



## News Sheet – April 2012

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone after the long Easter Break. I hope that you all enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing break. We are now concentrating on returning the school to normal after our very exciting refurbishment. All Staff have worked very hard to do this over three Exceptional Closures and I want to thank them for this. Below is a reminder of the main day to day operational changes.

- Years 1 and 2 classrooms will move to the Refurbished Foundation Stage Block
- Access to Nursery through new Nursery Entrance (beside Office)
- Break time will revert to 10.30 – 10.45am for all pupils
- Packed Lunches will move from the Assembly Hall to the Literacy Room
- The Literacy Room will move to the old Breakfast Club Room
- The Breakfast Club will remain in the Dinner Hall permanently
- The Homework Club will move to the Literacy Room
- Kids' Club will move to one of the new Foundation Stage Classrooms

Also Note:

- Access for Yrs 1 – 7 and LSC pupils will remain as coming through the main Entrance Door
- There will be no change to the Afternoon Arrangements

### School Closures

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012** School will be closed for Staff Training.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012** – May Day Bank Holiday

### Dates for May 2012

1 <sup>st</sup>	School Nurse Reviews continue Year 5 Young Enterprise Workshop PTA Meeting – 8pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupil Council Meeting Credit Union Prize Giving – Town Hall – 7pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse Reviews Year 7 Love for Life Conference
7 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup>	Eco Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Jingles in Nursery and LSC Dentist in LSC
15 <sup>th</sup>	Class and Group Photographs taken Year 7 Shannaghmore Parents' Information Meeting – 7pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion – 11am – St John's Church followed by Celebration in School
21 <sup>st</sup>	Assessment Week Walk to School Week
28 <sup>th</sup>	Surestart Speech and Language Session in Nursery
29 <sup>th</sup>	Surestart Transition to Nursery
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Shannaghmore Residential Pupil Council Meeting
31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 7 Shannaghmore Residential St Catherine's College Entrance Test Year 1 Induction Meeting – 7.30pm

### **First Holy Communion**

This takes place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 11am in St John's Church. We invite the entire school community to this very important milestone in the life of our Year 4 pupils. The service will be followed by a celebration in the school assembly hall.

### **Year 7 Shannaghmore Parents' Information Meeting**

This will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7pm in the Community Room. Parents of those Year 7 pupils going to Shannaghmore **MUST** attend this meeting as Consent Forms will be distributed for signing.

### **Assessment Week: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

This is a very important week in the life of our school when we assess our pupils. The information gained from this Assessment is vital for teachers as they plan teaching and learning tailored to meet your child's individual needs. I would appeal to you to ensure your child/children are in school all of this week.

### **Year 1 Induction Meeting**

This will take place in the Community Room on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at 7.30pm. As Induction Packs will be distributed at this meeting, it is vitally important that all parents of pupils starting Year 1 in September attend.

### **Credit Union Art Competition**

Every year our school enters this competition. This year, as ever, our pupils have been successful. Well done to the following pupils who have won awards:

Under 7 years	Abhiram Reji	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Paul Hendron	2 <sup>nd</sup>
8 – 10 years	Marina Duraes	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Niamh Garland	Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Cloda Girvan	Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### **PTA Easter Draw Winners**

Well done to the following pupils who won the PTA Easter Draw in their respective classes:

N1	Declan Lucas	N2	Jessica Todd
Yr 1	Niamh Larkin	Yr 2	Tiernan Brennan
Yr 3	Megan Stewart	Yr 4	David Tennyson
Yr 5	Niall Wilson	Yr 6	Niamh Garland
Yr 7	Kalil Kaplan	LSC	Peter Brown-Lavery

### **Romanian Orphanage Appeal**

A reminder that we are collecting old pens, highlighters, markers and tippex for this appeal. There is a collection bucket in the foyer. Many thanks to all those who have supported this to date.

### **Back Pack Appeal**

A big thank you to everyone who sent in items for the Back Pack Appeal before Easter.

### **Vouchers**

A reminder that we continue to collect Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers. Please leave these in the collection boxes in the foyer.

### **Accessible Parking**

The school now has disabled parking in the newly enlarged Car Park 2.

### **Community Learning Centre**

A reminder that the school has an exciting new Community Learning Centre. This consists of an ICT Suite and a multi-purpose Community Room. These facilities will be used by the school during the day but are there for the community also. If any one would like to make use of these facilities, please contact the school. We are in the process of looking at how the facilities can be used for the benefit of the community. Information will be sent home shortly about an Adult Computer Course for Beginners.

### **Dogs Trust Visit**

On Tuesday 3rd April 2012, pupils from Year 2 and Year 5 really enjoyed a visit from Cathy, Education Officer from the Dogs Trust and Jed, her border collie. Cathy talked to the pupils about the responsibilities of being a dog owner and staying safe around dogs. Jed performed lots of tricks and the pupils got an opportunity to safely interact with Jed.

### **Surestart Speech and Language Session in Nursery**

Some of the Nursery children participated in a Speech and Language Session with Freya Rogers from Surestart.

### **Tiernan Byrne**

We are very pleased that a Year 7 pupil, Tiernan Byrne, has been selected to take part in a trial organised by the Mid Ulster Schools Football Association. The successful pupils will take part in a 'Celtic Tournament' against other schools associations from Wales and Scotland on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Good luck, Tiernan!

### **Brownlow Soccer Festival**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a six-a-side soccer tournament at Brownlow Integrated College. This tournament is organised so that each squad has 4 boys and 3 girls. The pupils enjoyed friendly competition with other local primary schools. They were also able to enjoy a hot lunch provided by Brownlow College.

### **Summer Uniform**

A reminder that pupils may wear the summer uniform this term. This is blue checked dresses and white socks for the girls and grey shorts for the boys. We would prefer that pupils wear normal full school uniform, with shirt and tie, for special occasions, e.g. Prize Day for photographs.

### **Swimming Reminder**

A reminder that Year 6 and Year 7 pupils will be swimming this term every Friday at Cascades. Please ensure pupils have their swimming gear with them.

### **Care in the Sun**

If the weather improves this term, we would encourage parents to ensure that pupils are protected from the sun in school – sun hats, sun cream, sunglasses and water may be sent in.

### **School Car Park**

A small minority of parents are still putting themselves and their children at risk by entering or leaving school through the Car Park. Thank you to the majority of parents and pupils who use the Pedestrian Entrance and ask those who do not, to abide by this rule which is in place to ensure the safety of the entire school community.

### **Advance Notice – Official Opening and Open Day**

The Official Opening of the newly refurbished school will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 10am. All parents, friends and members of the local community are invited to this very special event in the life of our school which will also be an Open Day. Please keep this date free and plan to attend. Following the Opening Ceremony, there will be an opportunity to see around the newly refurbished school and refreshments will be served.

**Menu for May** See next page

## Menu for May

	30.04.12	07.05.12	14.05.12	21.05.12	28.05.12
Mon	School Closed – Staff Training	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Shepherd's Pie or Chicken and Vegetable Pasta Bake, Gravy, Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes or Salad and Crusty Bread Swiss Roll and Custard	Homemade Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas and Sweetcorn or Salad and Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Steak Pie with Potato Top, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled rice and Crusty Bread Wholemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard
Tues	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle with Crusty Bread, Baked Beans or Salad, Chips Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Oven Baked Sausages, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese, Salad and Crusty Bread Lemon Sponge and Custard	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Baked Beans or Peas or Salad, Coleslaw and Beetroot, Chips Rice Pudding and Two Fruits	Oven Baked Steak Burger, Gravy, Cabbage or Turnip, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese, Salad and Crusty Bread Strawberry Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas and Sweetcorn or Salad, Chips or Baked Potatoes Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad
Wed	Savoury Mince or Sweet and Sour Pork with Boiled Rice, Peas or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Beef Casserole with Carrots and Onions or Turnip and Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Wrap, Salad, Coleslaw and Baked Potato Ice Cream and chocolate Sauce	Irish Stew with Carrots and Onions and Crusty Bread or Salmon Fillet, Garden Peas, Boiled Potatoes or Rice Orange Sponge and Custard	Pork Casserole with Carrots and Onions, Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes or Beef Curry and Rice with Crusty Bread Chocolate Cake and Pink Sauce	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle, Salad, Beetroot and Coleslaw or Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Thur	Baked Gammon with Pineapple and Gravy, Cabbage or Baton Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips or Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce and Gravy, Turnip or Peas, Mashed Potatoes Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips or Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Baked Gammon with Pineapple and Parsley Sauce or Gravy, Cabbage or Turnip, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or filled Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Rolls Wholemeal Biscuit and Fresh Fruit or Fruit Jelly	Chicken Curry and Boiled rice with Crusty Bread or Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs, Baked Beans or Beetroot, Salad and Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Filled Rolls Strawberry Jelly and Fruit or Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Cheese, Ham and Tomato Omelette, Baked Beans or Beetroot, Coleslaw and Salad, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream Wafer and Two Fruits	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Rolls Homemade Biscuits and Fresh Fruit or Frozen Yogurt

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries