



News Sheet – April 2014

Diary Dates for May 2014

2 nd	Swimming begins: Years 6 and 7
5 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday
7 th – 9 th	Shannaghmore Residential – Years 6 and 7
12 th – 16 th	Test Week
16 th	Swimming ends: Years 6 and 7
20 th – 22 nd	Year 7 DVD Leavers' DVD Filming
21 st	Pupil Council Meeting
23 rd	Swimming begins: Years 4 and 5
	Show: 'The Hobbit' by M & M Productions
26 th – 28 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday and Staff Training
30 th	Stage 2 Nursery Admissions Letters posted

Clubs

Please note there will be **no After School Clubs next week.**

End of Term Arrangements

Nursery

A reminder that the last day of this term for Nursery will be Friday 11th April 2014
Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th April 2014 will be Staff Training days.

Please note this does not affect Year 1 – 7 pupils.

Primary School

The Primary School will close at midday on Wednesday 16th April 2014 for the Easter Holidays. To avoid congestion at the gate, dismissal times will be as follows:

Years 1 - 3	11.50am
Years 4 – 7	Midday

This will be a non-uniform day and there will be no dinners in school.

Easter Holidays

Nursery

School will be closed from Monday 14th – Friday 25th April 2014.

Primary

School will be closed from Thursday 17th April to Friday 25th April 2014.

The Summer Term will begin on Monday 28th April 2014.

School Closures – May 2014

Ballyoran Primary School will be closed on the following dates in May:

5 th	Bank Holiday
26 th – 28 th	Bank Holiday and 2 Staff Training Days

Congratulations

We wish Miss Turkington well for her wedding during the Easter Holidays. She will return to school in May as Mrs Biggerstaff.

Sporting Fixtures in April

On Thursday 3rd April 2014 our Soccer team took part in the MUSFA April Festival at Lurgan Junior High School. The team played exceptionally well and despite failing to qualify from the group, they represented the school with great distinction. For our Year 7 pupils, this marks the last main tournament they will be taking part in and we would like to thank them for their loyal service over the last number of years.

Ballyoran took part in the Annual Soccer Tournament at Brownlow Integrated College on Tuesday 8th April 2014. Our team was mentored very ably by Year 12 student and former Ballyoran pupil David Mulholland. Our team won 2 matches including a sensational goal by John Paul Ferreira and managed a hard fought draw against our local rivals St John's. Despite these terrific performances, we narrowly failed to qualify from our group. Well done to the whole squad and particularly Kathlyn Paulino from Year 5 whose determined play was noted by other teachers.

Year 4 First Confession

As part of their preparation for First Holy Communion, Year 4 pupils made their First Confession in St. John the Baptist Church on Tuesday 1st April. The ceremony was conducted by Father Sheehan.

Apps for iPads/Tablets

Many people now have tablets or iPads at home. The school has recently purchased a set of iPads for educational use. These are a great tool to enhance both learning and teaching. An Educational Psychologist from the SELB has recently published a list of recommended educational apps which we would encourage you to look at. It is available on the school website: www.ballyoranps.com under 'Parents' and 'Useful Leaflets'. We hope you find this useful.

Class/Group Photographs

If you wish to purchase a copy of your child's Class or Group photograph, please return the envelope before the Easter Holidays. Alternatively, you can order and pay online.

TKMax Clothing Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent TKMax Clothing Appeal by sending in bags of used clothing.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our second Book Fair of the year recently. The total amount spent on books was £745. We receive a large percentage of this amount back in commission which allows us to buy more books for school. So not only have you been helping your child with their reading but you have been supporting the teaching of reading in school. Well done to Year 7 for staffing the Book Fair in a very responsible manner.

Bicycles in School

I have recently had to speak to a number of Year 3 and 4 pupils for bringing a bicycle to school. A reminder that Year 5 – 7 pupils only are permitted to bring bicycles to school.

This is in line with DOE Road Safety advice from our local officer. We strongly encourage pupils who do choose to cycle to school to wear a helmet.

Concussion and Second Impact Syndrome

The Minister of Education has recently issued a letter to schools raising awareness of this. This has come in light of the coroner's findings into the death of Benjamin Robinson, a post-primary pupil, who died in January 2011 following a head injury sustained whilst playing in a rugby match for his school. I would encourage all parents to read this letter and the accompanying Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool which have been placed on the school website under 'Parents' and 'Information'. Members of staff have also been given this information. A copy of the Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool has been included in this News Sheet.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter Holidays, pupils may come to school wearing the summer uniform as follows:

Boys may wear grey shorts

Girls may wear a blue checked dress and white socks

We continue to be very proud of how smart our pupils look in their uniform.

