be with your child.

P1 Music Makers

P1 are delighted to have been chosen to take part in our Music Makers afternoons every Wednesday in May between 1.30pm-2pm. This is led by music experts from the Education Authority. These sessions will focus on developing the children's musical abilities as well as their attention and listening skills. Every week they will focus on a new musical skill and have opportunities to practice independently and with their peers. We hope you enjoy P1!

P7 Workshop It's Your Move

Throughout May P7 children will have an opportunity to take part in a programme called "It's Your Move" by Scripture Union Northern Ireland. This programme is especially created to support the transition of P7 children into secondary school. It focuses on 3 themes; Changes, Choices and Challenges.

P7 Moving On Workshop

On Monday 15th May P7 will be taking part in a workshop called "Moving On". This is led by Duncarin Community Partnership. This is also a transition programme for our P7 children which focuses on the processes and logistics of moving to secondary school.

School Nurse-P1 Health Assessments

The school nurse is on site 9th-12th and the 16th May to complete the P1 health assessments. Please look out for notes regarding details from the P1 teacher.

Class School Photos

All Nursery, P1 and P7 children are going to have their full class photograph taken on Thursday 18th May. Please can you ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

Sports Day-Friday 26th May

This year Sports Day for P1-P7 will be held on Friday 26th May.

In the morning P1-P3 races will be held on school grounds. Once these are completed the P5-P7 will walk to Ballysillan Leisure Centre and Sports Day races will be held in the Leisure Centre hall. Details will be sent out via Seesaw at the end of this week.

Nursery will be holding a separate fun sports event so please look out in their newsletter for details and dates.

School Fair

Our School Summer Fair will be held on Wednesday 7th June. We will be sending details regarding arrangements for home time closer to this date.

Time: - 1pm - 2:30pm

Admission: - £1, Nursery and Primary school aged children = Free

Some of the attractions available at the fair will be: - Tombola, Face Painting, Tattoos, Bouncy Castle, Penalty Shoot-Out, crafts and many more!

N.B - Anybody wishing to book a stall, please ring the school on 02890391668.