



News Sheet – October 2015

Diary Dates – November 2015

2 nd	School Closed – Staff Training
4 th	Nursery Crotchets and Quavers Workshop
6 th	Soccer Tournament – Orchard County Primary School
9 th	Assessment Week
11 th	Thorp Family Visit (USA)
12 th	Photographer in School – Individual and Family Photos
13 th	Spots and Mad Hair Day for Children in Need
16 th – 20 th	Anti-Bullying Week
18 th	NSPCC Workshops – Years 6 and 7
19 th	Year 6 Young Enterprise Dentist in LSC
20 th	Parents Numeracy Meetings and Hospice Coffee Morning
24 th	Year 7 Angling Project, Craigavon Lakes
25 th	Pupil Council Meeting

School Closures: November

A reminder that school will be closed for Half Term from Thursday 29th October to Monday 2nd November 2015.

Numeracy Parents Meetings and Hospice Coffee Morning

We are having two meetings for parents to assist you in helping your child with Maths on Friday 20th November 2015. A Specialist Maths Consultant, Mr Timothy Doyle, will be leading these sessions as follows:

- Nursery – Year 4 9.15 – 10.15am
- Year 4 – Year 7 11.00 – 12 noon

(Year 4 parents can attend either or both sessions.)

On this day as well we are having a Coffee Morning from 10.15 – 11.00am, between the two sessions. Donations from this will go to the Northern Ireland Hospice. We would encourage all parents to support these meetings and the Coffee Morning.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent Parent/Teacher Meetings in October. The overall uptake was 90% which was very pleasing indeed.

Photographer

The Photographer will be in school on **Thursday 12th November 2015** taking Individual and Family Photographs. More information will be sent out after Half-Term on this.

Children in Need

It has been a long time since we have supported the BBC Children in Need Appeal so we would ask you to support our Spots and Mad Hair Day on Friday 13th November 2015. 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 as we urgently need help to organise our Christmas Fair which is being held on **Thursday 3rd December 2015**.

If anyone would like to buy a table at the Fair, the cost is £15. Please contact the Office.

We urgently need new unwanted gifts for the tombola. Please send these in to school over the coming weeks.

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

Book Fair

From Monday 6th to Friday 10th October 2015 we held our annual Scholastic Book Fair in our Central Library Area. There were over 250 titles to choose from with an extra case of books specifically targeting our Nursery pupils. Book prices started at £2.99. and 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 in the region of £1000. 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

Years 2, 3 and 4 have successfully completed their Young Enterprise programmes. Year 2 followed the 'Ourselves' programme where the pupils explored the 'World of Work' and the importance of saving, earning, decision making and teamwork. Year 3 pupils explored the topic of 'Our Families' identifying family members and learning about their basic living needs and wants that they have. Year 4 pupils were led through a discovery of how people and businesses operate within a community. All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

Soccer Festival

On Friday 9th October 2015 Year 6 and 7 pupils took part in the Autumn soccer festival held at Drumgor PS, organised by Mid Ulster Schools Football Association. Although we did not qualify for the final stages of the competition, the players represented the school with great skill and determination. Highlights from the day included a thrilling 1-0 victory over Drumgor PS and a titanic struggle against Moyallon PS which we were very unlucky to lose by 3 goals to 2.

Golden Mile

This year, as part of the new Healthy Kids initiative, Key Stage 2 pupils have regularly been taking part in the Golden Mile Challenge. It is hoped that the pupils will undertake the challenge at least twice a week. The aim is to complete the circuit in the school playground by moving continuously (walking, running or jogging) for a period of 15 minutes. So far, the interest in the Golden Mile Challenge has been huge and will continue throughout the school year. The emphasis is very much on shifting the mind-set of the children towards keeping fit and having a healthier lifestyle.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council had their second Meeting on Wednesday 15th October 2015. They are currently reviewing and conducting a survey on Playground games and equipment used at lunch time.

Anti-Slavery Day Assembly

On Friday 16th October, Mrs Barkley spoke to the children about Anti-Slavery Day. She used weighing scales to illustrate the principle of justice and injustice. She said that there are 36 million slaves in the world today. Mrs Barkley showed slides of young boys who are working as slaves on small boats on Lake Volta in Ghana. She encouraged the children to do five things to help to make the world a better and fairer place:

1. Pray
2. Buy Fair-trade goods
3. Give money to charity
4. Tell other people about slavery
5. Be kind and fair to other people

LSC Dental Visit

On Thursday 22nd October, LSC had a visit from the Dental Nurse Pauline Jackson. Pauline showed us a power point which explained how to look after our teeth properly and why it is so important to look after our teeth. Each pupil was provided with a booklet called 'Me and my Big Mouth.'

