



News Sheet – April 2013

Diary Dates – May 2013

1 st	Year 1 Medicals – School Nurse
2 nd	Year 1 Medicals – School Nurse Year 7 CASE Session 1
3 rd	School Closed: Staff Training
6 th	School Closed: Bank Holiday
7 th	Year 3 Young Enterprise
8 th – 10 th	Year 7 Leavers DVD Filming
10 th	Year 4 Young Enterprise
11 th	First Holy Communion – 11.00am – St John’s Church followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre
14 th	Sports Day – 9.30am. School finishes at 1.00pm for all pupils
15 th	Class and Group Photographs – Opus Photography
16 th	LSC Dental Visit
17 th	Launch of Sponsored Walk for MS – Assembly Year 6 and 7 Swimming ends
20 th	Test Week Manchester and Shannaghmore Parents’ Meetings – 7.00pm
21 st	Year 3 Young Enterprise Nursery Induction Meeting – 7.30pm
22 nd	Pupil Council Meeting
24 th	Jo Jingles in Nursery Year 4 and 5 Swimming begins Year 7 Post Primary Acceptance Letters posted by SELB
27 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday
28 th	Eco Garden Project Day – Eco Committee Year 3 Young Enterprise
29 th – 31 st	Year 6 and 7 Shannaghmore Residential

School Closures

School will be closed for 3 days during the month of May as follows:

Friday 3 rd	Staff Training
Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday
Monday 27 th	Bank Holiday

Mrs Warnock

We said farewell to Mrs Warnock on Monday 29th April 2013. For nearly two years she has been working one day a week in Nursery 2. Mrs Warnock has been appointed as the Nursery Teacher in Bocombra Primary School's new Nursery Unit. We thank her for her commitment and dedication to Ballyoran during her short time with us and wish her well in her new job.

Year 7 Leavers DVD

This will be the third year we have made a DVD and always proves to be very popular with the pupils. Declan Brady will once again be in school to film this on 8th, 9th and 10th May.

This will be launched before the end of term.

First Holy Communion

This is a very important day in the life of our Year 4 pupils and we invite the entire school community to join with us at St John's Church on Saturday 11th May 2013 at 11.00am. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre, as last year, and everyone is welcome to this celebration. Tony Hendron will also be taking family photographs in the Pastoral Centre.

Sports Day – 14th May 2013

Due to the very unsettled weather in June and drier weather in May in recent years, we have decided to hold Sports Day earlier this year. It will take place for all classes from Nursery to Year 7 on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 9.30am. Pupils should come to school in sports clothes on this day and school will finish straight after lunch at 1.00pm for all pupils. Everyone is welcome to attend this very enjoyable day and a more detailed information sheet will be sent out in due course.

Photographs

Class and Group photos, e.g. Soccer Team, will be taken by Opus on Wednesday 15th May 2013. Please ensure your child is looking smart on this day.

Sponsored Walk

Each year we do one major Charity Event in school. This year we have decided to support *Action MS* by doing a Sponsored Walk in Gosford Forest Park on Monday 3rd June 2013. This will be launched in Assembly on Friday 17th May 2013 when Sponsor Forms will be sent home. We would encourage everyone to support this very worthwhile cause. Pupils are, however, asked not to collect door to door and only from family and friends.

Residential Trip Meetings

These will take place for the parents of pupils in Year 6 and 7, going to Shannaghmore and Manchester, on Monday 20th May 2013 at 7.00pm. It is

vital that at least one parent/guardian for each pupil attends as important information and Consent Forms will be given out. Pupils must not attend. We wish our Year 6 and 7 pupils happy and safe trips.

Induction Meetings

Those take place for:

Nursery Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.30pm

Year 1 Tuesday 28th May 2013 at 7.30pm

All parents of pupils starting Nursery and Year 1 in September must attend as vital information and Consent Forms will be distributed, including whose class your child will be in. The meetings will be short but informative.

Nursery and Year 1 Acceptance Letters

A reminder that parents who have been offered places for September 2013 must return the reply slip confirming uptake of the place to the Office.

Portadown Dancing Festival

On Thursday 11th April 2013 a group from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 took part in the 75th Folk Dance Festival of Portadown Association. The competition was held in Craigavon Civic Centre to accommodate the large entries. Five Primary Schools took part with one school travelling from Belfast. The adjudicator, Mr. Dominic Graham, praised all the dancers for their behaviour and performances. He added that this section of the Festival was his favourite because of the boys' and girls' enthusiasm. A big well done to all the team for dancing to the best of their ability, especially those who were on stage for the first time!

