



News Sheet – September 2011

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school. I wish the entire school community a pleasant 2011/2012 school year. It has been a very smooth start and I would like to thank all the school's stakeholders for their part in this.

Diary Dates for October 2011

3 rd	Yr 4 InCAS
	Book Fair begins
5 th	Photographer in School – Individual and Family Photographs
6 th	National Poetry Day – Yr 5 and Yr 6 Poetry Workshop at Navan Centre
7 th	Yr 7 Trip to the NI Assembly at Stormont
9 th	Enrolment Ceremony – Yr 4 Pupils in St John the Baptist Church
13 th	Minister of Education visits School
18 th	The Amazing Journey
20 th	Yr 1 and Yr 2 Visit to Palace Stables
21 st	Charity Assembly – NSPCC
24 th – 26 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings (School finishes at 1pm for all pupils) PTA Meeting at 7.30pm
25 th	Yr 5 Road Safety Walk
27 th	Pupil Council Meeting PTA Movie Night – 6.45pm
28 th	Final day of Yr 6 and Yr 7 Swimming, Term 1
31 st – 1 st Nov	Half Term

Major Refurbishment of School

Ballyoran Primary School is to have a £500,000 refurbishment. The work which is due to start before Christmas, will greatly improve accommodation. This work which is a major investment and vote of confidence in the school by the Department of Education and the SELB, will leave us with twenty-first century facilities. There will, unfortunately, be disruption during this work but we will endeavour to keep it to a minimum. It is likely that the school will have to close for a few days to facilitate the relocation of classes. We will keep you up to date with all developments as information becomes available but we would ask for your patience and co-operation during the refurbishment works in the knowledge that when the work is completed, we will have a much improved school building.

Education Minister to Visit School

Ballyoran Primary School is privileged to be having a visit from the Minister for Education, Mr John O'Dowd, MLA, on Thursday 13th October 2011. During his hour long visit he will meet pupils and staff and attend a special Assembly.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that the Breakfast club operates every morning from 8.15am to 8.45am in Room 11. It is open to all pupils, Yr1 – Yr7 and the cost is 60p per day. The earliest that pupils attending Breakfast Club should be on the school premises is 8.10am.

New Names for Classes

You will probably have noticed that classes are no longer P1, P2, etc. Instead they are called Year 1, Year 2, etc. This change reflects guidance from the Department of Education. Classes are now known as Year Groups.

First Aid

You will be aware that Mrs O'Hanlon retired at the end of last year. One of her responsibilities was First Aid Co-ordinator. This role has now been taken over by Mrs Stewart in the Nursery. The four designated First Aiders in Ballyoran Primary School are:

- Mrs Stewart
- Mr Hendron
- Mrs McCreesh-West
- Mrs McGinnell

If for any reason your child receives First Aid in school, you will be informed.

Year 2 and Year 3 Kids' Club

The Kids' Club is up and running for another year. The Club which is staffed by Mrs Glavin and Mrs Donnelly, operates in Room 4 for year 2 on Tuesdays and Year 3 on Thursdays. Any Year 2 or Year 3 pupils who have not already signed up, should speak to their teachers as there are still places available.

PTA News

The PTA Annual General Meeting took place in school on Tuesday night, 20th September 2011. The Office Bearers for 2011/2012 were elected:

Chairperson	Mrs C Dunbar
Vice Chairperson	Mrs I Smitiene
Secretary	Mrs S McCann
Treasurer	Mrs S Garland

PTA members have already started planning their programme of events for this year and we ask you to support them.

Movie Night – Thursday 27th October 2011

The Pupil Council will choose a Movie which will be shown in the Assembly Hall at 6.45pm. The cost is £1 and tickets will be on sale very soon. The event is open to Ballyoran Primary School pupils only and pupils in Years 1 – 3 must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be on sale during the evening.

Christmas Cards

Pupils will get the opportunity to design a Christmas Card which can then be printed into cards. Parents will be able to purchase these for £6 a pack of 12 cards. More information on this soon.

Christmas Parties

These will take place on Monday 19th December 2011. More information to follow.

Homework Club

A big thank you to all the Year 5 – Year 7 parents who responded to the recent Homework Club Consultation. There was a fantastic response to this which informs us that a Club in Ballyoran Primary School would be very viable. The Homework club will begin on Monday 17th October 2011 and Consent forms will be distributed next week.

Cleaning Staff

Congratulations to Miss Henderson and Miss McBride who have been appointed as permanent members of the Cleaning Staff. Mr Tedford who has been working as a temporary cleaner for

these past three years finished on Friday 23rd September 2011 and we thank him for all he has given to the school during his time here.

European Day of Languages

We celebrated this on Monday 26th September 2011. Every class took part in activities celebrating the diversity of the continent in which we live.

Pupil Council

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected by their classes to serve on the Pupil Council for this year.

Yr3	Megan Stewart	Yr6	Ellie Murphy
Yr4	Cain Hendron	Yr7	Brooke McCann
Yr5	Keelin Brennan	LSC	Bruno Serrador

The first meeting took place on Wednesday 28th September 2011 and the Office Bearers were elected as follows:

Chairperson	Brooke McCann
Vice Chairperson	Keelin Brennan
Secretary	Cain Hendron

The Pupil Council will meet on a monthly basis with Mr Woolsey.

Extended Schools Cluster

ICT Course – Three parents were successful in gaining places on the ICT Course at the Hart Memorial Primary School.

Drama Workshops – Ten Key Stage 2 pupils were successful in gaining places at the recent auditions.

P7 Young Enterprise Day

Our Primary 7 pupils took part in a 'Young Enterprise' Day in school today, Friday 30th September. 'Young Enterprise' gave our pupils an insight into the world of business. The pupils were divided into groups and each group represented a different country. Pupils had to design a product and market it. They all gained much from the day.

School Uniform

I want to say a big thank you to all our parents for ensuring that your children are in full school uniform every day. Our pupils look so smart in the uniform and we ask that you ensure that these high standards are maintained all year. A reminder that replacement ties and PE bags can be purchased from the office for £3 each.

Please ensure that **all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name**. Name tags can be ordered from the office.

New Text Alert System

With severe weather once again forecast for this winter, it is vital that we get this new system of communication up and running as soon as possible. Please ensure you return the reply slip to school with your chosen mobile number included on it along with your name and all your children attending the school.

Advance Notice of Dates

- Confirmation Sunday 4th March 2012
- First Holy Communion Saturday 19th May 2012

Romania 'Copper Appeal'

The school continues to collect money for the Parish Romanian Orphan Project. Please continue to send your coppers into school. A display showing how the house is progressing will be going up in the Assembly Hall very shortly.

Seatbelt Safety

The PSNI have asked us to remind all parents and pupils of the importance of wearing a seat belt on the way to and from school each day. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that children under 14 years of age are appropriately restrained.

The Amazing Journey

The Amazing Journey display and show is once again visiting the school on Tuesday 18th October 2011. The show transports pupils back to Biblical times where they meet characters from the Bible, listen to stories from the Bible, dress in Biblical clothes and get to eat food from Biblical times.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

These will take place from 24th – 26th October 2011. To facilitate these, school will close at 1pm each day. These are a vital part of our home – school partnership and we would ask that you make the effort to attend.

Menu for October

See separate page

R Woolsey
Principal

Menu for October 2011

	03.10.11	10.10.11	17.10.11	24.10.11
Mon	Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Gravy, Turnip or Peas, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese with Salad and Crusty Bread Ice Cream Wafer, Fruit	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	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	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Bacon and Cheese Taglitelle with Crusty Bread, Baked Beans or Salad, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard
Wed	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 and Onions, Broccoli or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled Rice and Crusty Bread Pineapple Sponge and Custard	Savoury Mince 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	Baked Gammon with Pineapple and Gravy, Cabbage or Baton Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Fri	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs 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	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

Milk, Fresh Fruit and Yogurt Daily

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