



## News Sheet – May 2012

### Diary Dates – June 2012

June, as always, is a very busy month and I would like you to support as many events as you can.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 7 Shannaghmore Residential  
Stage 2 Nursery letters of Acceptance to underage pupils posted  
Year 6 Young Enterprise Workshop
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> School Closed
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Leavers DVD filming
- 7<sup>th</sup> Brownlow Cup Soccer Tournament – Year 6 and 7 pupils
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ballyoran Sponsored Olympics (Sports Day)  
**9.30am** All parents, family and friends welcome  
Themed Olympics Lunch  
School finishes at 1.00pm for **ALL** pupils
- 11<sup>th</sup> Drumcree Entrance Test - Year 7  
Brownlow College Staff visit school to talk to Year 7 pupils transferring there
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Transition Talk – Education Welfare Service  
Nursery Induction Meeting – 7.30pm – Community Room
- 13<sup>th</sup> Official Opening of Newly Refurbished School by Mr John O’Dowd, MLA, Minister for Education – 10.00am followed by refreshments and Open Day  
All welcome  
Pupil Council Meeting – 2.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sports Day Awards Presentation – Pupils only
- 15<sup>th</sup> Last day of Swimming – Years 6 and 7  
Friday Night Club finishes
- 18<sup>th</sup> End of Term Trip Week  
Year 5 Trip to Lisburn Pool and Cinema  
Year 6 Trip to Dundonald Bowling and Indiana Land
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Trip to Lisburn Pool and Cinema  
Year 1 Trip to Clementsmount Farm  
Year 3 Trip to Fun House, Newry  
LSC Trip to Lisburn Cinema, Wallace Park and McDonalds for Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Trip to Armagh Museum and Planetarium  
Irish Dancing Festival – 9.30am. All welcome

- 21<sup>st</sup> Year 2 Trip to Oxford Island  
Cycling Proficiency Test – Year 7 pupils  
Nursery Graduation – 10.00am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Prize Day:  
**Foundation/Key Stage 1** – 9.30am  
**Key Stage 2** – 11.00am  
All welcome  
Nursery Trip to Parkanaur  
Annual Reports and Nursery Transition Forms issued  
PTA Movie Night – 6.45pm – Assembly Hall
- 25<sup>th</sup> Surestart Speech and Language Session in Nursery  
Class changes for next year
- 29<sup>th</sup> Last day of term: no uniform, no dinners  
School finishes at 12 noon for everyone

### **School Closures**

School will be closed for **ALL** pupils on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### **New Teachers Appointed**

Congratulations to Miss Turkington who has been appointed to the permanent post of Year 2 teacher at Ballyoran Primary School. Miss Turkington has been teaching in the school now for 18 months and has brought much to the school. We wish her well in her new post.

Next year there will be two Year 1 classes and Mrs Baxter has been appointed to teach one of these classes. She will be visiting the school later in the term to meet pupils and staff. We congratulate her on her appointment also and wish her well in her new post.

### **Official Opening of Refurbished School and Open Day – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

It would be great to see a large number of parents, family, friends and members of the community at this very special day in the life of our school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The Official Opening ceremony will begin at 10.00am sharp in the Assembly Hall. This will be followed by refreshments in the dinner hall and an Open Day when the school will be open for everyone to tour round and see in action. Please return the reply slips to help us with planning and give us an indication of numbers attending.

### **Year 7 Leavers DVD**

Once again our Year 7 pupils will be producing a Leavers' DVD. Last year's DVD was of a very high quality and we have no doubt this year's will be of the same high standard. Filming for this will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### **Ballyoran Sponsored Olympics (Sports Day)**

This year we are holding a Sports Day with a difference. As this is Olympic year, Sports Day will have a strong Olympic Theme and it will be a sponsored event in aid of School Funds. Pupils have already received a Sponsor Form and I would appeal to everyone to support this fundraiser. Sponsor Forms and money **must** be returned to school by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012**. As every year, Sports Day will be open to all parents, family and friends and we would encourage you to come along to the all-weather pitch and support the pupils. There will be refreshments and a Parents' Event. The Nursery will have their Sports Day in their Outdoor Play Area. If 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012 is a wet day, Sports Day will take place on the next dry day after this. If this happens, pupils will still finish at 1.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The canteen is also hosting an Olympics Themed lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to coincide with Sports Day.

### **Nursery Induction Evening**

We strongly recommend that the parents of all pupils starting in Nursery in September attend this meeting in the Community Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Induction packs will be distributed which include starting dates and settling-in periods. The meeting will last approximately one hour and parents will get a chance to tour our newly refurbished Nursery.

### **Annual Irish Dancing Festival**

This event takes place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 9.30am in the Assembly Hall and is always a highlight of the school year. This year's adjudicator is Mrs Bronagh O'Neill. All parents, family and friends are welcome to come to support our Irish Dancers.

### **Nursery Graduation**

This will be our third Nursery Graduation and it has become a highlight of the Nursery year. I would encourage a good turnout of parents, family and friends of our Nursery pupils to attend on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 at 10.00am in the Assembly Hall.

### **Prize Day**

A special welcome is extended to the entire school community to our Annual Prize Day. The Foundation/Key Stage 1 ceremony begins at 9.30am and the Special Guest is

Mrs Geraldine O'Hanlon, former teacher and Foundation/Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator at the school. This will be followed at 11.00am by the Key Stage 2 ceremony. The Special Guest at it will be Mrs Glenda Hall, Senior Principal Architect at the SELB and responsible for overseeing our Refurbishment this year. Please come along and support this event and make it a very special day for our pupils.

### **PTA Movie Night**

This is our second Movie Night of the year and it will take place in the Assembly Hall at 6.45pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012. The Pupil Council will shortly be deciding on a Movie and tickets will go on sale from the Office at £1. There will be Tuck Shop with plenty of popcorn as this proved to be a big hit last time. Please come and support the PTA at this event.

### **Year 1 Induction Meeting**

A reminder that this will take place in the Community Room on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at 7.30pm. It is vital that parents of all pupils starting in Year 1 in September 2012 attend. Pupils should not attend this meeting.

### **Credit Union Prize Giving**

Well done to all the pupils listed in last month's News Sheet who received their prizes for the Annual Credit Union Art Competition at a special Prize Giving event in the Town Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012. Ballyoran Primary School was also selected as the winner of the Peter Mulligan Bursary which will be presented on Prize Day.

### **Year 5 Young Enterprise**

Year 5 recently enjoyed working with the Young Enterprise team on recognising the important part education can play in determining life choices during school and beyond in the 'World of Work'. The pupils worked together to build a city made up of different zones and landmarks. They also had to explore the dependency that exists between workers, people and services within a city. Overall, this was a very worthwhile and informative workshop.

### **Tag Rugby**

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have been enjoying Tag Rugby sessions during the month of May. These have been facilitated by Darren Pepper from Portadown Rugby Club.

### **Tiernan Byrne**

It was a tremendous honour that one of our Year 7 pupils, Tiernan Byrne, was selected to play in a Mid Ulster soccer team which took part in a tournament at Stormont on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012. With Tiernan playing a starring role in all of the matches, the Mid Ulster team overcame opponents from Belfast, Dublin and Scotland to win the tournament. Congratulations to the team and we are very proud that one of our pupils played such an important role.

### **Love for Life Conference**

Year 7 enjoyed a very informative day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May when the Love for Life team came to Ballyoran Primary School. We were joined by the Hart, Bocombra and Presentation Primary Schools and took part in a range of

discussions, presentations and quizzes. We all had a great day and learned a lot about growing up.

### **Year 7 CASE Programme**

Over a period of three weeks, Year 7 pupils took part in a citizenship programme of three workshops led by the PSNI.

The first topic was the role of the police in the community, followed by a closer look at internet safety. This proved to be a very interesting topic for the Year 7 pupils who asked lots of relevant questions. The final workshop addressed the issue of racism in our society and all pupils agreed that they had learned a lot over the three sessions. Well done to all who took part.

### **ICT Classes for Members of the Community**

Miss Daly is currently teaching ICT skills to Members of the Community every Tuesday from 3.15 – 4.15pm in our new Community Learning Centre. Places are still available so feel free to come along and join in.

### **Eco Day**

On 9th May 2012 the 'Eco Club' led our school 'Eco-Day'. The intention was to raise awareness about caring for our environment. All classes took part in various recycling projects making something new from something old. We also planted vegetables in the school Eco Garden with the help of staff from Oxford Island. Eco-Club would also like to thank you for your contributions to the 'Cash for Clobber' scheme which raised money for school funds. The day was very successful and enjoyed by all.

### **Gaelic Blitz**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 our Gaelic team took part in a blitz at the Tir na nOg pitch organised by Presentation Primary School. Despite atrocious weather conditions, the team delivered some outstanding performances. They all played with great determination and Joe Mackle was voted the Player of the Tournament for Ballyoran.

### **First Holy Communion**

Seventeen of our pupils received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in St. John the Baptist Church. The Mass was celebrated by Parish Priest, Fr M O'Dwyer. The Liturgy was enhanced by the lovely singing of the School Choir. Parents, relatives and friends who attended the Mass, met in the Pastoral Centre afterwards for refreshments and photographs.

### **Jo Jingles Visit to Nursery and LSC**

Jo Jingles visited the Nursery on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012. It was a morning of fun, music and movement.

### **Nursery Trip to Tannaghmore Gardens**

Children from the Nursery enjoyed a fun day out to Tannaghmore Gardens with their friends from Hart Memorial Nursery. They enjoyed Minibeast activities and visiting the farm.

### **Fair Trade Assembly**

Mrs Barkley spoke about Fair Trade during Assembly on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012. An unfair tug-of-war competition was held between Year 1 and Year 7 pupils to illustrate the unfairness of small farmers competing with big multi-national companies. Mrs Barkley showed items which have the Fair Trade mark e.g. bananas, oranges, tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits. She encouraged all children to choose Fair Trade when they are buying chocolate e.g. Cadbury's Dairy Milk, Cadbury's Buttons or Nestle Four Finger KitKat. By choosing to buy Fair Trade we can all help people in poor countries to get a fair price for their work and produce.

### **Annual Swimming Gala**

Year 6 and Year 7 pupils took part in the Ballyoran Primary School Swimming Gala held at Cascades Pool on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012. All of the pupils who participated in the Gala thoroughly enjoyed the event.

### **Surestart in Nursery**

Some children took part in their session of working with a speech and language Therapist. They enjoyed the various activities to develop their language skills and are looking forward to their final session on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Children, who are transferring from the Surestart 2 Year Programme, visited our Nursery on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012 with their Leader, Debbie.

### **Northern Ireland School Meals Week**

To mark Northern Ireland School Meals Week, the kitchen are organising a Themed Lunch based around the Titanic on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012. There will also be a Themed Lunch based around the Olympics on Sports Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### **Non Uniform Day for Neo Natal Unit**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile cause. A total of £200 was raised for the Craigavon Area Hospital Neo Natal Unit.

### **Advance Notice – School Meals Prices**

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012, the price of school meals will rise by 10p. This means Nursery dinners will cost £2.20 and Years 1 – 7 and LSC will cost £2.30.

### **School Watch**

You may have noticed that three new '*School Watch*' signs have been put up around the perimeter of the school. I would ask that you read the separate letter relating to this which you will receive separately.

### **Care in the Sun**

We have enjoyed a better spell of weather in the last week and we hope there is more to come. It is an appropriate time to remind parents to ensure that your children are safe in the sun. Pupils may bring sunhats, sunglasses, sun cream and water bottles to school.

## Menu for June

	04.06.12	11.06.12	18.06.12	25.06.12
Mon	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Shepherds Pie and Gravy, Carrots or Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken and Broccoli Bake with Salad and Crusty Bread  Rice Pudding and Peaches	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Lasagne, Peas or Salad and Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes  Swiss Roll and Custard	Homemade Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Garden Peas or Sweetcorn, or Salad or Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes  Rice Pudding and Peaches
Tues	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Homemade Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza or Salmon Fillet, Mixed Vegetables or Peas, Chips or Boiled Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Ice Cream	Oven Baked Steak Burger, Gravy, Cabbage or Turnip, Mashed Potatoes or Tuna Wraps, Salad and Baked Potato Rice Pudding and Two Fruits	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle with Crusty Bread, Baked Beans or Salad, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard
Wed	Oven Baked Sausages, Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Ham and Cheese Omelette, Salad and Baked Potato Ice Cream Wafer, Fruit	Chip Shop Day: Chicken Nuggets. Chips  Frozen Yogurt	Irish Stew with Carrots, Onions and Broccoli or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled Rice and Crusty Bread  Pineapple Sponge and Custard	Oven Baked Sausages or Sweet and Sour Pork with Boiled Rice, Peas or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Cornflour Sauce
Thurs	Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Beef Casserole with Carrots and Onions, Turnip, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice Lemon Sponge and Custard	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes  Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Chicken Nuggets, Chips  Ice Cream Wafer
Fri	Homemade Pizza or Lasagne, Baked Beans, or Beetroot, Salad and Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes  Orange Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad Rolls or Tuna Wraps Biscuit and Fresh Fruit or Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Chicken Pasta Bake, Baked Beans or Beetroot, Coleslaw and Salad, Mashed Potatoes  Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	No Meals Served School finishes at 12 noon

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries