



News Sheet – January 2014

Diary Dates for February 2014

1 st	Common Entrance Assessment Results out
5 th	Diocesan RE Visit – Yrs 4 and 7
6 th	Yr 7 Alcohol and Drugs Workshop – Session 5
11 th	Yr 7 Ceremony of Light – St John’s Church at 6.00pm
12 th	Pupil Council Meeting
14 th	Non-Uniform Day – Wear Red
	Swimming Ends for Yrs 6 and 7
17 th – 21 st	School Closed – Half Term
22 nd	Yr 4 Mass - St John’s Church at 7.00pm
25 th	Yr 7 Confirmation Practice 1 - St John’s Church
	PTA Meeting at 7pm - Community Room
27 th	Year 4 Trip to Market Place Theatre for “Nivelli’s War”
28 th	Swimming begins for Yrs 4 and 5

Half Term Holiday

School will be closed from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2014 for the Half Term Holiday.

Confirmation

A reminder that Confirmation takes place on Sunday 9th March 2014 at 3.00pm in St John’s Church.

Parent/Teacher Meetings – Advance Notice

These will take place on the week beginning Monday 3rd March 2014. School will close each day at 1.00pm to facilitate these. Notes in relation to these will be going out next week.

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 Yr 7 pupils well with this very important decision.

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.

Year 7 Visit Stormont

On Wednesday 15th January 2014, Year 7 pupils visited Parliament Buildings. They were given an introduction to the workings of our NI Assembly and the process of Politics and voting. The visit also involved a tour of the Assembly Rooms where the pupils got to sit in

the seats of our politicians. Everyone agreed it was a very interesting morning. Well done to Year 7s who took part actively and enthusiastically during the outing.

Year 4 Gaelic Tournament

Year 4 had a very enjoyable Gaelic Tournament on Friday 17th January 2014 at St John's Primary School. We played matches against Year 4 pupils from St. John 's and Portadown Integrated School. Two children from each school received medals for their endeavour. Pupils were treated to a fruit break and refreshments after the match, hospitality of St. John's Primary School.

Year 5 Young Enterprise

On Friday 24th January 2014 the Year 5 class participated in a workshop which was facilitated by Young Enterprise. The theme of the workshop was "Our City". The children had to identify the types of services and shops which are featured within our cities in Northern Ireland. The class was put into small groups with each group responsible for planning and designing their own city. Each child undertook the role of a construction worker, city planner or a business owner. This interactive workshop enhanced the children's overall knowledge of cities within our locality. The Year 5s thoroughly enjoyed working with the Young Enterprise team and building their own city.

Soccer Match

On Thursday 23rd January 2014 Ballyoran played a soccer match against Bleary Primary School on our own pitch. Despite losing an early goal, the team battled back well and earned a deserved 2-2 draw. All of the team played with great determination but particularly notable was a superb goal from Vitor Guerra and a strong goalkeeping performance from Bernardo Pereira. We are very grateful to Katelyn from Ambassadors for helping to organise this match.

Yr 7 Alcohol and Drugs Workshops

Year 7 are enjoying participating in a 5-week Personal Development and Mutual Understanding course run by Jeanie Graham from The Temperance Society. The course covers topical issues such as alcohol, smoking and drugs. It encourages the children to think about the issues and consider the facts before being faced with them in difficult situations. It also encourages them to value themselves.

Nursery CRED Link with Hart Memorial

This year pupils in our Nursery classes are linking with Hart Memorial Nursery as part of our Community Relations Equality and Diversity programme. The children enjoyed their first visit to Hart Memorial Nursery and Hart Memorial enjoyed their day out to Ballyoran Nursery. They are looking forward to meeting their friends again in the near future.

Five-A-Side Soccer Tournament

On Thursday 30th January 2014 Ballyoran took part in the Jones Shield 5-a-Side Soccer Tournament at the Football Warehouse in Portadown. We played in a group with several other schools from the local area. The team competed to the best of their ability and their behaviour was excellent.

Special Mass

Children from Year 4 and Year 7 joined with other local schools on Monday 27th January for a special Mass in St John the Baptist Church to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

Dental Visit

On Tuesday 28th January 2014 LSC pupils had one of their regular visits from Dental Nurse Pauline Jackson. Using a plastic model, Pauline showed the pupils how to brush their teeth properly and advised them on how often and at what time of the day they should brush their teeth.

Action MS Presentation

On Wednesday 15th January 2014 Serena Connolly (Yr 7) and Jamie McGeown (Yr 2) travelled with Mrs Carson our Charity Co-ordinator to an MS Thank You Luncheon in the Ramada Hotel, Belfast. As our top Fundraisers, they were presented with a Certificate for the School to acknowledge our support of the charity in raising the magnificent sum of £1,500. We would like to thank all parents and friends for their support.

Gaelic Match

Friday 24th January 2014 saw the Gaelic team taking part in a match against Presentation Primary School on our own pitch. It was very encouraging to see the effort and increasing skill level of the team who range from Yr 4 to Yr 7. We greatly appreciate the help of Paul Carvill and Stephen McCann from Tir na nOg who not only train the pupils on a weekly basis but also helped to organise the match.

New Website

The school launched a new website on Friday 10th January 2014. Please use it to keep up-to-date with what is going on in school – www.ballyoranps.com

Non-Uniform Day for Zambia

We held a Non-uniform Day on Friday 31st January 2014 to support two former pupils (Cathal Mercer and Ross Heaney) who will be travelling to Zambia with another twelve students from St Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh prior to the Easter Holidays. All the money raised is going towards local education in Kitwe in Zambia. We thank you once again for your valued support in aid of this worthwhile project.

School Uniform

I continue to be very proud of how smart all our pupils look in their uniform and I want to thank all our parents for ensuring that pupils are turned out so well every day. A reminder that the school tie is the only part of the uniform which can be purchased from school at a cost of £3. The following shops stock our uniform.

- Robert Davidson, Bridge Street, Portadown
- Ivan Jameson, High Street, Portadown
- JNR Clothing, North Street, Lurgan
- Maxwells, Union Street, Lurgan

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school:

White T-shirt
Black shorts
Plimsoles/Trainers (with non-marking soles)

We recommend that PE uniform is left in school and taken home from time to time for washing. PE Bags can be purchased at the Office at a cost of £3.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is now open to Nursery pupils every morning in the Dinner Hall from 8.15am to 8.45am. The latest time for arrival to receive breakfast is 8.30am. The cost is 50p and new pupils are always welcome. If you wish your child to attend, please complete the Consent form and return it to Nursery.

Seat Belts

The Department of Education have asked all schools to remind their parents of the importance of pupils wearing seat belts in cars.

Punctuality

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who get their pupils into school everyday on time. There are, however, a significant number of pupils who are late on a regular basis. When pupils are late this disrupts the education of the whole class. A reminder that the first bell rings at 8.55am and pupils should be in school for this.

Menu for February 2014

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R Woolsey
Principal

Menu for February 2014

	Week commencing 03.02.14	Week commencing 10.02.14	Week commencing 17.02.14	Week commencing 24.02.14
Monday	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Sauces, Chips or Baked Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Pork Burgers or Chicken Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Tuna Wraps or Homemade Pizza, Peas, Sweet Corn, Sauces, Chips or Baked Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Tuesday	Fish Fingers or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	Savoury Mince or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Pasta, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Crumbed Fish or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Lemon Sponge and Custard
Wednesday	Oven Baked Sausages or Beef Curry and Boiled Rice, Carrots, Sweet Corn, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Chocolate Cake and White Sauce	Crumbed Fish or Lasagne, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Pork Burgers or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Cabbage, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Rice Pudding and Oranges
Thursday	Gammon or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice, Cabbage, Turnip, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Crumble or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Jelly and Fruit Salad	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Ham and Cheese Pasta Bake, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Jelly and Fruit Salad
Friday	Shepherds Pie or Tomato and Vegetable Pesto Bake, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Rice Krispie Bun and Custard	Homemade Pizza with Beans and Cherry Tomatoes, Tossed Salad or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Rice, Baked Beans, Chips with Tomato Sauce Shortbread Heart and Cornflour	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Frozen Mousse and Fresh Fruit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yoghurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries