



News Sheet – May 2014

Diary Dates – June 2014

3 rd	Sports Day: 9.30am – Everyone welcome School finishes at 1.00pm for all pupils Nursery Induction Evening at 7.30pm
4 th	Year 7 Drumcree Entrance Test: 9.15am
5 th	GAA Healthy Eating Programme: Years 6 and 7 Nursery Trip to Tannaghmore Gardens with Hart Nursery
6 th	40 th Anniversary Whole School Photograph Years 6 and 7 Swimming Gala
7 th	First Holy Communion: 11.00am – St John's Church followed by celebration in Pastoral Centre
11 th	Year 3 Young Enterprise: Session 2 40 th Anniversary Concert at 7.00pm
12 th	Last Day of Homework Club and last night of Homework
13 th	Prize Day: Foundation/Key Stage 1 – 9.30am Key Stage 2 – 11.00am Annual Reports/Nursery Transition Forms distributed Swimming ends: Years 4 and 5
w/b 16 th	Last week of Clubs End of Term Trip Week School Nurse Reviews – Years 1 and 2 Year 7 Love for Life Conference with Bocombra Primary
17 th	School Nurse Reviews – Years 1 and 2 Year 7 PSNI CASE: Session 3
18 th	School Nurse Reviews – Years 1 and 2 Year 3 Young Enterprise: Session 3
19 th	Nursery Graduation: 10.00am
23 rd	40 th Anniversary Fun Day/Birthday Party – No uniform
24 th	Class Changes
25 th	End of Year Talent Show
27 th	Last day of term – school finishes at 12 noon – no dinners, no uniform

Sports Day

This will take place on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at 9.30am. The Nursery event will take place in the Nursery Outdoor Play Area with Years 1 – 4 and Year 5 – 7 will be on the All Weather Pitch. Refreshments will be served and there will be Parents' events. Please support our pupils on this very important day

in our school calendar. Please note school will finish at 1.00pm for all pupils on this day. Please note, if it is wet, Sports Day will be rescheduled for the next available dry day.

Prize Day

This year's Prize Day will take place on Friday 13th June 2014. The Foundation/Key Stage 1 Ceremony will take place at 9.30am with the Special Guest being Miss M Calvert, former Principal. Key Stage 2 will have their ceremony at 11.00am with the Special Guest, Mr D J Gilpin who was the first Principal of Ballyoran Primary School. Please come along and support our pupils. Every child will receive a prize.

Nursery Graduation

This will take place in the Assembly Hall at 10.00am on Thursday 19th June 2014. Those pupils transferring to Year 1 in September will receive Graduation medals and certificates.

40th Anniversary

Ballyoran Primary School is currently in its 40th Anniversary Year. We will be celebrating this very important milestone, during the month of June, in the following ways:

1. Anniversary Magazine

The school is in the process of publishing a Special 40th Anniversary Magazine which will include work from every current pupil in the school. It will be on sale in early June and more information will follow. We hope you will buy one.

2. Anniversary Concert

This will take place in school on Wednesday 11th June 2014 at 7pm and include music, drama and dance from some of our pupils as well as performances from the South Ulster Community Band. This is a ticket only event and there are still tickets left. Please note this event is for adults only, pupils will get the chance to see it in school. The concert will be followed by refreshments and a chance to tour the school.

3. Anniversary Pupil Fun Day/Birthday Party

This will take place in school on Friday 20th June 2014 and will include:

- Inflatables - Bouncy Castle, Obstacle Course and Slide
- Sports
- Puppet Show
- Ice Cream Van
- Chip Shop Lunch
- Birthday Cake
- Anniversary gift for every pupil

Please note this will be a non-uniform day and more information will be sent out in due course.

4. Anniversary History Booklet

Past Principals - Mr Gilpin and Miss Calvert have written a short history detailing their recollections of their time as Principal of Ballyoran Primary School. This will be on sale in early June.

Mr Gilpin and Miss Calvert will also be our Special Guests at Prize Day on Friday 13th June 2014.

5. Anniversary Staff Meal

A meal has been organised for all current and past staff of the school.

Annual Reports/Nursery Transition Forms

These will be sent home on Friday 13th June 2014. Please sign both copies and return one to school. If you have any queries about anything written in the Report, please do not hesitate to contact the Class Teacher.

Dental Nurse in LSC

On Tuesday 6th May, LSC received one of its regular visits from Dental Nurse Pauline Jackson. As well as checking everyone's teeth, Pauline also stressed the importance of brushing your teeth at least twice every day and of regularly changing your toothbrush.

CRED

We at Ballyoran Primary School enjoy an extremely well established link with Bocombra Primary School Portadown where Years 1 to 7 participate in the CRED programme. It gives the pupils the opportunity to learn about others and to understand and respect difference, addressing the different aspects of Community Relations, Equality and Diversity.

We have just completed another successful programme of events this year. The children took part in various activities. They made Teddy Bear pictures, Puppets, Foam Monsters, decorated bags, pencil boxes, created their own Scrapbooking page and perfected their football skills.

The children made new friends and met up with old friends from our partner school and enjoyed catching up with them. Both staff and pupils are looking forward to our planned activities for next year.

Shannaghmore Residential

From Wednesday 7th May until Friday 9th May 2014, 31 Year 6 and 7 pupils enjoyed a trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre. All of the pupils took part to the best of their ability, enjoying a wide range of activities such as Canoeing and Adventure Walk. The staff at Shannaghmore remarked on the positive attitude of the group and the exceptional leadership skills shown by many pupils. Please check out some of the great photographs on our school website!

Jo Jingles in Nursery

The children really enjoyed their recent visit from Jo Jingles on Tuesday 13th May. It was a morning of fun, music, and movement!

Success in Credit Union Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following pupils who were successful in the Credit Union Poster Competition. They all received prizes at a Special Presentation in the Town Hall on Tuesday 13th May 2014.

Age Group	Name	Local Level	Chapter Level
Special Category			
Under 7yrs	Malachy Kofa	1 st	1 st
	Jamie Campbell	2 nd	
8 – 10 yrs	Rodrigo Serrador	1 st	3 rd
	Amy-Leigh Sterritt	2 nd	
	Dean Daly	3 rd	

Year 6 Gaelic Tournament

On Friday 16th May our Year 6 pupils took part in a Gaelic Tournament against other local primary schools at the Tir na nOg pitch. All of the pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable morning competing in a fun environment. As always, we are grateful to Paul Carvill and Stephen McCann from the club for organising the tournament

PSNI CASE Programme

This month, the PSNI visited Year 7 pupils from Mrs Heaney, Mrs Russell and Mr Hendron's classes to deliver the CASE programme.

Session 1 was about the work the Police do in our community and some pupils even got to experience being 'arrested' and 'handcuffed'!

Session 2 involved a look at Internet Safety, an appropriate theme in this modern electronic society. Pupils were shocked at how easy it can be for someone to lie on-line and learned about ways to avoid this and report any suspicious activities.

Session 3 will focus on Racism and will take place in June.

Year 7 Leavers' DVD

Starting on Tuesday 20th May, Year 7s spent three days filming a pop DVD with Declan Brady of Film It Studios. The pupils certainly learned that being a pop star is hard work, requiring a lot of energy and patience. Lots of dancing and singing meant that personalities got to shine out and a few pupils found that they had a natural flair for showbiz. Great fun was had by all and even some of the adults in school got a part; a DVD not to be missed! Thanks to Declan for his creative ideas and patience. Well done to all involved.

Eco Update

This term the Eco Committee are focusing on the topic 'Litter'. We have noticed some litter outside our school grounds, which is spoiling our local environment. We decided to remind all the pupils in school about the effects of dropping litter in assembly. Year 5 also made posters to put up around the school to remind everyone not to drop litter.

School Development Plan Parent Questionnaire

Each family should now have received a copy of this Questionnaire. I would encourage you to complete it and return it to school by **Friday 6th June 2014**.

Year 3 Young Enterprise

Year 3 pupils are currently taking part in the Young Enterprise Programme 'Our Families'. The pupils are working with a business volunteer from the local community and are being given the opportunity to understand how individuals, families, communities and nations make decisions that affect their daily life and economic well-being. This knowledge, together with the fun and exciting experiences shared each week, should help give pupils in Year 3 an informed view of the attitudes and skills that are necessary to succeed in the world beyond the classroom. The pupils participate enthusiastically, have lots of fun and are gaining valuable knowledge from the programme.

'The Hobbit'

Year 1 – 7 pupils were treated to a show based on '*The Hobbit*' on Friday 23rd May 2014 which they thoroughly enjoyed. The show was performed by M & M Productions.

Care in the Sun

You may have noticed the new signs which have been erected reminding everyone to take care in the sun. Hopefully the weather will improve and there will be much more. Pupils may bring sunhats, sunglasses, sun cream and water bottles into school during this term, if necessary.

HeadSmart Campaign

All parents received a little card entitled '*HEADSMART be brain tumour aware*'. This campaign, in conjunction with the Brain Tumour Charity in this area, was recently launched by the local MP David Simpson. The school also received an Education Pack. We would encourage all parents to familiarise themselves with the little cards, particularly the symptoms, and discuss these with your children also.

Parents and Friends of Ballyoran News

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Draws. The winners were as follows:

Easter Basket Draw Blathnaid Moylan, Year 1

Easter Egg Draw

Ricardo Coutinho, Nursery 1	Vicky Marinho, Nursery 2
Julia Osinska, Year 1	Emilia Baran, Year 2M
Dayna Hughes, Year 2B	Jack Campbell, Year 3
Aaron Prunty, Year 4	Ellie Delaney, Year 5
Oliwia Osinska, Year 6	Helena Santos, Year 7
Peter Brown-Lavery, LSC	

All the money raised through our Parents and Friends of Ballyoran Association amounted to £1,500 this year. This money will be used to buy a new Outdoor Sand Pit for our Nursery. Thank you to everyone for supporting our events and projects this year.

Attendance Policy

A reminder that we, as a school, are unable to authorise holidays during term time. This is in line with Department of Education guidance. This also means that teachers cannot prepare work in advance for pupils who are being taken on holiday during term time.

Menu for June

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R Woolsey
Principal

Menu for month of June

	Week commencing 02/06/14	Week commencing 09/06/14	Week commencing 16.06.14	Week commencing 23/06/14
Mon	Fish Fingers, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese Rice Pudding and Oranges	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas Sweet Corn, Salad, Chips, Baked Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Shepherds Pie or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Chocolate Cracknel and Custard	Fish in Breadcrumbs, Beans, Sweet Corn, Mashed Potatoes or Lasagne, Salad, Rice Pudding and Fruit
Tues	Oven Baked Sausages, Turnip/Cabbage, Potatoes, Gravy or Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Oven Baked Pork Burgers, Turnip, Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, or Lasagne, Salad Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Fish Fingers, Beans, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Casserole with Potato Topping, Carrots, Parsnips, Mashed Poatoes, Gravy or Vegetable Pasta Bake Vanilla Sponge and Custard
Wed	Savoury Mince, Mixed Vegetables, Pasta, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Fish in Breadcrumbs or Savoury Rice, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Lemon Sponge and Custard	Chinese Pork Stir Fry with Noodles or Steak Burgers, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Chocolate Cake and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauces, Filled Rolls, (Chicken/Salad) Jelly and Fruit Salad
Thurs	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Baked Potatoes, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw Jelly and Fruit Salad	Chicken Crumble Top Carrots/Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy or Macaroni Cheese, Rice Pudding and Fruit	Gammon, Cabbage, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice Apple Crumble and Custard	Chip Shop Day Chicken Breast Nuggets, Chips, Sauces or Salad Baguettes Tubs of Ice Cream
Fri	Roast Turkey and Stuffing or Sausage and Bean Pie, Carrots and Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Apple Crumble and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauces , Filled Rolls, (Chicken/Salad,) Frozen Mousse or Fruit	Cocktail Sausages or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Peas, Coleslaw, Salad, Sauces Jelly and Fruit Salad	No Dinners Served - School closes 12 noon

Milk, Water, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries