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# JUNIOR SECTION NEWS

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Winners of the Dodgeball Tournament  
43<sup>rd</sup> Belfast Junior Section



Winners of the Battalion & BBNI Junior  
Section Quiz - 1st Magheragall



Participants at the Junior Section P7 Party  
Special held before Christmas

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## Calendar of Events February – May 2024

There has been an encouraging response to the events held between September 2023 and January 2024. Below are the rest of the events planned for the remainder of the session. We hope you will consider giving your Boys the opportunity to experience these events and meet up with Boys from other Companies. Leaders may also pick up some programme ideas from the events. Entries and payment for all events are online through the Belfast Battalion website ([belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk)).

Sat 17 February	JS Soccer 7s Football
Sat 9 March <i>(closing date for entries 01/03/24)</i>	5-a-side Football - Battalion Heat for BBNI Final
Sat 16 March	JS Soccer 7s Football
Fri 26 April <i>(closing date for entries 12/04/24)</i>	Olympics Special
Sat 18 May <i>(closing date for entries 03/05/24)</i>	Have a Go... Afternoon

### JUNIOR SECTION COMMITTEE

The members of the Junior Section Committee have been working hard to plan, organise and run events for companies within Belfast Battalion. Membership of the Committee is as follows:

*Sharon Mackey (Chair), Elaine Bush, David Daggart, Ross Flynn, Philip Hamilton, Uel Mackin, Brian Martin, Heather Murray, Gavin Young and Billy Graham (Secretary).*

After Easter we will start to plan for the 2024/2025 session and would be interested in hearing suggestions for any competitions, events, or activities from Leaders in any companies, whether or not you currently take part in Battalion events. Perhaps you have a Leader who would be interested in assisting on the committee or with events, or you could offer your halls as a venue for an event or competition. More details at a later date.....

Have your say at this year's Battalion Council

More Information to Follow

### Keep Up to-date

Check out our various communication channels:

- [belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk)
- Facebook @belfastbb
- Fortnightly Battalion e-News
- Quarterly Battalion Newsletter
- Half-yearly Section News

Email [info@belfastbb.org.uk](mailto:info@belfastbb.org.uk) for general enquiries

THINKING OF AN AWAY DAY, OVERNIGHT STAY OR WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL FOR YOUR SECTION?

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### MAURICE WILLIAMSON LEGACY FUND

The Fund will provide financial support to BB Companies from within The Belfast Battalion wishing to embark on Programmes and Residential experiences for young members of The Boys' Brigade availing of the facilities and activities at the Battalion's Centres to inspire them and broaden their horizons beyond their weekly programme of B.B. Activity.

For further information download the application pack from the Battalion website: [belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk)



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Have you ever thought about taking part in the Juniors International Team Games? This is held in your own halls and all details of how to organise, run and score the games are given on the information sheets.

There are also helpful diagrams to show you how to set up the games. They can be completed over a few nights with results uploaded online by 30th April 2024. A link to all the information can be found on the downloads/Juniors/resources section of the Belfast Battalion website.

If you would like any advice or support in relation to taking part in this activity, please send an email to [info@belfastbb.org.uk](mailto:info@belfastbb.org.uk) and someone will respond to your query as soon as possible.

Even if you do not want to enter the competition, it's worth taking a look at the games which you could include in your weekly programme.



## CONGRATULATIONS .....

To **1<sup>st</sup> Magheragall** who won the Battalion **Quiz** competition heat and went on to represent the Battalion in the BBNI Final, where they gained **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE**.

To **43<sup>rd</sup> Belfast** who won the Battalion **Dodgeball** competition heat and will represent the Battalion in the BBNI Final on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

### RESULTS

#### **QUIZ** (8 teams took part)

Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Magheragall

Runners-up 2<sup>nd</sup> Comber

#### **DODGEBALL** (5 teams took part)

Winners 43<sup>rd</sup> Belfast

Runners-Up 4<sup>th</sup> Newtownabbey

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 3<sup>rd</sup> Bangor

### TWIN PEAKS CHALLENGE

Despite extensive planning by the team and over 100 boys due to be present, the adverse weather caused us to rearrange the event. Unfortunately, similar (or worse) weather on the rearranged date meant the event was cancelled for this session. Look out for details for 2024/2025.....

### P7 PARTY SPECIAL

A fun party afternoon was enjoyed by almost 40 Boys together with Leaders at the start of December. A variety of games, party food, photo booth and a Christmas Thought went to make up a fast moving, action packed, afternoon. Feedback was very encouraging and it looks like there is an expectation this will be an event which will be repeated next session!!

### SOCCER 7s (7-a-side outdoor football)

12 sections signed up for this popular event, which takes place at Belvoir Activity Centre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday afternoon of each month. Thanks are expressed to all those who bring teams and assist with refereeing and organisation each month



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## COMING UP .....

### 5-a-side Indoor Football (Battalion Heat)

Open to all Companies, not just those who play JS Soccer 7s on a monthly basis. A copy of the BBNI rules (including Belfast competition details) is enclosed on a separate sheet).

**Date/Time - Sat 9th March 1.30-4.00pm**

Venue - Hillsborough Boys Football Club

160 Moira Road, Lisburn BT28 1JB

**Register by - Friday 1 March 2024**

Maximum squad of 7

**Cost - £7.00 per team**

One team only per Company



**INDOOR 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL**

**SATURDAY 9th MARCH 2024**

- One Team per Company (Max squad of 7)
- Held at Hillsborough Boys Football Club (Moira Road, Lisburn)
- Battalion Heat for BBNI Final (20th April)
- CLOSING DATE FRI 1ST MARCH 2024

**£7.00 Per Team**

**Register online at [belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk)  
By FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

### Olympics Special

Date/Time :

**Friday 26th April 6.45-9.00pm**

Venue - Carnmoney Pres. Church Halls

**Register by - Friday 12th April 2024**

Cost - £1.00 per boy (payable at the event)

You may bring any number of boys. When you register, please give estimated numbers.

Bring your boys along to enjoy some Olympic Challenges, indoors and outside.

**BBNI**

**OLYMPICS SPECIAL**

**FRI 26 APRIL 2024**  
CARMONEY PRES CHURCH

- **6.45pm - 9.00pm**
- **COST £1.00 Per Boy (payable at the event)**

**Register online at [belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk)  
By FRIDAY 12th April 2024**



**HAVE A GO AFTERNOON**

**SAT 18 MAY 2024**  
GRANSHAW PRES CHURCH

- **2.00pm - 4.00pm**
- **COST £1.00 Per Boy (payable at the event)**

**Register online at [belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk)  
By FRIDAY 3rd MAY 2024**

**Have a Go Afternoon**  
Date/Time  
Saturday 18th May 2.00-4.00pm  
Venue - Granshaw Pres. Church Halls  
Register by - Friday 3rd May 2024  
Cost - £1.00 per boy (payable at the event)

You may bring any number of boys. When you register, please give estimated numbers.

Bring your boys along to 'Have a Go' at some activities including Tag Rugby, Volleyball, Alternative Dodgeball, Target Golf, Target Bowls, Badminton Skills. Activities will take place both indoors and outside.



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