



News Sheet – May 2013

Diary Dates – June 2013

- 3rd MS Sponsored Walk – Gosford Forest Park
St Catherine's Entrance Test – Year 7
- 4th – 7th Years 6 and 7 Manchester Residential
- 7th Brownlow Cup 7-A-Side Soccer Competition
- 10th School Closed – Staff Development Day
End of Year Class Trip Week
- 11th All Sponsorship money for MS Walk to be returned
Year 2 trip to Oxford Island
Year 7 trip to Lisburn Omniplex and Leisureplex
- 12th Year 5 trip to Lisburn Omniplex and Leisureplex
Year 3 trip to W5
Drumcree Entrance Test
Year 7 Transition Talk
- 13th Year 4 trip to Newry Funhouse
LSC trip to Lisburn Omniplex and Wallace Park
- 14th Year 1 trip to Clementsmount Farm
Year 6 trip to Dundonald: Indianaland and Bowling
Year 4 and 5 swimming ends
- 18th Year 7 Love for Life Conference with Bocombra
Primary School
Nursery trip to Peter Pan's Indoor Play Area
- 20th Nursery Graduation – 10.00am
- 21st Prize Day: Foundation/Key Stage 1 – 9.30am
Key Stage 2 – 11.00am
Annual Report issued to Parents
- 24th Whole School Talent Show
- 25th Class Changes
- 26th No uniform from today
Crazy Hair and Silly Hats Day
Peppa Picnic: Nursery – Year 2
Disco: Years 3 – 7

28th Last day of term – school finishes at 12 noon – no dinners

School Closure

School will be closed on Monday 10th June 2013 for staff training

School Photographs

If you wish to order a class/group photograph, the order form and money must be returned in a sealed envelope to school by **Friday 7th June 2013**. alternatively, you can order online using the instructions in your pack.

Sponsor Money

Please ensure all Sponsor Money and Books are returned to school by **Tuesday 11th June 2013**. Books must be returned even if no money has been collected.

Nursery Graduation

This will take place in the Assembly Hall at 10.00am on Thursday 20th June 2013. Those pupils transferring to Year 1 in September will receive Graduation medals and certificates.

Prize Day

This year's Prize Day will take place on Friday 21st June 2013. The Foundation/Key Stage 1 Ceremony will take place at 9.30am with the Special Guest being Mrs Marta Jaworska, the Year 1 – 4 Polish teacher. Key Stage 2 will have their ceremony at 11.00am with the Special Guest, Miss Kate Richardson who has rowed across the Atlantic. Please come along and support our pupils. Every child will receive a prize.

Parents' Meetings

There have been a number of Parents' Meeting during the month of May for Residential Trips as well as Nursery and Year 1 Induction. Thank you to all our parents for supporting these and our staff for arranging them.

Manchester Residential

Nineteen Year 6 and 7 pupils leave on our first overseas Residential Trip in many years, to Manchester, on Tuesday 4th June 2013. We wish them well for this.

PSNI CASE Programme

This month, the PSNI visited Year 7 pupils 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 focussed on Racism and involved a look at how some innocent people in our community still suffer from unfair attitudes. Year 7s all agreed they had learned a lot from the sessions.

Year 7 Leavers' DVD

Year 7 pupils spent three exciting and fun-filled days making a Pop DVD in school. The DVD was professionally recorded and edited and will be a memento to keep of their final days at Ballyoran Primary School. Photos can be viewed on our school website and the DVD will soon be available to purchase from school at a cost of £5.

First Holy Communion

Twenty children from Ballyoran PS received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May in St. John's Church. Three children from Millington PS and Clounagh Junior High School who were instructed by Sr Yvonne, joined Ballyoran pupils for the occasion.

Fr O'Dwyer and a great uncle of Ellie Delaney, Fr John Lavery, concelebrated the Mass, which was attended by parents, relatives and friends of the children. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

Dissolving Boundaries

Throughout the year, as part of the Dissolving Boundaries project, Year 5 have been linked with a class from Scoil Mhichíl Naofa in Athy, Co Kildare. They have created Wikis on the Dissolving Boundaries website and have had regular video conferences. As part of this project, a face to face meeting was held Monday 13th May 2013 at Causey Farm in Fordstown, Co Meath. The pupils took part in bog jumping, giant bubble blowing and a challenge course. They all had a great time

‘A Twist in Time’

Year 1 – 7 pupils were treated to a show based on ‘*Tom’s Midnight Garden*’ on Monday 13th May 2013 which they thoroughly enjoyed. The show was performed by M & M Productions and was their first visit to Ballyoran.

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 14th May 2013.

Age Group	Name	Local Level	Chapter Level
Under 7 yrs	Olivia Dunbar	2 nd	
	Aodhan O’Connor	2 nd	
8 – 10 yrs	Wiktoría Kania	1 st	3 rd
	Sarah Hendron	2 nd	
	Cloda Girvan	3 rd	
11 – 13 yrs	Marina Durães	3 rd	
Special Category			
Under 7yrs	Malachy Kofa	1 st	2 nd
8 – 10 yrs	Bernardo Pereira	1 st	2 nd
	Peter Brown-Lavery	2 nd	
	Rodrigo Serrador	3 rd	
	Robert Kerr	3 rd	

Congratulations to Mrs Mackle

Ballyoran Primary School has a fifth Designated First Aider. Well done to Mrs Mackle who recently passed a three day First Aid at Work course.

Sports Day

We had a very successful Sports Day on 14th May 2013. The weather was kind to us this year and we were able to get all our races completed. Thank you to all our parents, family and friends who supported this event. The Sports Day Award Ceremony will take place shortly.

Swimming Gala

On Friday 17th May, the annual Ballyoran Swimming Gala took place at Cascades Leisure Centre. This featured pupils from Year 6 and Year 7 who competed in three different disciplines - Front Crawl, Backstroke and Breaststroke. All of the pupils who took part are to be commended for their effort and endeavour. In particular, we congratulate pupils who gained medals in the different events.

Jo Jingles in Nursery

The children really enjoyed their recent visit from Jo Jingles on Friday 24th May. It was a morning of fun, music, and movement!

Eco Update

On Tuesday 28th May 2013 the Eco Club had their Garden Project Day with the help of staff from HSBC who provided funding for the project, and staff from Oxford Island. We have now created an 'Eco Garden' in our school grounds. The children planted plants in new planters to attract minibeasts to our garden and also created a minibeast hotel. We also have new picnic benches and bird feeders and resources for classes to use when using the 'Eco Garden' for classroom projects. It is hoped that the garden will be an enjoyable place for all children in the school to visit and use.

Following this, on Thursday 30th May 2013 we had our assessment for our 'Green Flag Award'. The Eco Club have been working hard for 2 years to achieve this award, carrying out various projects in school. We are pleased to say we were awarded the 'Green Flag'

which will now be displayed in our school grounds to recognise that we are an 'Eco School.' The assessors commented on the enthusiasm and hard work the children demonstrated when giving them a tour of our school grounds. They were very impressed with all of the projects this year and also with how well the school grounds are kept. This is a great achievement for the Eco Club and the school. Well done!

Shannaghmore Residential

From Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st May 2013, Year 6 and Year 7 pupils took part in a visit to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre. The children had the opportunity to participate in several activities such as canoeing, wall climbing, beach walk, adventure walk and orienteering in Castlewellan. As well as this, pupils also had the chance to explore and enjoy the grounds of the Shannaghmore Centre. We were very ably assisted by the Shannaghmore staff and all enjoyed the excellent catering from the canteen.

School Receives Young Enterprise Centre of Excellence Award

Adrian Farrell, President of the Portadown Chamber of Commerce presented the Young Enterprise Northern Ireland special award to Ballyoran Primary School, for promoting enterprise and entrepreneurship in the school.

Helen Fitzpatrick, Development Officer for Young Enterprise's Southern Region, commented: *'Ballyoran Primary School has been working with Young Enterprise for many years, to promote business and enterprise to pupils, in order to help them develop skills and qualities which will undoubtedly help them in their future careers.'*

'This award recognises the fact that the school has facilitated a large amount of Young Enterprise business programmes over a considerable number of years, in partnership with business leaders from the local community.'

'All Young Enterprise Programmes complement the new NI Curriculum, which challenges schools to add value to students' learning experience, and they thoroughly deserve this recognition.'

'We are delighted to present this Centre of Excellence Award to Ballyoran Primary School, and look forward to working with them in partnership for many years to come.'

On receipt of the award, Mr Woolsey, school principal commented; "We are delighted to have received this award. We are very proud of the links we have developed over the years with Young Enterprise and would like to thank Adrian for presenting us with the award. We would also like to thank the local business volunteers who have helped deliver the programmes namely Eileen Carville (Moy Park), Ilish Farrell (Moy Park), Mary Daly (Moy Park), Mary Brannigan (Moy Park) and Sean Bingham (Kellogg's)."

Minor Ailments

Gordon's Chemist in High Street Mall have asked us to distribute a leaflet on the Minor Ailments Scheme. Did you know that you can receive various treatments from a Pharmacy, free of charge?

Keeping Children Safe Leaflet

The Department of Education have asked school to draw their parents' attention to a new Child Protection leaflet which is available at http://www.deni.gov.uk/child_protection_in_education.pdf

We have also placed this on our school website under [Links for Parents](#).

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.

Punctuality

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who ensure their children are in school on time every morning. However, the number of children arriving late has increased over recent months and this disrupts teaching and learning. Please ensure your child is in school for 8.55am every morning.

Menu for month of June

	Week commencing 03/06/13	Week commencing 10/06/13	Week commencing 17/06/13	Week commencing 24/06/13
Mon	Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Sauces, Salad, Coleslaw Tub of Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit	School Closed Staff Training	Shepherds Pie or chicken Tagilatelle, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Beans, Sweet Corn, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches
Tues	Savoury Mince or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Carrots, Pasta and Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cake and White Sauce	Homemade Pizza or Salad Baguettes, Chips, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Oven Baked Sausages or Beef Curry and Boiled Rice, Peas, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Lemon Cake and Custard	Bacon and Stuffing or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Turnip, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Chocolate Cake and White Sauce
Wed	Sausages or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Sweet Corn, Gravy Rice and Two Fruits	Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Crusty Bread Jelly and White Sauce	Crumbed Fish or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Crusty bread, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Filled Rolls, Chicken/Salad, Jelly and Fruit Salad
Thurs	Baked Gammon or Chicken and Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Jelly and Fruit Salad	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots/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	Chicken Nuggets or Filled Ciabatta Rolls, Salad/Tuna, Chips, Sauces, Salad, Coleslaw Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit
Fri	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Beetroot, 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 or Baked Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	No Dinners Served - School closes 12 noon