



## News Sheet – January 2012

### Happy New Year

A very happy New Year to the entire school community. I trust that you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. On behalf of all the school staff, I would like to thank pupils and parents for their Christmas Cards and very generous Christmas gifts. These were much appreciated.

### Diary Dates for February 2012

1 <sup>st</sup>	CRED – Yrs 3 and 4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	CRED – Yr 4 LSC Dental Screening
	Football Match at King's Park at 2.30pm. Back at school for 4pm.
4 <sup>th</sup>	AQE and GL Post Primary Entrance Assessment Results Year 7 Mass – Theme: Holy Spirit, St John's Church at 7pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Credit Union Quiz – Drumcree Pastoral Centre – 7pm (4 Yr 6 pupils)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Victorian Workshop – Palace Stables, Armagh
9 <sup>th</sup>	5-a-Side Tournament – Craigavon Senior High School Yrs 6 and 7 Bryson House – Energy Talk
10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day at Swimming – Yr 6 and 7
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
24 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs 4 and 5 – Swimming begins Diocesan RE Visit Netball Match v St John's
26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 7 Ceremony of Light – St John's Church at 7pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Council Meeting

### Half Term Holiday

School will be closed for pupils for the Half Term Holiday on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 will be a Staff Training Day.

### Extra Day's Holiday

The SELB made an error on their Holiday List for this year as they did not take into account the fact that this is a Leap Year. We are therefore entitled to one extra day's holiday for both pupils and staff. This will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012, giving everyone a long St Patrick's weekend

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

These will take place on the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012. More information in due course.

## **Refurbishment of School**

Work is progressing very well with the Refurbishment to the Senior Block nearly complete. This has included new pupils' toilets, staff toilet, link corridor, cloakrooms and stores for all classrooms.

It is hoped the new Nursery will be completed in mid-February and the Nursery will close for a short time to facilitate the move to the new Nursery accommodation.

The Foundation Stage area, new foyer, link corridor and resources area will be the final phase to be completed.

When the Nursery moves to its new accommodation, work will begin on the new Community Learning Centre which will be situated in the old Nursery.

Keep up to date with the Refurbishment Diary on our website site: [www.ballyoranps.com](http://www.ballyoranps.com)

## **New Breaktime Snack for Yrs 3 – 7**

This started on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and has been very popular with all our pupils. A reminder that a range of healthy break snacks are available daily from the Canteen at a cost of 25p per item. We encourage pupils to bring the exact amount of money each day to make the administration easier for Kitchen Staff.

## **Transfer to Post Primary School**

January is a very important month for our Yr 7 pupils as they decide which school they will transfer to in September. As usual, many of the Post Primary Schools have visited us to give presentations to our Yr 7 pupils. Our Yr 7 pupils have also been busy attending Open Days/Nights. We wish our Yr7 pupils well on this very important decision.

## **Admission to Nursery/Yr1 – September 2012**

Even though the deadline for applications has passed, Forms can still be submitted to the Office.

## **Yrs 6 and 7 'Childline' Activities**

Years 6 and 7 participated in an Assembly followed by a Workshop run by the NSPCC. The Workshop explained the purpose of the 'Childline' telephone helpline and encouraged the pupils to discuss what adults they could talk to if anything was concerning them.

## **Students**

Ballyoran Primary School continues to host a range of students during the year. Three Stranmillis students spend one week in Yrs 5, 6 and 7 in January. Two Southern Regional College students and one Craigavon Senior High School student are currently on placement in the Nursery.

## **CRED – Yrs 1, 2 and 5**

Years 1, 2 and 5 have taken part in the Community Relations Equality and Diversity Programme with our partner school, Bocombra Primary, during the month of January. Years 1 and 2 from both schools enjoyed a marvellous puppet show of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Year 1 children took part in circle activities and made butterflies using a range of various materials.

Year 2 children participated in a range of interactive activities and a Drama Workshop which involved the children creating pictures with a range of objects.

Year 5 enjoyed a performance of *'The Mermaid's Tale'*. They took part in drama activities where they worked together as a group, forming still pictures of themed subjects. On Day 2, the children watched a demonstration on various musical instruments and then had the opportunity to try them out. They participated in games involving rhythm and vocal sculpture which resulted in the children composing their own piece of music.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the programme, making new friends and seeing old friends from last year.

### **Pupil Council visit Craigavon Borough Council**

The six members of the Pupil Council visited Craigavon Civic Centre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012. During the hour long visit, pupils met the Mayor of Craigavon, got a tour of the Council Chamber and had refreshments in the Mayor's Parlour. It was an enjoyable and very interesting visit and pupils learnt much about how our local Council operates.

### **Crazy Hair Day**

Well done to all our pupils who took part in Crazy Hair Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012. This was in aid of PTA Funds and prizes were given out for the best hair style in each class. Pupils got the opportunity to show off their hair styles in Assembly which was also attended by Nursery pupils for the first time this year. Anyone who has not brought in their £1 for this should do so as soon as possible.

### **Pupil Council**

The Pupil council continue to play a very important role in school life. They were recently given a Budget to spend on new Playground Equipment which has now arrived in school.

### **First Aid Refresher Training**

Well done to Mr Hendron, Mrs McCreesh-West and Mrs McGinnell who recently passed their First Aid Refresher Training Course.

### **Mrs Warnock**

Welcome to Mrs Warnock who joined the School Staff in January 2012. Mrs Warnock will be teaching Nursery 2 every Monday.

### **Main Car Park**

A small minority of pupils and parents are still putting themselves at risk by walking through the main Car Park, particularly at home time. Thank you to the majority of our school community who respect our request not to enter the Car Park.

### **Coats**

Well done to both pupils and parents for ensuring that all our pupils have a coat with them every day in school. I would ask that this continues until the end of the Winter.

### **Menu for February 2012**

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## Menu for February 2012

	06.02.12	13.02.12	20.02.12	27.02.12
Mon	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	Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Gravy, turnip or Peas, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese with Salad and Crusty Breads Ice Cream Wafer, Fruit	Staff Training Day – No School for pupils	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Lasagne, Peas or Salad and Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes Swiss Roll and Custard
Tues	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas and Sweetcorn or Salad, Chips or Baked Potatoes Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Oven Baked Sausages, Gravy, Carrots or Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice with Crusty Bread Rice Pudding and Oranges	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
Wed	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle, Salad, Beetroot and Coleslaw or Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Savoury Mince with Carrots and Onions, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes or Ham and cheese Omelette, Salad and Baked Potato Strawberry Cake and White Sauce	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Baked Beans or Salad, Beetroot and Coleslaw, Mashed or Baked Potatoes Wholemeal Biscuit and Fresh Fruit Salad	Irish Stew with Carrots, Onions and Broccoli or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled Rice and Crusty Bread Pineapple Sponge and Custard
Thurs	Baked Gammon with Pineapple and Parsley Sauce or Gravy, Cabbage or turnip, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches	Half Term Holiday – No School	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
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Rolls Homemade Biscuit and Fresh Fruit or Frozen Yogurt	Half Term Holiday – No School	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

**Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily**

**Menu subject to deliveries**