Drumcree College Multi-Cultural Day

Year 7 had a fantastic time on Friday 12th April 2013 when they were invited to Drumcree College to take part in a Multi-Cultural Day. They had great fun learning about different cultures and were given lots of information on the Chinese Horoscope, African Drums and Polish Paperwork. They learnt some Portuguese words as well as Traditional Irish Songs and ended their visit with a tasting session of a variety of foods from around the world.

Best Kept Schools Award

The school has once again entered this Award and a judge was in school on Tuesday 16th April 2013. We have not received the formal results from this visit as yet but he was very impressed with what he saw and said a big thank you and well done to all those who are responsible for keeping the grounds looking so well.

PTA News

Our last meeting of the year was held on Tuesday night, 16th April 2013. It was agreed that the final PTA activities of the year would be a treat for the

pupils. A *Peppa Picnic* for Nursery – Year 2 and a *Disco* for Years 3 – 7 will be held on Wednesday 26th June 2013. On this day, a Crazy Hair and Silly Hats Day will also be held with pupils asked to bring in £1 each for PTA Funds.

This year approximately £2,000 was raised by the PTA. This money has been spent on new Outdoor Play Resources for Years 1 and 2, including a lovely new Play House. Some of the money will also be spent buying new bicycles for the Nursery. A big thank you to everyone for supporting this year's events and special thanks to the dedicated PTA members who have given up so much of their time for the good of the school.

Year 6 CRED

Year 6 pupils travelled to Bocombra Primary School for a day of Football Skills activities. They had the opportunity to further develop their own skills and learn new ones. The children were divided into mixed groups from each school to participate in various activities. They thoroughly enjoyed their experience and look forward to meeting up with their friends again. This completes our activities for CRED for this school year.

Year 5 Gaelic Blitz

On Friday 19th April 2013, Year 5 pupils took part in a Gaelic Blitz at St John's Primary School. Other schools taking part were St John's, Presentation Primary and Portadown Integrated Schools. The pupils played a series of matches where the emphasis was on participation and a fun environment. All of the pupils enjoyed the experience

Year 3 Young Enterprise

Year 3 pupils began their Young Enterprise Programme on Tuesday 20th April 2013. The pupils worked directly in the classroom with a specially trained Young Enterprise business volunteer from Moy Park Ltd. They thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson and are eagerly looking forward to next week.

Launch of 'Space' Project

Two staff and three pupils from Ballyoran Primary School were invited to the launch of the 'Space' Project on Wednesday 24th April 2013. This is the name for the multi-million pound redevelopment of the park. Tiernan Brennan (Year 3), Ethan McAlinden (Year 2) and Georgia O'Hara (Year 1) were accompanied by Mr Woolsey and Mrs Glavin to this event which started in the park with fun activities for the local schools attending and a photo call. It then moved on to the Town Hall where lunch was provided.

Nursery Outing to Tannaghmore Gardens

Children from the Nursery enjoyed a fun day out to Tannaghmore Gardens. They enjoyed visiting the farm and playing in the park.

Brownlow Six-a-Side Tournament

Friday 26th April 2013 saw Ballyoran pupils taking part in the annual 6-A-Side Soccer Tournament at Brownlow Integrated College. The team performed exceptionally well and only narrowly missed out on the semi finals after winning four matches in their group. It was very much a team performance although special mention must be given to goalkeeper Bernardo Pereira who made some fantastic saves and to John Paul Ferreira from Year 5 who scored a sensational 8 goals

Year 6 Young Enterprise

On Friday 26th April 2013, Year 6 participated in the Young Enterprise programme 'Our Nation'. They completed a range of activities/games to help them think about 'goods and service industry', 'the supply chain' from root to final product and 'advertising'. A representative from Kelloggs told them about his job. He described the journey corn takes from it leaves the fields in Argentina until it arrives as Cornflakes on our breakfast table. An industrious and fun morning was had by everyone.

Gaelic Blitz

Pupils ranging from Year 4 to Year 7 took part in a Gaelic Blitz at the Tir na nOg pitch on Monday 29th April 2013. The other teams taking part were Maghery, Presentation, Portadown Integrated and Ballyhegan Primary Schools. We are very grateful for the help provided by Paul Carvill from Tir na nOg in organising this tournament.

Drumcree College Meeting

We have been asked by Drumcree College to invite Year 7 parents to a meeting in the College on Tuesday 30th April 2013 at 7.30pm where representatives from CCMS will be giving a presentation on the future of the school.

School Meals Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent School Meals Survey. The feedback from the survey was generally very positive with 85% of parents happy with the meals provided by the canteen. Some issues were raised which parents feel would improve school meals and the kitchen will be studying these to see if it is possible to implement any of them.

Defibrillator

The Board of Governors decided a number of months ago that the school should purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). This device is used to shock someone who has gone into cardiac arrest. The Defibrillator has now arrived in school and is located in the Staff Room. Six members of staff have been trained in its use but the idea behind an AED is that they can be used by anyone as the device tells you what to do. As well as being

available for the school, we want to make the local residents aware of its existence and the fact that it is available for their use also. AEDs dramatically increase the chances of survival from cardiac arrest as the first ten minutes are vital. With every minute that passes, the chance of survival decreases by 10%. In Northern Ireland the chances of surviving a cardiac arrest is between 5% and 10%. In Seattle, USA where the public use of AEDs was pioneered, the chance of survival is 50%. If anyone would like any more information on this, please contact the Office.

'Top Secret' Delivery!

An envelope addressed 'Top Secret' was delivered on Tuesday by a representative from Danske Bank. There is much speculation about its contents – but all will be revealed on Tuesday when Key Stage 2 pupils will participate in a Maths show '*Lights, Camera, Mathematics*'. Due to high demand, the show, produced by Cahoots, is much sought after and we have been lucky enough to host it. The show replaces maths text books with 'mind-blowing puzzles, dazzling skill and lots of magic and illusionsall with a mathematical twist!' Each pupil will receive a Math'a'Magic book which will explain how some of the tricks worked. Many thanks to Danske Bank for sponsoring the production and bringing fun and excitement to Maths.

Eco Club

Now that our school is much healthier, the Eco Club are moving on to their third and final project this year which is '*Biodiversity*'. The Eco Club have received funding from HSBC to create an Eco Garden in our school grounds. We are hoping to create a 'Minibeast Hotel' within our new Eco Garden to attract minibeasts into our school grounds. To create this we need to collect different materials. If you have any of the items listed below and would like to donate them to our project please send them into school as soon as possible.

- Small bricks
- Dry Sticks/Wood
- Small flowerpots
- Wooden Pallets
- Plastic drain piping

Advance Notice

3 rd June	Sponsored Walk for MS – Gosford Forest Park
4 th – 7 th June	Year 6 and 7 Manchester Residential
10 th June	School Closed – Staff Training
11 th	End of Year Trip week
20 th June	Nursery Graduation – 10.00am
21 st	Prize Day: Foundation/Key Stage 1 – 9.30am Key Stage 2 – 11.00am
26 th	PTA Crazy Hair and Silly Hats Day

28th

Peppa Picnic – Nursery – Year 2

Disco - Years 3 – 7

End of Term – School finishes at 12 noon

Menu for May 2013

	Week commencing 06.05.13	Week commencing 13.05.13	Week commencing 20.05.13	Week commencing 27.05.13
Monday	School Closed Bank Holiday	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad, Chips, Baked Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches	Oven Baked Steak Burgers or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	School Closed Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, peas, Sweet corn, Sauces, Chips or Baked Potatoes Ice Cream, Pears and Chocolate Sauce	Roast Turkey and Stuffing or Chicken Tagliatelle, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Strawberry Cake and Custard	Lasagne or Fish Fingers, Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Oranges and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Pizza or Salad or Tuna Baguettes, Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges
Wednesday	Savoury Mince or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Crusty Bread, Pasta, Broccoli Chocolate Cake and White Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Filled Rolls (Chicken, Salad) Biscuit, Frozen Mousse	Shepherds Pie or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Fish in Breadcrumbs or Spaghetti Bolognese, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Peas Lemon Sponge and Custard
Thursday	Baked Gammon and Stuffing or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Cabbage, Peas, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Jelly and Fruit Salad	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top or Ham and Cheese Pasta Bake, Carrots, Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Roast Turkey, Stuffing or Macaroni Cheese, Peas, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Rice Pudding and Mandarin Oranges	Roast Pork, Stuffing or Beef Curry and Boiled Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Turnip and Broccoli, Gravy Jelly and Fruit Salad
Friday	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Steak Burgers or Filled Rolls, Chicken/Salad, Sauces Biscuit, Frozen Mousse or Fruit	Fish in Breadcrumbs or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and White Sauce	Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Baguettes, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw, Salad, Chips or Baked Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls, Salad/Chicken Milkshake and Flakemeal Biscuit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries