



News Sheet – December 2013

Merry Christmas

Winning Design for School Christmas Card Competition
by
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End of Term Arrangements

School will finish at midday on Friday 20th December 2013. Pupils do not need to wear uniform on this day and there will be no dinners served. There will be no break-time snack provided by the Canteen and pupils may bring their own unhealthy break.

Start of New Term

Ballyoran Primary School will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2014.

Please note Monday 6th January 2014 will be a Staff Training Day and this is an extra day's holiday for pupils which was not on previous holiday lists.

Diary Dates for January 2014

- 7th School re-opens for Spring Term for pupils
- 9th Year 7 Alcohol and Drugs: Session 1
- 10th Swimming begins: Years 6 and 7
Closing date for Nursery and Year 1 Applications for September 2014 – 12 noon
- 15th Dental Screen in LSC
Year 7 Visit to Stormont
Pupil Council Meeting
- 16th Year 7 Alcohol and Drugs: Session 2
- 20th Year 6 Alcohol and Drugs: Session 1
- 21st School finishes at 1.00pm for all pupils – Staff Training
- 23rd Year 7 Alcohol and Drugs: Session 3
- 27th Year 6 Alcohol and Drugs: Session 2
- 30th Year 7 Alcohol and Drugs: Session 4
- 31st Non Uniform Day – Mission Trip to Africa
Credit Union Quiz

Jo Jingles in Nursery

The children really enjoyed their recent visit from Jo Jingles on Tuesday 3rd December. It was a morning of fun, music, and movement!

Year 6 Science Lessons at Drumcree College

Year 6 have developed a link with Drumcree College and have been participating in Science lessons using their Science Department and teaching staff. In our first visit to Drumcree, we learned about Forces. We learned that these can be two types - pushes and pulls. We measured forces using a Newton Meter. In Week 2, we were thinking about what makes a vehicle move. We decided to test how far a car would travel down a ramp when released and no force applied. We changed the angle of the ramp and found that the car travelled further and faster when the angle was steeper. We learned about a 'fair' test. In Week 3 we made crystals. We used copper sulphate powder and diluted it in warm water. Next we heated the water using a Bunsen burner. We used a small piece of crystal as a seed crystal and let it dangle into our water solution. Hopefully a blue crystal will grow! Many thanks to Mrs McCabe and Mrs Dunbar at Drumcree College for their careful preparation and warm welcome. Visit our class page on the school website to view the photographs.

Year 4 – 7 Christmas Pantomime Outing

Forty three pupils from Yr 4 -7 including LSC enjoyed a recent visit to Armagh Theatre to see this year's Christmas Pantomime 'Aladdin'

Window Art

Eight pupils represented Ballyoran Primary School by painting four windows in St John's Parish Centre. They worked hard and demonstrated their creativity by painting bright and

colourful Christmas scenes. They were kindly rewarded with selection boxes and had crisps and drinks for refreshments.

The following pupils took part:

Year 4	Evie Judge	Aodhan O'Connor
Year 5	Madison Hall	Grace O'Connor
Year 6	Oliwia Osinska	Nathan Campbell
Year 7	Keelin Brennan	Mia McKee

Christmas Fair

Our Parents and Friends of Ballyoran Christmas Fair on Thursday 5th December 2013 was a great success. This event was very well supported by pupils, parents and friends of the school and I would to thank everyone for helping to make this a success. So many people commented on the atmosphere at the Fair. A total of £1,400 (including the Christmas Draw) was raised. A big thank you to Parents and Friends Members, for their tireless efforts in preparing for the Fair

Year 7 Attend St Catherine's Show

On Friday 6th December 2013 Year 7 travelled to St. Catherine's College to see their school production of 'Oliver!' We had a thoroughly enjoyable time watching the show. The superb acting, singing and dancing, as well as the talented musicians, all added to the atmosphere and created a wonderful musical.

Years 1 – 3 Trip to Lisburn Linen Centre

Year 1, 2 and 3 children visited Lisburn Linen Centre on Tuesday 10th December 2013. They made some Christmas decorations and then went to see Santa in his Grotto. Each child was given a selection pack. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Christmas Dinner

Our pupils enjoyed a really tasty Christmas dinner in school on Wednesday 11th December 2013 and the Staff had theirs the following day. A big thank you to Mrs Donna Campbell and her team in the kitchen for providing this.

Busy Christmas for Choir and Musical Ensemble

Once again, it has been a busy time for the Choir/Instrumentalists who have already performed Christmas Carols at Craigavon Area Hospital on Wednesday evening 11th December and again for residents at Rosemount Care Home on Thursday 12th December 2013 as well as our School Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 17th December 2013 We still have Tesco, Meadows on Wednesday 18th December 2013 and Tesco, Craigavon on Thursday 19th December 2013 to look forward to. Please support these events if at all possible. A big Thank You and well done to all loyal Choir members and Instrumentalists.

Christmas Celebration

Thank you to all parents and friends who attended our Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 17th December 2013. The Assembly Hall was filled and everyone was treated to a celebration of Christmas through music, drama and dance. All pupils from Nursery to Year 7 got the opportunity to take part and they are to be commended for their efforts. Afterwards parents and friends were invited to stay and join staff for refreshments.

Years 4 – 7 Christmas Disco

Pupils in Years 4 – 7 enjoyed a Christmas Disco paid for by the Parents and Friends of Ballyoran on Tuesday 17th December 2013.

Christmas Treat

On Wednesday 18th December 2013 all of the pupils will have a musical treat with a visit from members of the South Ulster Community Band, including Mr Hendron playing the Tuba. The band will play a number of popular Christmas songs.

Nursery and Year 1 Admissions

A reminder that application forms are available from the office. The closing date for all applications is 12 noon on Friday 10th January 2014. Please remember a Birth Certificate is required for all applications.

Year 7 Transfer to Post Primary School

The month of January is very important for our Year 7 pupils as they and their parents make decisions on which Secondary School to transfer to in September 2014. As part of this process, secondary schools visit our Year 7 pupils and give presentations on their schools. Secondary schools will also be having Open Days/Nights in January/February.

Coats

Thank you to all parents for ensuring that your children are in school every day with a coat. Please ensure this continues throughout the winter. It is also important that your child's name is on all clothing.

School Development Plan

Please read our Overview of the School's priorities for this year on pages 5 – 7.

Menu for January 2014

See last page

Thanks and Happy Christmas

A big thank you to all my Staff for all their hard work during this very busy term.

Thank you also to parents for your continued support and co-operation and to the pupils for making this such an enjoyable term.

A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to the entire School Community.

R Woolsey
Principal

Ballyoran Primary School
School Development Plan 2011 – 2014
Yearly Overview: 2013-2014

Child Centred Provision

Climate of the School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review School Vision• Sustain improvements in attendance
Pastoral Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Child Protection Policy• Child Protection Training for all staff• Review of Classroom Discipline & Behaviour Management• Review policies on Drug Awareness and RSE• Review First Aid Policy• Review Pastoral Care Policy• Disseminate DE PE Safety Policy• Audit of current Food Policy• Complete Risk Assessments
SEN, Inclusion & Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop LSC provision• Finish SEN Literacy CPD Project and embed development in practice• SEN Training for new staff• Review SEN Policy• Set up Literacy and Numeracy Support Programme in Key Stage 2 as part of Signature Project• Set up Numeracy Catch Up Programme – Yr 4• Draw up Inclusion & Diversity Policy• Develop Language Support Programme in Foundation Stage

High Quality Teaching and Learning

<p>Curriculum, Teaching & Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support programme for new teachers • Develop Letter and Number formation in Foundation Stage • Develop teaching of Comprehension: Yrs 3–7 • Improve Knowing Facts and Procedures in Numeracy: Yrs 3–7 • Introduce Alta Maths: Yrs 3 - 7 • Adopt Literacy and Numeracy Policy • Embrace new ICT network for schools • Purchase I Pads and develop their use • Review ICT Policy • Continue to develop Outdoor Play in Foundation Stage • Develop Activity Based Learning in Key Stage 1 • Complete WAU Planning • Adopt PDMU Policy
<p>Assessment, Record Keeping & Reporting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed new procedures for the assessment of the Cross – Curricular Skills • Develop a model for tracking and measuring achievement at whole school level and for individuals particularly low and under achievers • Appoint Assessment Co-ordinator • Review Assessment Policy • Develop Internal Standardisation
<p>Nursery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Outdoor Play Area • Develop ICT • Share good practice in relation to behaviour management • To continue to improve short term planning • To continue to make more effective use of observation books to inform short term planning and to ensure progression in children’s learning • To develop links with Year 1 • To continue to develop links with Hart Memorial Nursery

Effective Leadership

Environment (Accommodation & Grounds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Lunchtime Arrangements• Investigate grants for Nursery Outdoor Play Area• Investigate development of all weather pitch• Minor Works Applications – Covered Parents Waiting Area & All Weather Pitch
Enrolment/Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase Enrolment

A School Connected to Its Community

Parents & Community Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Homework• Develop Parents & Friends of Ballyoran• Develop PR - New School Prospectus & School Website• 40th Anniversary Celebrations• Expand Extra Curricular activities – ICT Suite Open
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Menu for January 2014

	Week commencing 06.01.14	Week commencing 13.01.14	Week commencing 20.01.14	Week commencing 27.01.14
Mon	School Closed Staff Training	Pork Burgers or Chicken Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Shepherd's Pie or Chicken Tagliatelle, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches
Tues	Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Sauces, Peas, Coleslaw Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Pizza or Salad Baguettes, Chips, Coleslaw, Baked Potato Rice Pudding and Oranges	Oven Baked Sausages or Beef Curry, Boiled Rice, Peas, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Lemon Cake and Custard	Bacon and Stuffing or Chicken Curry and Rice, Turnip, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Chocolate Cake and White Sauce
Wed	Sausages or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn, Gravy Rice and Two Fruits	Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad, Coleslaw, Bread Jelly and White Sauce	Crumbed Fish or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad, Crusty Bread, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Savoury Mince, Potatoes, Broccoli, Crusty Bread, or Pasta, Tomato and Vegetable Pesto, Salad, Coleslaw Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer
Thur	Baked Gammon or Chicken Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Jelly and Fruit Salad	Chicken Crumble or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Roast Turkey and Stuffing or Ham and Cheese Pasta Bake, Turnip, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Biscuit. Fruit and Custard	Pork Burgers or Chicken Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Vanilla Sponge and Custard
Fri	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Apple Crumble and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Hot Dog, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad), Sauces Frozen Mousse, Raisin Cookie	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Baked Potato Jelly and Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad), Sauces Shortbread Biscuit and Fruit Salad

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries