



## News Sheet – October 2013

### Diary Dates – November 2013

1 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term – School Closed
4 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens after Half Term
	Year 4 Art Workshop - Armagh County Museum
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Multi Cultural Day at Brownlow College
	Friends of Ballyoran Meeting (PTA) at 7pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and Family Photographs
8 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming begins – Years 4 and 5
	Special Assembly – Drop Inn Ministries - Shoe Box Appeal
	Year 5 Workshop – Armagh County Museum
11 <sup>th</sup>	Test Week
15 <sup>th</sup>	Young Enterprise – Year 2, Session 1
16 <sup>th</sup>	Common Entrance Assessment Test
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Anti Bullying Week
19 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Council Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Young Enterprise – Year 2 – Session 2
27 <sup>th</sup>	Yea 6 Flu Vaccinations
28 <sup>th</sup>	Show – ‘George and the Dragon’ – West Midland Theatre
29 <sup>th</sup>	Young Enterprise – Year 2, Session 3

### School Closure – Half Term

School will close at **2pm** for all pupils on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013. It will re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

### Staffing

We welcome Mr Skeffington to the teaching staff. He will be teaching Year 5 for the rest of this year.

Miss McGibbon has been appointed by the Board of Governors to teach in the school for the next two years and we congratulate her on this appointment.

We welcome Miss Calvert to the school as a Classroom Assistant, working in the Learning Support Class.

### Childline Assembly and Workshops

On 1<sup>st</sup> October Year 6 & 7 had a talk from 3 representatives from the NSPCC regarding the Childline service. The pupils learned that this is a free service and there is always someone on the end of the phone to talk through issues in confidence that they may be experiencing and that they are not alone. During the workshop session the pupils had the chance to discuss different scenarios and to think about how they would deal with them.

### **Young Enterprise – Year 7**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013, Year 7 pupils spent the day learning about trade around the world. This was a workshop experience facilitated by Hannah from Young Enterprise and everyone enjoyed the busy day. Year 7s got to set up their own little company as well as trade their product with other groups. They also learned about the differences in trading around the world e.g. the price of labour, and were able to identify the source of some everyday items such as pencils, baked beans, shoes etc. All agreed it was an interesting day and they learned a lot

### **Year 5 Lessons at Drumcree College**

Year 5 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed participating in Home Economics lessons based on the theme Change at Drumcree College. Mrs McKeague, the Home Economics teacher at Drumcree, taught us how change can take place in food. In our first lesson we boiled, peeled and made egg sandwich filler. In the second lesson, we made jelly and fruit salad; In the third lesson, we made buns with jam and coconut topping and in the final lesson, we melted chocolate and made chocolate apples and spider biscuits. This was a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 pupils to spend time in a local secondary school and use their facilities.

### **Book Fair**

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 we held our annual Scholastic Book Fair in our new Central Library Area located near the entrance to the Nursery. There were over 200 titles to choose from and book prices started at £2.99. There was also a colourful selection of posters and stationery, always very popular. Year 7 pupils really enjoyed the experience of organising and running the Book Fair which was a great success, raising in the region of £900. This is one of our biggest totals to date. A huge thank-you must go to all the pupils, parents and friends who supported our Book Fair; this will mean lots of extra books for our school.

### **Soccer Festival**

The school soccer team competed for the first time this year in the Mid Ulster October Festival at Lurgan Junior High School on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Despite being in a strong group, the team played very well and qualified for the knockout stages. We narrowly lost out in the semi final against Dickson Primary. Every member of the squad represented the school with great behaviour and effort. Special credit to Peter Brown Lavery for scoring two goals and to Robert Kerr for making some crucial saves.

### **PSNI/Fire and Rescue Safety Talk**

The PSNI/Fire Service gave a talk on keeping safe at Halloween. They emphasised how important it was to follow the Fire Safety Code. Always remember to keep your pets indoors, to only call with people you know and to have an adult with you at all times.

### **Road Safety Show**

The pupils enjoyed the Road Safety Show performed by Beam Creative Network. The show addressed the issues of keeping safe on the roads everyday as pedestrians, cyclists or passengers in cars in a fun and memorable way.

### **Anti Slavery Assembly**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs Barkley spoke to the children about Anti-Slavery Day. The children learned about modern day slavery and human trafficking. Mrs Barkley explained ways that we can help to stop this problem in the world. She also talked about Craigavon ACT Group, a local community action group, which aims to raise awareness about human trafficking in the Craigavon area.

### **Year 4 Mass**

Year 4 children, with their parents, attended the first of their Class Masses at St. John's Church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion.

Pupils participated in reading the Penitential Rite and Prayers of the Faithful, while others participated in the Offertory Procession.

### **Apple Trip**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 Year 1 pupils from Mrs Mackle's class and Mr Hendron's class visited the Palace Stables in Armagh where they participated in a range of activities to celebrate 'National Apple Week'. A most enjoyable day was had by all.

### **Friends of Ballyoran (PTA)**

Christmas Cards

Pupils will once again have the opportunity to design their own Christmas Cards and have these professionally printed. More information after Half Term.

Christmas Draw:

A Christmas Draw will take place this year. Tickets will go on sale after Half Term, costing £1 each and each family will get book of 5 tickets to sell.

Christmas Fair

This will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013, from 1.30 – 3.30pm. School will finish at 2pm for all Year 1 – 7 pupils on this day. If anyone would like to buy a table please contact the Office.

### **Dogs**

No dogs (except Guide Dogs) are to be brought on to school premises. This decision has been taken for two reasons:

1. Dog face-es has recently been found on school premises; this poses a serious health risk particularly to young children if it is touched.
2. All dogs, no matter how placid or well trained, are unpredictable and pose a risk of aggression.

We would ask that all members of the school community respect this policy.

## Menu for November

	<b>Week commencing 04.11.13</b>	<b>Week commencing 11.11.13</b>	<b>Week commencing 18.11.13</b>	<b>Week commencing 25.11.13</b>
Mon	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Sauces, Chips or Baked Potatoes  Rice Pudding and Peaches	Shepherds' Pie or Chicken Tagliatelle, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Beans, Sweet Corn, Side Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes  Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Oven Baked Steak Burger or Spaghetti Bolognese, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes  Rice Pudding and Oranges
Tues	Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Beans, Sweet Corn, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes  Jelly and Fruit Salad	Oven Baked Sausages or Filled Chicken or Salad Baguettes, Side Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Sweet Corn, Gravy  Strawberry Cake and Custard	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Sauces, Chips or Baked Potatoes  Rice Krispie Bun and Custard	Fish Fingers or Chicken Pasta Bake, Beans, Sweet Corn, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes  Chocolate Muffin and Pear Cake and Custard
Wed	Savoury Mince or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Peas, Pasta or Mashed Potatoes, Naan Bread  Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Crumbed Fish or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Chips or Potatoes  Rice Pudding and Oranges	Roast Turkey or Macaroni Cheese, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy  Jelly and White Sauce	Homemade Pizza or Chicken Wraps, Peas, Coleslaw, Salad, Chips or Mashed Potatoes  Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Thurs	Roast Pork with Stuffing or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy  Pineapple Sponge and Custard	Baked Gammon or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice, Cabbage, Turnip, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy  Biscuit and Fruit Salad	Shepherds' Pie or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy  Ice Cream and Fruit and Wafer	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Carrots and Parsnips, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy or Filled Ciabatta Rolls, Salad or Turkey, Side Salad, Coleslaw  Jelly and Fruit Salad
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Hot Dog, Sauces, Filled Rolls, Chicken/Salad  Frozen Mousse or Raisin Cookies	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top or Bacon and Cheese Pasta Bake, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy  Jelly and White Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Hot Dog, Sauces, Filled Rolls, Chicken/Salad  Frozen Mousse or Raisin Cookies	Bacon and Stuffing or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy  Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries