



News Sheet – November 2016

Diary Dates – November 2016

1 st - 4 th	School Closed – Half Term
8 th	Nursery: Crotchets & Quavers Workshop
9 th	Photographer – Individual & Family Group photographs
10 th	Tharp Family Concert – Year 1 – 7 pupils
11 th	Year 4 & 5 swimming starts
14 th – 18 th	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th	Cool Kids Programme – Year 4
17 th	Year 7 STEM Day at Brownlow College
18 th	Non Uniform Day for Children in Need 'The Big Spotacular'
19 th	GL Common Entrance Test
21 st	West Midland Theatre Panto – Pinocchio
22 nd	Cool Kids Programme – Year 4
29 th	Cool Kids Programme – Year 4

School Closures: November

A reminder that school will be closed for Half Term from Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November 2016.

Diary Dates - Advance Notice

- Confirmation - Saturday 25th March 2017 at 3pm
- First Holy Communion – Saturday 20th May 2017 at 11am

Photographer

The Photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 9th November 2016** taking Individual and Family Photographs.

Children in Need

We will again be supporting Children in Need with our 'The Big Spotacular' Non Uniform Day on Friday 18th November 2016. Parents should send in £2 per pupil on this day.

Parents and Friends of Ballyoran

Unfortunately there was a very disappointing turn out at our Annual General Meeting in September. The Parents and Friends Group is open to any parent or friend of the school and exists to organise social events and raise money to be spent on the pupils. Please come to the next meeting when it is arranged.

We plan to have a Christmas Draw in the lead up to Christmas. Please support this by buying a ticket. These will go on sale after Half Term.

Book Fair

From Thursday 6th October to Wednesday 12th October 2016 we held our annual Scholastic Book Fair in our Central Library Area. There were over 200 titles to choose from and book prices started at £2.99. There was also a colourful selection of posters and stationery, always very popular. Year 7 pupils really enjoyed the experience of organising and running the Book Fair which was a great success, raising just over £1000. This is one of our largest totals ever!

A huge thank-you must go to all the pupils, parents and friends who supported our Book Fair; this will mean lots of extra books for our school.

Young Enterprise

Year 4 pupils participated in a very enjoyable, informative session entitled "Our Community" with Ms Helen Fitzpatrick from Young Enterprise. The children looked at the sorts of jobs and roles people have in a community. They learned how business and government work together for the good of our community. The children got to design their own community and choose the businesses and leisure facilities they would like to have in it.

Soccer Tournament

Ballyoran travelled to Drumgor PS on Friday 14th October to take part in the MUSFA Autumn Soccer Festival. Although we did not qualify for the knock out stages, the players tried their best and behaved impeccably throughout the day.

Gaelic Tournament

The Gaelic team took part in a tournament at St John's PS Eglish on Friday 7th October. Well done to the players for taking part in a series of hard fought but friendly matches against other local schools. Many thanks to St John's for their wonderful hospitality and excellent organisation of the day. Player of the tournament for Ballyoran went to Year 7 pupil Paul Hendron.

Anti-Slavery Day Assembly

Mrs Barkley spoke about Anti-Slavery Day at Assembly on Friday 14th October 2016. She explained how our clothes are made by people who are treated as slaves. The workers are paid very little money and work in dangerous factories. Mrs Barkley also told the boys and girls that big piles of old clothes are polluting our environment. They are the second biggest cause of pollution in our world. She explained how we can help to make the world a better place by doing three things:

- Buy fair trade clothes
- Buy less clothes
- Use our voice to tell others

Year 5 Fire & Rescue Service Talk

On Wednesday 12th October 2016, three firefighters from the Portadown Station visited our Year 5 classes to talk about keeping safe and what to do in an emergency. The pupils were actively involved in the talk which reminded them about such things as unplugging safely, bedtime routines and fire hazards in the home. The Year 5 pupils enjoyed this visit, asking lots of relevant questions, well done. They all agreed it is a very important part of their learning.

In the event of a fire they all know to –

Get out

Stay out

Ring 999

Managing Anxiety Parent Training

On Tuesday 11th October, Rebecca Lappin (Behaviour Therapist) from the ACE Team hosted a workshop for parents on managing children's worries and anxieties. The small number of parents who attended this workshop found Rebecca's presentation and hand-outs to be very beneficial.

National Non Uniform Day

On Friday 21st October, children took part in a National Non-uniform Day and donated money to support the charity 'Stand up to Cancer'. A total of £270.20 was raised! Well done to everyone involved and thank you for your support.

Soccer Coaching in Nursery

On Tuesday 25th October, the children in the Nursery enjoyed their first visit from Coach Chris. They developed their football skills and look forward to his next visit.

Halloween Sports Camp at Ashgrove Community

A fang-tastic Halloween themed sports camp at Ashgrove Community Centre is a spooktacular way to keep your little monsters entertained this Halloween! This high energy event will be held at the centre from Monday 31st October to Thursday 3rd November from 10am to 12noon. Enjoy a variety of different sports, have fun with friends and exercise all at the same time. From agility, balance, running and hopping to jumping, bouncing, throwing and catching, boys and girls, aged between 5 and 12 years old can come along and get energetic for only £10 for the four days. As part of the Everybody Active 2020 programme places are limited so book your place, bring along a drink and make sure your children don't miss out!

For bookings or more information please contact Nuala McVeigh on 028 3831 1690 or email nuala.mcveigh@armaghbanbridgescraigavon.gov.uk.

New Classroom Assistant

We welcome Mrs Fox to the school. She will be working as a Classroom Assistant in Year 1.

Road Safety

As the time changes and we move into the dark evenings, we would ask that you remind your child/ren about the importance of staying safe when out and about on the roads. We would recommend that pupils wear reflectors or some type of reflective clothing.

Policy on Parents Arriving at School

A reminder that on arrival into school parents must in the first instance report to the office. If there is no one in the office please wait until the secretary returns. Under no circumstances should a parent leave reception to go into the main school. This policy is in the interest of Safeguarding and Child Protection.

Parents are also reminded that if you need to speak to your child's teacher in the morning, you must report to the office and not go directly to the teacher.

School Development Plan Priorities 2016/2017

Child Centred Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustain improvement in attendance• Review Child Protection Policy• Review Pastoral Care Policy• SEN – new legislation, Provision Mapping & CCET• Pupil Council Development• Introduction of Daily Mile to whole school• Online Safety• Mental Health - Resilience – staff and pupils• Defibrillator training
High Quality Teaching & Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy – Reading Comprehension & Non Narrative• Numeracy – Mental Maths/Fluency in Facts and Procedures• ICT – Planning Effective use of iPads Nursery <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of new Observation process – ‘To Build A Profile’• Review of Planning• Transition to Foundation Stage
Effective Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit for new School Development Plan• Sustain enrolment• Continued Professional Development programme for new staff• Self-Evaluation• Efficient and effective use of budget resources in challenging financial climate
School Connected to the Local Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 of Shared Education• Develop Communication with parents

Menu for November

(See back page)

Can I wish the entire school community a pleasant and relaxing Half Term break.

R Woolsey
Principal

Menu for November

	Week commencing 07.11.16	Week commencing 14.11.16	Week commencing 21.11.16	Week commencing 28.11.16
Monday	Steak Burger or Chicken & Broccoli Bake, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Cottage Pie or Macaroni Cheese, Baked Potato, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Gravy	Chicken & Pasta Bake or Steak Burger, Cabbage, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Curry & Rice or Irish Stew, Carrots, Baked Potato, Crusty Bread
	Ice-cream Wafer & Fruit	Jam Sponge & Custard	Ice-cream Wafer & Fruit	Jam Sponge & Custard
Tuesday	Chilli Beef or Oven Baked Sausages, Chips or Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Carrots, Peas	Chicken Wrap/Roll or Chicken Nuggets, Sweetcorn, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes or Chips	Chicken Curry & Rice or Fish Fingers, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn, Pasta	Italian Pasta Bake or Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn
	Semolina & Fruit	Apple Crumble & Custard	Swiss Roll & Custard	Flakemeal Biscuits, Fruit & Custard
Wednesday	Fish Fingers, Baked Potato, Mashed Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Sweet & Sour Pork with Rice or Fish Bites, Baked Beans, Baked Potato, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey & Stuffing or Pasta Bolognese, Turnip, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy	Beef Curry & Boiled Rice or Roast Pork & Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots
	Jelly & Cornflour Sauce	Ice-cream, Chocolate Sauce & Fruit	Jelly & Cornflour Sauce	Ice-cream & Chocolate Sauce
Thursday	Roast Turkey & Stuffing or Macaroni Cheese, Carrot, Parsnip or Mashed Potato, Gravy	Chicken & Pasta Bake or Roast Beef & Stuffing, Carrots, Parsnips, Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice or Baked Gammon, Broccoli, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing	Chicken & Pasta Bake or Chicken Pie (Scone Topping), Carrot, Parsnip, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
	Rice Krispie Square & Custard	Chocolate Brownie & Caramel Sauce	Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit	Jelly & Fruit
Friday	Homemade Soup, Hot Dog, Tuna or Chicken Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Crusty Bread	Chicken Crumble or Salmon Fishcake, Carrot, Parsnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy	Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Tuna or Chicken Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Crusty Bread	Christmas Dinner Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Cocktail Sausages, Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Gravy, Mashed and Roast Potatoes
	Biscuit, Frozen Mousse & Fruit	Rice Pudding & Fruit	Flakemeal Biscuits, Frozen Mousse & Fruit	Ice-cream and Fruit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school

Menu subject to deliveries