



News Sheet – February 2014

Diary Dates for March 2014

2 nd	Gaelic Match: Ireland v Portugal – selected pupils: 5.15pm – 8.00pm
3 rd – 7 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings (School finishes at 1.00pm each day for all pupils)
3 rd	Liz Weir, Story Teller: Nursery and Foundation Stage for World Book Day
4 th	Year 7 Confirmation Practice: 10.00am – St John's Church Intensive Support Parent Meetings
5 th	Nursery visit to Portadown Library
6 th	World Book Day – Armagh Rhymers will visit school International School Meals Day Year 7 Confirmation Practice: 10.00am – St John's Church
9 th	Confirmation at 3.00pm in St John's Church
10 th	Year 6 Alcohol and Drugs: Session 1
11 th	Nursery CRED Day with Hart Memorial – Music Workshop
12 th	Pupil Council Meeting
13 th	Year 4 Young Enterprise: 'Our Community' Year 6 Young Enterprise: 'Our Nation' Nursery CRED Day with Hart Memorial – Music Workshop
14 th	St Patrick's Day Irish Dancing Festival: 1.30 – 4.00pm
17 th	School Closed – St Patrick's Day Holiday
20 th	Lismore Entrance Test – Year 7 pupils

School Closure – March 2014

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 17th March 2014 for St Patrick's Day.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

These will take place next week and by now you should have received your meeting time. Please note that school will close at **1.00pm for all pupils** from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th March 2014 to facilitate these. To ease congestion at the gate, it would be helpful if Year 1 – 3 pupils were picked up at 12.50pm. We would ask all parents to be on time for their meetings and if, for any reason, you are unable to attend, please let the school know as soon as possible. Please note there will be no Afternoon Clubs next week.

Credit Union Quiz Success

Well done to our Team who were third at the Annual Credit Union Quiz held recently in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church Halls. The Team was as follows:

Adam Millar, Year 7	Emma Dunbar, Year 7
Oliwia Osinksa, Year 6	Reghan McKinstry, Year 6

Each pupil received a £10 cash prize.

Extended Schools Drama Club

Each year Key Stage 2 pupils get the opportunity to attend an After School Drama Club at Drumcree College. This year, 6 pupils are attending this on Wednesday afternoons.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March this year. We would love everyone to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The Armagh Rhymers will be in school to help us celebrate with an array of stories, drama and music.

Non-Uniform Day – Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who generously supported our recent Non-Uniform Days. The Non-Uniform Day on Friday 31st January 2014 to support two former pupils (Ross Heaney and Cathal Mercer) on a Mission Trip to Africa, raised £200. The 'Wear Red' Non-Uniform Day on Friday 14th February 2014 for the British Heart Foundation raised £224.70.

Confirmation

This will take place on Sunday 9th March 2014 at 3pm in St John's Church. We wish all our Year 7 pupils well as they take this very important step in their life.

Diocesan Visit

Sister Elizabeth paid her annual visit to Year 4 and Year 7 pupils on Wednesday 5th February 2014 and was very pleased with the children's knowledge of the Alive-O Programme.

Fire and Rescue Service Visit Year 5

Pupils from Year 5 enjoyed a very informative talk from four firefighters from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. The firefighters talked to the pupils about fire hazards and the importance of safety, how fires can start, what precautions to take to prevent fires and the importance of smoke alarms. All pupils were then asked to check their 'bedtime routine' at home and agreed to carry out a fire safety check with their parents.

Internet Safety Day

Safer Internet Day is organised in February of each year to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones for children. To promote this in school, the PSNI spoke to pupils in Years 4 – 7 about keeping safe online. This was then followed by workshops with Years 5, 6 and 7 led by Miss Turkington in which classes discussed the dangers of the Internet and Social Networking. It was brought to our attention that a number of pupils in school engage in Social Networking and we would ask you, as parents, to closely monitor what your children are doing online at home. We would also remind you that children under 13 years of age should not have a Facebook account and ask you to read the leaflet on our school website 'A Parents Guide to Facebook.' You will find this leaflet in the Parents Section in 'Useful Links'.

Year 5 Workshop - Armagh County Museum

On Tuesday 11th February 2014 the Year 5 class went to Armagh Museum to participate in a workshop run by Mantella Environmental Education. The workshop gave the children the opportunity to look at and hold various creatures such as millipedes, cockroaches, snakes and lizards. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and gained a lot of valuable information from their visit.

Ceremony of Light – Year 7

As part of their preparation for Confirmation, Year 7 pupils attended a Ceremony of Light on Tuesday 11th February 2014. Parents and pupils from the three local schools

participated in the Ceremony and pupils had the opportunity to take their Confirmation Pledge.

Nursery CRED Link with Hart Memorial

The pupils in our Nursery classes our linking with Hart Memorial Nursery as part of our Community Relations, Equality and Diversity programme. We enjoyed visiting Hart Memorial for a party with our friends and Hart Memorial enjoyed their visit to Ballyoran for a day of cultural activities.

Year 4 Workshop – ‘Nivelli’s War’

On Friday 14th February 2014, Year 4 was treated to a Workshop in the Assembly Hall with Caolan and Victoria from ‘Cahoots NI’. The Workshop was intended to provide the children with some information about ‘Nivelli’s War’ in a fun way, prior to their trip to the Market Place Theatre in Armagh at the end of February. We learned about Ernest who was evacuated from Frankfurt to the country during World War II. With the help of Mr H, he attempts to get back home to his mum. We answered questions about The War and made predictions. At the end, Caolan opened the Magic Box. We discovered that our predictions were exactly right. Finally, we learned a little about the evacuation of children from Northern Ireland during World War II. We really enjoyed the workshop and are looking forward to our trip.

Year 4 Mass

On Saturday 22nd February 2014, our Year 4 pupils participated in the 7.00pm Mass in St John the Baptist Church. The theme of the Mass was *Penance* and was in preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion.

Students

Ballyoran Primary School hosts many students each year from Schools, Colleges and Universities. We are currently hosting two students training to be teachers from Stranmillis University College, Belfast. They will be with us for the next 6 weeks in Years 2, 6 and 7.

Friday Night Club

There will be no Friday Night Club tonight, Friday 28th February 2014. The Club resumes on Friday 7th March 2014.

Consultation

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our recent Consultation on the School Vision and Homework. If anyone still has not returned these, please do so as soon as possible.

St Patrick’s Day Irish Dancing Festival

This will take place in the Assembly Hall on Friday 14th March 2014 from 1.30 – 4.00pm and we would encourage you to support it. Please note you are free to come and go as you please during the event.

Menu for March 2014

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R Woolsey
Principal

Menu for March 2014

	Week commencing 03.03.14	Week commencing 10.03.14	Week commencing 17.03.14	Week commencing 24.03.14
Monday	Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Chips, Baked Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Pork Burgers or Chicken and Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Vanilla Sponge and Custard	St Patrick's Day School Closed	Homemade Pizza or Salad Baguettes, Peas, Sweet Corn, Chips or Baked Potatoes Rice Pudding and Fruit
Tuesday	Savoury Mince or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Pasta, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	Homemade Pizza or Salad Baguettes, Chips, Baked Potatoes, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad Rice Pudding and Peaches	Chicken Breast Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Sauces, Peas, Chips Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers or Chicken Chilli Wraps, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and White Sauce
Wednesday	Crumbed Fish or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cake and Custard	Lasagne or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and White Sauce	Roast Pork or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Cabbage, Sweet Corn, Mashed Potatoes Rice Krispie Square and Custard	Savoury Mince or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Rice, Carrots, Pasta, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Cake and Custard
Thursday	Baked Gammon or Chicken Tagliatelle, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Rice Pudding and Oranges	Chicken Crumble Top or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots and Parsnips, Peas, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Shepherds Pie or Oriental Pork with Noodles, Carrots, Broccoli, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	Roast Turkey and Stuffing or Ham and Cheese Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer
Friday	Sausages or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Cabbage, Peas, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Apple Crumble and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Frozen Mousse or Raisin Cookie	Crumbed Fish or Spaghetti Carbonara, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Potatoes Lemon Cake and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Shortbread Biscuit and Fresh Fruit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yoghurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries