



News Sheet – May 2016

Diary Dates for May 2016

2 nd	School Closed – Bank Holiday
3 rd	Year 2 and 3 Shared Education Session with Bocombra PS Year 4 First Holy Communion Practice at St John's Church
4 th	Pupil Council Meeting
5 th	School Closed – Exceptional Closure for Polling Station use
6 th	Year 4 and Choir First Holy Communion Practice at St John's Church
7 th	First Holy Communion – at 11.00am St John's Church followed by reception in the Pastoral Centre
9 th - 11 th	Year 6 and 7 Shannaghmore Residential
9 th	Nursery finishes at 12.30pm Nursery Induction Meeting 2pm
10 th	Year 2 and 3 Shared Education session with Bocombra PS
13 th	Year 6 and 7 swimming ends
16 th	Assessment Week Walk To School Week
17 th	Year 2 Shared Education session with Bocombra PS Year 1 Induction Meeting – 3pm Credit Union Art Competition Prize Giving – Town Hall – 7.30pm
19 th	Year 3 Shared Education session with Bocombra PS
20 th	Swimming begins - Year 4 and 5
23 rd – 26 th	Year 7 DVD Filming
24 th	Year 2 Shared Education session with Bocombra PS
26 th	Year 1 Shared Education session with Bocombra PS
27 th	Year 7 Post Primary Letters posted by the Education Authority
30 th – 31 st	School Closed – Bank Holiday and Staff Training Day

School Closures – May 2016

School will be closed as follows in May:

- Monday 2nd May
- Thursday 5th May
- Monday 30th May
- Tuesday 31st May

First Holy Communion

We wish our Year 4 pupils well for their First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th May 2016 at 11am in St. John The Baptist Church. This is an important date in our school calendar and we would ask as many people as possible to support our Year 4 pupils by attending the service which will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

New First Aider

Congratulations to Mrs Baxter who recently successfully completed her First Aid at Work Training. Mrs Baxter is now one of our five Designated First Aiders.

Soccer Tournaments

5 a Side Tournament at Brownlow College

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils recently took part in the annual soccer tournament organised by Brownlow Integrated College. We are very grateful to Brownlow College for the excellent organisation and for the warm hospitality shown towards our pupils. Despite the very challenging weather conditions, the boys and girls who took part thoroughly enjoyed their day. Although we did not qualify for the knockout stages, the team played really well, especially Paula from Year 5 who was playing for Ballyoran for the first time. It was also pleasing that the Brownlow student who was chosen to look after the team during the tournament was Jordan McConville, an ex-pupil of Ballyoran.

MUSFA April Soccer tournament.

On Friday 15th April, Ballyoran took part in the Spring Soccer Festival at Drumgor Primary School. Despite being drawn in a very tough group, Ballyoran played really well in the qualifying stages and made it through to the semi-finals where they were up against a very strong Dickson PS team. Goalkeeper Sean Coyle made some good saves to keep Ballyoran in touch. At the end of the game, Dickson went through after just one goal so it was a superb performance from the Ballyoran team. The pupils all agreed that player of the tournament was Aaron Prunty who played really well throughout and scored some important goals.

Best Kept Schools Award

Our school has entered the 2016 Best Kept Schools Award. Two judges recently came to the school and interviewed the Eco Committee on how they tried to keep the grounds neat and tidy. They were very impressed with our Eco Garden. We will find out later in the term if we have been shortlisted for an award. Fingers crossed!

Nursery News

Football Coaching

On Tuesday 12th April, the children in the Nursery enjoyed their second visit from Coach Chris. The children developed their football skills and look forward to his next visit.

Quavers and Crotchets

On Tuesday 19th April, the children in the Nursery enjoyed their second visit from Crotchets and Quavers. It was a very enjoyable morning of singing and drama. Each child had the opportunity of playing the trumpet.

Cycle Against Suicide

The 'Cycle Against Suicide' event passed through Portadown on Tuesday 26 April and the cyclists stopped off for their lunch at Drumcree College on the northern leg of their route. Year 5 – 7 pupils from Ballyoran along with pupils from other local primary schools lined

the streets to cheer the cyclists on. The message being promoted by this cycle is that 'it's okay not to feel okay' – a very important message for children of all ages.

Year 4 First Confession

Year 4 pupils received the Sacrament of First Penance on Wednesday 13th April 2016, in preparation for First Holy Communion on 7th May 2016.

Portadown Music Festival

Ballyoran PS String Ensemble won First Prize: The Saint Mary's High School Lurgan, Millennium Cup in the String Ensemble section of Portadown Music Festival on Wednesday 20th April 2016. They competed against three other Primary Schools to win the prize. Congratulations and well played!

Year 5 Joint Lessons with Hart Memorial

Year 5 pupils have welcomed their peers from Hart Memorial PS for a problem solving lesson on the last three Friday's in April. They used a programme called Izak 9 and they thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children from Hart Memorial PS and working in teams to solve the problems each week.

Water Bus Visit

Year 5, 6 and 7 recently enjoyed a visit from the Water Bus. The children learned lots of interesting facts about the Water Cycle and how our water is treated before it reaches our homes. Hopefully all our pupils have learned the importance of water conservation and will be trying their best to reduce the amount of water they use!

Moy Park Challenge

On Friday 22nd April Year 6 pupils participated in the Moy Park Masterclass Challenge at the Seagoe Hotel. They were one of four schools attending. The pupils thought about healthy lifestyle and food choices and looked at The Eatwell Plate. They learned that there are certain food groups their body needs lots of and others which should be regarded as treats. They learned about the production process from farm to fork and also participated in activities. Using junk materials they had to create a creature which exemplified a healthy lifestyle. They also participated in an activity where they had to design a new product for Moypark. They had to think about their target audience, cost, packaging etc. All pupils enjoyed the activities with lots of prizes being won. Many thanks to Moy Park for also providing a lovely lunch for everyone. We have some budding entrepreneurs in the making! Well done everyone.

Rub- a-DUB HUB

A new resource has been developed by Libraries NI for parents and carers of 0 – 4 years olds. A link to this is available on the school website under 'Nursery' and 'Useful links' or at the following website www.librariesni.org.uk/sites/radh.

Year 7 Post Primary Letters to Parents

These will be posted to parents by the Education Authority on Friday 27th May 2016. The EA have put contingency arrangements in place for parents who do not receive their letter on the Saturday 28th May 2016. If you do not receive your letter please call any of the following numbers between 3pm and 5pm on Saturday 28th May: 028 3751 2520, 028 3741 0084 or 028 3741 0082.

Internet Safety Leaflets

All parents received these last week and we would ask that you read them and discuss any relevant points with your children.

Holidays 2016 - 2017

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Clubs Term 3

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Menu for May 2015

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R Woolsey
Principal



Term Dates & School Holidays 2016/2017 Year

All dates are inclusive

Term 1

Term Dates

Thursday 1st September – Tuesday 20th December 2016

Holidays

- Friday 30th September 2016 – Staff Training Day
- Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November 2016 – Half Term

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday 21st December 2016 – Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Term 2

Term Dates

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 7th April 2017

Holidays

- Friday 17th – Monday 20th February 2017 – Half Term
- Friday 17th March 2017 - St. Patrick's Day Holiday

Easter Holiday: Monday 10th – Friday 21st April 2017

Term 3

Term Dates

Monday 24th April – Friday 30th June 2017

Holidays

- Monday 1st May 2017 – May Bank Holiday
- Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th May 2017 – May Bank Holiday & Staff Training Day

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 EASR when a child is removed from school for a holiday. This information is recorded and may be used by the EASR in appropriate situations, i.e. Special Educational Needs Assessments or Child Protection issues.

Menu for May 2016

	Week commencing 02.05.16	Week commencing 09.05.16	Week commencing 16.05.16	Week commencing 23.05.16
Monday	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Fish Fingers or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad, Coleslaw	Shepherd's Pie or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese or Oven Baked Steak Burger, Turnip, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes
		Ice cream, chocolate sauce & fruit	Lemon Sponge & Custard	Rice Pudding & Oranges
Tuesday	Chicken Tagliatelle or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes	Oven Baked Steak Burgers or Lasagne, Turnip, Cabbage, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes	Fish Fingers or Chicken & Broccoli Bake, Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad, Mashed Potatoes	Homemade Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad, Chips, Baked Potatoes
	Ice cream, chocolate sauce & fruit	Rice Pudding & Peaches	Ice cream, Fruit & Chocolate Sauce	Jelly, Fruit & Cornflour Sauce
Wednesday	Homemade Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad, Chips/Baked Potatoes	Savoury Mince, Carrots, Pasta, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry & Rice & Crusty Bread	Oven Baked Sausages or Chilli Beef & Boiled Rice, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy	Chicken Curry & Boiled Rice or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes
	Jelly & Fruit Salad	Chocolate Cake & Custard	Biscuit/Fruit & Custard	Vanilla Sponge & Custard
Thursday	Exceptional Closure School Closed	Chicken Crumble Top Pie or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Carrots/Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes Jelly & Fruit Salad	Baked Gammon, Turnip, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet & Sour Chicken & Boiled Rice	Roast Turkey & Stuffing or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots, Parsnips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes
			Apple Crumble & Custard	Ice cream, chocolate sauce & fruit
Friday	Roast Pork, Stuffing or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots/Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy	Homemade Vegetable Soup or Chicken Soup, Hotdogs or Filled Rolls, Chicken/Salad	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw, Salad, Chips, Baked Potatoes	Homemade Sweet Potato Soup or Chicken Soup, Steak Burgers or Filled Rolls, Salad/Chicken
	Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Frozen Mousse, Fruit or Raisins Cookies	Jelly & Fruit Salad	Mousse, Fruit & Cookie

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yoghurt available daily

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school

Menu subject to deliveries

