

Year 5 Shared Education Programme 2025



Pupils from Year 5 in Irvinestown Primary School, Ballinamallard Primary School and St. Paul's Primary School have thoroughly enjoyed their shared lessons this year. Throughout the year we focused on the curriculum area of 'Outdoor Learning' and the pupils took part in lessons linked with various areas of the curriculum. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting together!

On a beautiful Spring day in St Paul's, we focused on our survival skills. We rotated around three set challenges where we had to use problem solving and team-building skills. Firstly, we used bamboo rods and tarps to build dens. We had to think of all possible weathers and design dens that give shelter in the wind, rain and sunshine. Next, using wool 'worms' we learned all about camouflage and why it is so important for animals to be camouflaged in the wild. We hid the different coloured 'worms' to assess which colour worms survived being found by our 'birds'. Lastly, we used our artistic skills to explore the patterns and textures found within nature. We explored the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy and created our own interpretations of his art using only natural resources and things found within the School Garden.



Ballinamallard was the location for our Second Day and Fourth day of Shared Education for P5. The theme for these days was Literacy and Wellness. We worked in our three groups again – Blue, Red and Green.

Children rotated around the groups and enjoyed three engaging and active learning activities; creating a storyboard linked to a story starter, roleplay development and performing a short sketch. On the fourth day the weather was much nicer, and the children had the opportunity to explore the outdoors. The children engaged in three activities; creating a sense poem, stretching and mindfulness activity and participated in a wellness walk along the Mill Race River Walk in the village. The weather was in our favour and a great time was had by all. We even had time to have a quick play together at the playpark.



Pupils came together for a vibrant day of outdoor learning and connection at Irvinestown Primary School. The day was filled with laughter, creativity, and exploration as the children participated in a series of hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and build new friendships.

In the garden, children planted sunflower seeds. As they planted side by side, they shared stories and swapped gardening tips! Nearby they took part in a pot-painting session, that they then used to plant their sunflowers in. The children transformed plain pots into colourful masterpieces.



In the Forest School area, the children were introduced to map building using only natural materials found on the forest-floor. Using laminated aerial views of the Irvinestown and Ballinamallard areas, many recreated their journey from one another's schools.

They learnt about each other's homes, and favourite places. Through planting, painting, and exploring, they grew together—just like the sunflowers!



To round off a fantastic year of shared education, pupils from Ballinamallard, St. Paul's, and Irvinestown Primary Schools came together for a fun-filled outdoor day at Necarne. The children embraced the adventure with enthusiasm. After meeting at the car park, they joined their colour-coded groups and rotated through a variety of outdoor games including rounders, parachute play, and bat-and-ball activities. Breaktime gave pupils time to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings together. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the friendships, teamwork, and learning experiences the children have shared throughout the year.



We have had a fantastic time this year learning together and making new friendships. We look forward to more shared experiences together in the future. 😊