Using a model of a set of teeth and gums, the pupils also had the opportunity to practice brushing teeth. There are photos of the visit on our class page on the school website.

Peer Paired Numeracy

On Thursday 8th October, Mrs Martin took two Year 6 pupils to Millington Primary School to participate in the Peer Paired Numeracy. The Year 6 pupils will work with selected Year 4 pupils who will participate in the Numeracy Catch-up Programme. Year 6 pupils enjoyed mixing with pupils from other schools and trying out new maths games/websites. Both pupils participated well.

Firework Safety Talk

On Wednesday 7th October 2015, the PSNI and Fire and Rescue Service visited the school and spoke to the pupils about keeping safe over the Half Term Holidays. Pupils were particularly warned to take care with sparklers and fireworks as well as only Trick or Treating at houses which they know and avoiding those with the 'No Trick or Treat' sign. We want our pupils to have fun over Half Term and come back to school safely in November.

Portadown People's Park

Year 6 and 7 pupils were invited to take part in the Official Opening of the redeveloped People's Park on Monday 26th October 2015. Pupils from Ballyoran and a number of other local schools were involved in showing off the potential of the new Park. Members of our School Choir and Recorder Group also played a prominent part in a DVD which was filmed to launch the opening of the new Park. A link to this DVD is available on the school website.

Farewell to Father O'Dwyer

We had a Special Assembly on Friday 23rd October 2015 to say farewell to Father O'Dwyer who has been Chaplain to our school for these past 10 years. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Pupil Council presented Father O'Dwyer with a lamp on behalf of the entire school. We thank Father O'Dwyer for all that he has given to the school over the years and wish him well in his new parish.

Golden Pupil Award

As you will be aware, we have 6 Golden Rules in school and pupils are rewarded for keeping these. We have started a new Golden Pupil Award system whereby every two weeks each teacher will choose one pupil in their class who has kept the Golden Rules. This pupil will receive a Certificate and get to choose a prize from the Golden Treasure Chest in Assembly. Award winners will have their photos taken and put on the website under Children – Golden Pupil Award.

Sexting and the Law

We have been asked by the PSNI and the Safeguarding Board of Northern Ireland to draw your attention to a new leaflet – 'Sexting and the Law'. This is available on the school website under Parents and Useful Leaflets.

Pupils on Report

When pupils are placed on Daily Report for their misbehaviour, the following privileges will be removed during their time on Report.

1. Attendance at After School Clubs
2. Representing the school on, for example, a sporting team
3. Be a Playground Friend (if Year 7)

New Classroom Assistant

We welcome Miss Trainor to the school. She will be working as a Classroom Assistant in Year 5.

Menu for November

	Week commencing 02.11.15	Week commencing 09.11.15	Week commencing 16.11.15	Week commencing 23.11.15	Week commencing 30.11.15
Mon	School Closed Staff Training	Steak Burgers or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Cabbage, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Lemon Sponge and Custard	Shepherds' Pie or Chicken Tagliatelle, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Apple Crumble and Custard	Laasange or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Chocolate Sauce	Oven Baked Steak Burgers or Lasagne, Carrots, Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, Coleslaw Rice Pudding and Peaches
Tues	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Tunas Wraps, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw Ice Cream, Fruit and Chocolate Sauce	Pepperoni Pizza or Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Salad Rice Pudding and Mandarin Oranges	Fish Fingers or Tuna Wraps, Beans, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Jelly, Fruit Salad	Irish Stew or Oven Baked Sausages, Cabbage, Turnip, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Wed	Fish Fingers or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes, Pasta Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Savoury Mince, Pasta, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Crusty Bread, or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit, Custard	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or Savoury Rice, Peas, Sweet Corn, Chips, Baked Potato, Salad, Coleslaw Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Savoury Mince or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice, Pasta, Crusty Bread, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cake and Custard	Homemade Vegetable Soup or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Salad, Chicken) Biscuit Fruit and Mousse
Thurs	Roast Beef, Stuffing or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots, Parsnips, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour	Baked Gammon or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Roast Turkey, Stuffing or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice, Turnip, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Chicken Crumble Top Pie or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots, Parsnips, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour
Fri	Homemade Vegetable Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls, (Chicken, Salad) Frozen Mousse, Fruit or Chocolate Cookies	Fish Fingers or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Salad, Sweet Corn, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Jelly Fluff and Cornflour	Homemade Sweet Potato Soup or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken, Salad) Chocolate Cookies, Fruit, Frozen Mousse	Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches	Christmas Dinner Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Cocktail Sausages, Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Gravy, Mashed and Roast Potatoes Ice Cream and Fruit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school