



News Sheet – October 2009

1. Diary Dates – November 2009

2 nd and 3 rd November	School Development Days – School Closed
4 th November	Soccer Match – v Hart Memorial
16 th – 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
20 th November	' Go Dotty, Wear Spotty ' for Children in Need
23 rd – 27 th November	Road Safety Week
27 th November	Nursery Pantomime – 'Old Mother Hubbard' – Lurgan Town Hall

2. Half-Term Reminder

A reminder that school will be closed from Thursday 29th October until Tuesday 3rd November 2009. School re-opens on Wednesday 4th November 2009.

3. Halloween Safety

Pupils are reminded to stay safe over the Half-Term Break. We particularly ask our pupils and parents to take care with sparklers and fireworks. We ask that children respect houses displaying orange posters when out '*trick or treating*'. The PSNI recently gave a Halloween Safety Chat to our P1 – P7 pupils. (A copy of one of these has been distributed with this News Sheet.)

4. First Soccer Matches of the Year

Thursday 1st October 2009 saw our Soccer Team play close rivals St John's in a friendly. The match took place at St John's and finished in a 1: 1 draw. On Thursday 15th October 2009, the team played Hart Memorial in a Cup Match but unfortunately, we were defeated. Well done to our soccer team for their endeavours.

5. Book Fair – A Great Success

Our Annual Book Fair took place from 5th – 9th October 2009 in the Library. This event was once again a great success and a great way of encouraging our pupils to read. Thanks are due to Mrs Heaney for organising the event, the P7s for staffing it and all the parents and pupils who supported it.

6. Road Safety Show

P3 – P7 pupils were treated to a Road Safety Show on Monday 5th October 2009. '*Cat Nine Lives in Deepest Trubble*' was very enjoyable and had a very important safety message as well.

7. Foundation Stage Autumn Ramble

P1, P2 and LSC pupils enjoyed an Autumn Ramble at Tannaghmore Gardens on Thursday 8th October 2009. Pupils were looking for signs of Autumn in the Gardens. They also enjoyed feeding the animals on the farm and finished having fun in the Play Area.

8. School Photographs

As you know, the Photographer was in school on Wednesday 14th October 2009. The proofs will be distributed after Half-Term. Please return these to school by **Wednesday 11th November 2009**.

9. Reading Partnership for P3 and P4

We have started up the Reading Partnership again in school. This is a programme whereby selected pupils receive extra support for their reading each week. Mrs Glavin is working with pupils from P4 and Mrs Huddleson is working with P3 pupils.

10. P7 Pupils enjoyed a Drawing Workshop

This took place at Armagh County Museum on Wednesday 21st October 2009. Pupils met a well-known artist called Jim Russell. The pupils produced a silhouette, self-portrait and a drawing from an observation piece. The activities involved small group work to produce a giant face.

11. Election of Parents' Representative to Board of Governors

There will be a Parents' Meeting on Thursday 19th November 2009 at 4.00pm in school to elect two new Parent Representatives to the Board of Governors for the next 4 year cycle, 2010 – 2013.

12. Pupil Council

Earlier this month elections took place for the Pupil Council. Each class (P3 – P7) has one representative. The Pupil Council will meet at least once each month with Mr Woolsey in the Staff Room. The Pupil Council is a two-way process: it gives the pupils a voice, allowing them to bring forward ideas/suggestions of how the school can be improved. It also allows the staff to consult the pupils on a range of issues. Before each Pupil Council Meeting, a Class Council Meeting will take place to allow every pupil to have a say.

Pupil Council Members 2009 – 2010

P7H	Conor S Larkin (Vice Chairperson)
P7D	Cara Matchett (Chairperson)
P6	Lara White
P5	Zuzanna Baran (Secretary)
P4	Niamh Garland
P3O'H	Pearse McGeough
P3B/S	Keelin Brennan
LSC	Dylan Rodgers

13. 'Go Dotty, Wear Spotty' for Children in Need

Friday 20th November 2009 is Children in Need Day. To raise money for this very worthwhile cause, we are having a non-uniform day entitled '**Go Dotty, Wear Spotty**'. Pupils and staff are asked to come to school wearing spots and bring £2 for '*Children in Need*'.

14. P4 Enrolment Service

P4 pupils were a credit to the school at the Enrolment Ceremony at St John's church on Sunday 25th October 2009. Pupils looked very smart in their new uniform and were excellent in how they conducted themselves. Well done P4!

15. Interactive Whiteboard for P6

Ballyoran Primary School now has eight Interactive Whiteboards. The latest class to have one installed was P6. These have transformed learning and teaching in our school and the pupils have already gained so much from them.

16. Menu for November

See separate sheet

	02.11.09	09.11.09	16.11.09	23.11.09	30.11.09
Mon	School Closed	Shepherds Pie or Chicken and Vegetable Pasta Bake, Baton Carrots, Creamed Potato, Gravy, Crusty Bread Rice and Mandarin Orange	Oven Baked Sausages or Lasagne and tossed Salad, Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potato, Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Filled Paninni, Spaghetti Hoops, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Chips and Baked Potato, Salad Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Nuggets or Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled rice, Spaghetti, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Chips or Baked Potato Semolina and Fruit
Tues	School Closed	Beef Chilli and Boiled Rice or Chicken Goujons, Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad Strawberry Cake and Custard	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Spaghetti, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw Rice and Peaches	Steak Burger, Peas, Carrots, Creamed Potato, Gravy. Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Shortbread Biscuit and Fruit	Spaghetti Bolognese and Crusty Bread or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Turnip, Peas, Creamed Potato, Gravy Rice and Fruit
Wed	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Filled Wraps. Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Salad, Coleslaw Rice Pudding and Peaches	Irish Stew with Carrot and Onions or Salmon Fillet, Garden Peas, Creamed Potato, Wheaten Bread Semolina and Two Fruits	Beef Casserole with Carrot and Onions, Broccoli, Mashed Potato or Pork Curry and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Chocolate Cake and Custard	Fresh Fish, Beans, Mashed Potato or Bacon and Cheese Tagiatelle, Crusty Bread, Tossed Salad Jelly and Fruit Salad	Savoury Mince, Broccoli, Mashed Potato, Crusty Bread or Ham and Cheese Omelette, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato Ice Cream Wafer
Thur	Roast Turkey, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potato, Gravy Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Roast Pork and Apple Sauce, Peas, Creamed Potato, Gravy Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour Sauce	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Carrots and Parsnips, Creamed Potato, Gravy Fruit Crumble and Custard	Baked Gammon and Pineapple, Cabbage, Broccoli, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Parsley Sauce Rice and Peaches	Roast Turkey, Carrots and Parsnips, Creamed Potato, Gravy Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard
Fri	Fresh Crumbed Fish, Beans, Beetroot, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Creamed Potato. Beef Curry and Boiled rice, Crusty Bread Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls: Chicken, Salad, Tuna Choco Orange Cookie or Fresh Fruit	Crumbed Fish or Cheese and Ham Omelette, Beans, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad, Creamed Potato Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Homemade Vegetable Soup or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls, Chicken, Tuna, Salad Frozen Yogurt or Choco Orange Cookie	Crumbed Fish or Lasagne, beans, Tossed Salad, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Creamed Potato Jelly and Fruit Salad

Milk, Fruit and Yogurt Available Daily

Menu Subject to Deliveries