



Ballyoran Primary School

News Sheet – April 2009

### Diary Dates – May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery Parents will receive Acceptance Letters
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – No School
- 11<sup>th</sup> Standardised Test Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> Walk to School Week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> P4 First Communion - 11am in St John's Church followed by party in School
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – No School
- 30<sup>th</sup> P7 Parents will receive Secondary School Acceptance Letters

### School Closures

School will be closed on 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2009 for the Bank Holidays

### Sympathy

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of two former members of Staff. Mrs G Simmons was employed in the School Kitchen and died following a prolonged illness. Mr W McQuade who was our Patrolman, died following a short illness. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the members of both families.

### School Office Hours

The School Office will no longer be staffed between 12.45pm and 1.15pm as this is Mrs Tedford's lunch break. Please do not phone or call at the Office during this time unless there is an emergency.

### Delta Programme in Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Blossom Sure Start are inviting Parents/Childminders of Nursery and Primary 1 children to a Delta Programme in Ballyoran Nursery. This informal and very enjoyable programme will take place on Tuesday evening in May at 7.30pm and will last approximately 1 - 1½ hours. Topics will include – Healthy Lifestyles, Developing Speech and Language, – Positive Parenting and Handling Normal Naughtiness, and Helping Play Skills.

### Walk to School Week: 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

If you do drive to school and it is possible to walk, please consider doing that this week.

### Tesco, Nestle Cereal and Sainsbury Vouchers

The collection of these is progressing very well. Please keep them coming in. Many thanks to all those who have been sending them in and to our P3s for counting the Tesco Vouchers each week.

### Portadown Dancing Festival

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009, thirty-two pupils from P5, P6 and P7 took part in Portadown Folk Dancing Festival. The adjudicator, Mrs Jackie White, praised the children on their effort and their behaviour too; congratulations to all those pupils. A special '*well done*' to all those who received medals or certificates in their Solo Dances and to the P6 Team Dance who were awarded a '*Very Highly Commended*' Medal. We are very proud of all our dancers who are now working towards our School Festival that will be held in June.

### Shannaghmore Trip

The P7s undertook a very successful trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre from 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009. The pupils had the opportunity to take part in a number of activities including Adventure Walks, Canoeing and Wall Climbing. They also entertained each other and the teachers with a Talent show on one of the nights. Behaviour was impeccable throughout and the pupils represented the school to the very highest standard.

### Belfast Marathon Sponsorship

Again this year, Mr Hendron has put together a Relay Team for the Belfast Marathon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The Charity that we are supporting this year is Macmillan Cancer which, you will agree, is a very worthwhile cause. The eldest child in each family has received a Sponsorship Form and we would ask that these be returned to School by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009, with any money collected. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Nursery Acceptance Letters

These will be posted out first class on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 from school. Please ensure that the reply slip is sent back to school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009, even if you are not accepting the place.

### Credit Union Poster Competition Prize Giving

You will remember from the November 2008 News Sheet that eight pupils from our school were prize winners in this year's Credit Union Poster Competition. The pupils and their parents were invited to a Special Prize Giving in Portadown Town Hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Well done again to them all.

### P5 and LSC Trip to Armagh County Museum

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 P5 and LSC went to Armagh County Museum to see the work of a local artist, Owen Crawford who lives in Carrowdore on the Ards Peninsula. He enjoys carving wood and painting pictures. His exhibition is called 'A Song from the Wood'. P5 and LSC were inspired by the exhibition to create their own willow sculptures which are on display in the school foyer.

### High Street Mall Poster Competition Winners

Well done to Marina Duraes (P1 – P3 Section) and Katie Hendron (P4 – P7 Section) who both received prizes for their entries in the recent Poster Competition.

### No Smoking in School Grounds

The Board of Governors have decided that there is to be no smoking within the grounds of Ballyoran Primary School. Cigarette Bins have been placed at the gate and we would ask that you extinguish cigarettes on arrival at school.

### Summer Uniform

Each year during the Summer Term, the girls are permitted to wear red checked dresses. We would ask that the burgundy Ballyoran jumper/cardigan is worn with this dress and not a red jumper/cardigan.

### P7 Transfer to Secondary School

P7 parents will receive letters on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009 stating the Secondary School at which their child has been given a place.

### Menu for May

	04.05.09	11.05.09	18.05.09	25.05.09
Mon	School Closed	Shepherds Pie or Chicken and Pasta Bake, Baton Carrots, Creamed Potato, Gravy, Crusty Bread Rice and Mandarin Oranges	Oven Baked Sausages or Lasagne and Tossed Salad, Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potato, Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	School Closed
Tues	Oven Baked Sausages, Peas, Broccoli, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Vegetable Pasta Bake and tossed Salad, Crusty Bread Lemon Sponge and Custard	Beef Chilli and Boiled Rice or Chicken Goujons, Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad Strawberry Cake and Custard	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Spaghetti, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw Rice and Peaches	Steak Burger, Peas, Carrots, Creamed Potato, Gravy. Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Shortbread Biscuit and Fruit
Wed	Pork Casserole with Carrot and Onions, Creamed Potato, Crusty Bread or Chicken Wraps, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw Jelly and Fruit Salad	Irish Stew with Carrot and Onions or Salmon Fillet, Garden Peas, Creamed Potato, Wheaten Bread Semolina and Two Fruits	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Carrots and Parsnips, Creamed Potato, Gravy Fruit Crumble and Custard	Baked Gammon and Pineapple, Cabbage, Broccoli, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Parsley Sauce Rice and Peaches
Fri	Fresh Crumbed Fish, Beans, Beetroot, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Creamed Potato. Beef Curry and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions. Filled Rolls, Chicken, Salad, Tuna Choco Orange Cookie or Fresh Fruit	Crumbed Fish or Cheese and Ham Omelette, Beans, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad, Creamed Potato Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions. Filled Rolls, Chicken, Tuna, Salad, Frozen Yoghurt or Choco Orange Cookie