Advance Notices

Sports Day	Tuesday 3 rd June 2014 at 9.30am
Nursery Induction Evening	Tuesday 3 rd June 2014 at 7.30pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 7 th June 2014 at 11.00am in St John's Church
Prize Day	Friday 13 th June 2014 Foundation/Key Stage 1 at 9.30am Key Stage 2 at 11.00am
Annual Reports Issued	Friday 13 th June 2014
Nursery Graduation	Thursday 19 th June 2014 at 10.00am
Trip Week	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th June 2014
Last Day of Term	Friday 27 th June 2014

A reminder that you can keep up to date by checking our Calendar on the School Website: www.ballyoranps.com

Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool

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Menu for April 2014

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Term Dates and Holidays 2014/2015

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Finally, I would like to thank all members of the school community for their support during another very busy term and wish everyone a happy and relaxing Easter break.

R Woolsey
Principal

Menu for May 2014

	Week commencing 28.04.14	Week commencing 05.05.14.	Week commencing 12.05.14	Week commencing 19.05.14	Week commencing 26.05.14
Monday	Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Baked Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	School Closed Bank Holiday	Pork Burgers or Chicken and Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Shepherds Pie or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Cabbage, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Chocolate Cake and Custard	School Closed Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Fish in Breadcrumbs or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Sweet Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Salad Vanilla Cake and Custard	Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers or Chicken Chilli Wraps, Beans, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Chicken and Cheese Pizza or Salad Baguettes, Sweet Corn, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Baked Potatoes Apple Crumble and Custard	School Closed Staff Training
Wednesday	Pork Burgers or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Apple Crumble and Custard	Chicken Curry with Rice or Savoury Mince, Potatoes, Carrots, Pasta, Crusty Bread Rice Pudding and Fruit	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets or Savoury Rice, Peas, Sweet Corn, Chips, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Coleslaw Jelly Fluff and Cornflour Sauce	Oven Baked Sausages or Beef Curry and Boiled Rice, Peas, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Chocolate Cracknel and Custard	School Closed Staff Training
Thursday	Shepherds Pie or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Rice Pudding and Fruit	Roast Gammon, Potatoes, Cabbage, Gravy, Sweet Corn or Tomato Pesto Bake, Salad, Coleslaw Jelly and Fruit Salad	Roast Turkey, Stuffing or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Rice Pudding and Oranges	Chicken Crumble Top or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots and Parsnips, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Ham and Cheese Pizza or Salad or Tuna Baguettes, Chips, Baked Potatoes, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Friday	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Jelly or Frozen Mousse	Fish in Crumbs, Potatoes, Beans, Coleslaw, Salad or Spaghetti Bolognese Lemon Cake and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Frozen Mousse or Raisin Cookie	Lasagne or Fish in Breadcrumbs, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Biscuit and Fruit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yoghurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries



Term Dates & School Holidays 2014/2015 Year

All dates are inclusive

Term 1

Term Dates

Monday 1st September – Friday 19th December 2014

Holidays

- Friday 19th September 2014 – Staff Training
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2014 – Half Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2014 – Friday 2nd January 2015

Term 2

Term Dates

Monday 5th January – Wednesday 1st April 2015

Holidays

- Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th February 2015 – Half Term
- Tuesday 17th March 2015 - St. Patrick's Day Holiday

Easter Holiday: Thursday 2nd – Friday 10th April 2015

Term 3

Term Dates

Monday 13th April – Tuesday 30th June 2015

Holidays

- Monday 4th May 2015 – May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 25th May – Wednesday 27th May 2015 – Bank Holiday & Staff Training

School will finish at midday on the last day of each term.

Note: Removing pupils during term time is not recommended; please try not to book holidays or other trips during the school term. Staff cannot prepare work in advance for children who are on holidays and very often these children miss vital work during their absence. The school is also required to inform the SELB when a child is removed from school for a holiday. This information is recorded and may be used by the SELB in appropriate situations, i.e. Special Educational Needs Assessments or Child Protection issues.

We hope this information is of use to you as you attempt to plan family holidays for the year ahead.