



News Sheet – February 2009

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 5th March

Sunday 8th March

Thursday 12th March

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th March

Sunday 29th March

Monday 30th March

World Book Day

Ceremony of Light at 7pm, in St John's Church, Primary 7

Ballyclare Dancing Festival, P5 – P7 Irish Dancers

Soccer Match – Ballyoran v Hart Memorial at Hart

No School – St Patrick's Day and 2 Staff Training Days

Confirmation at 3pm in St John's Church

EAL Interviews begin with Mrs Garvey

Credit Union Quiz

Monday 7th February 2009 saw the Annual Credit Union Quiz in Portadown Town Hall. As usual, Ballyoran Primary School entered a team for this. The team this year were all P7s: Mary Anna Creaney, Nathan Hall, Katie Hurl, Tara Griffin, Jordan McCann (Reserve).

This year's Quiz was one of the closest ever and although our team did not win, they did the School proud.

Primary 7 Young Enterprise Day

Our Primary 7 pupils took part in a 'Young Enterprise' Day in school on Monday 2nd February 2009. 'Young Enterprise' gives our pupils an insight into the world of business. The pupils were divided into groups and each group represented a different country. Pupils had to design a product and market it. They all gained much from the day.

P6 Visit St Patrick's Trian for Vikings Exhibition

Both our P6 classes visited St Patrick's Trian, Armagh on Thursday 19th February 2009. The visit to the Vikings Exhibition was part of the Primary 6 *'The World Around Us'* topic on the Vikings. Pupils learnt much on the day and thoroughly enjoyed it. As usual, our pupils were great Ambassadors for Ballyoran during this trip.

Soccer Team Play St John's

Thursday 19th February 2009 saw a soccer match at home. Our team played St John's in the Mid Ulster Schools' Football Association, League Division One. Unfortunately our team were defeated on this occasion.

Gaelic Blitz Season Begins Again

February was a busy month for our Gaelic Teams. Friday 20th February 2009 saw a Boys' Gaelic Blitz at St Theresa's in Lurgan where four schools: Ballyoran, Derrymacash, Aghagallon and St Theresa's battled it out in the competition.

A week later, on Friday 27th February 2009, it was the girls' turn for another Blitz at St Theresa's. This time three teams battled it out in the competition.

Primary 4 Star in Extended Schools' BEAM Performance at Town Hall

As was stated in the January News Sheet, our P4s have been taking part in Music and Drama Workshops in preparation for a performance. This performance took place in Portadown Town Hall on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7pm. Our pupils joined together with pupils from St John's Primary School, Drumcree College, Millington Primary School and Hart Memorial Primary School for an extravaganza of dance and song. The Town Hall was packed with families and friends of all the pupils who were taking part. All the pupils who took part received free tickets for the event. Again, our P4s did the school proud. Well done!

Attendance Winners for January

During last Friday's Whole School Assembly, the results of our Monthly Class Attendance Competition were announced. The Runners-up in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 were our LSC Class with

P4BMG winning again this month and getting the trophy. In Key Stage 2, P5 were Runners-up and the Attendance Trophy moved classes this month, with P6RD winning.

P4 Mass at St John's

Our P4s took part in a special Mass at St John's Church on Saturday 28th February 2009 at 7pm. This Mass was in preparation for the First Communion and our P4s are to be commended for the way they took part in this service.

Traffic Situation Outside School

There have been a number of incidents outside the school gates - in the morning and in the afternoon, during drop-off and pick-up of children - that have been of major concern. In the latest incident, a P4 pupil was nearly knocked down. Parents who use their cars to drop-off and pick-up pupils are asked to be extremely careful outside the school gates. A small number of parents are putting the lives of others at risk by their very erratic driving which includes abandoning cars in the middle of the road and blocking the school gates. I would ask that these parents show some respect and consideration for others. I have been out to monitor the situation and I have contacted the PSNI for advice on this situation. Thank you to all those parents who have respected our request not to drive into the car park in the mornings/afternoons. This situation is much improved. Please also remember that parents should not walk into school through the car park but should use the Pedestrian Entrance. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

Menu for March

	02.03.09	09.03.09	16.03.09	23.03.09	30.03.09
Mon	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Filled Panini; Spaghetti Hoops, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Chips or Baked Potato, Salad Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Nuggets or Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice; Spaghetti, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Chips or Baked Potato Semolina and Fruit	School Closed	Steak Pie or Filled Wraps; Cabbage, Mixed Vegetable, Creamed Potato, Gravy Ice Cream Wafer	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Filled Wraps; Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Salad, Coleslaw Rice pudding and Peaches
Tues	Steak Burger, Peas, Carrots, Creamed Potato, Gravy; Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice Shortbread Biscuit and Fruit	Spaghetti Bolognese and Crusty Bread or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Turnip, Peas, Creamed Potato, Gravy Rice and Fruit	School Closed	Homemade Tomato and Cheese Pizza or Cheese Omelette; Spaghetti, Green Beans, Cauliflower Cheese, Chips, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad Jelly and Fruit Salad	Battered Small Fry, Spaghetti, Peas, Creamed Potato, or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle, Wheaten Bread, Tossed Salad Jelly and Cornflour Sauce
Wed	Fresh Fish, Beans, Mashed Potato or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle, Crusty Bread, Tossed Salad Jelly and Fruit Salad	Savoury Mince, Broccoli, Mashed Potato, Crusty Bread or Ham and Cheese Omelette, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato Ice Cream Wafer	School Closed	Irish Stew with Carrot and Onions, Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Rice and Peaches	Savoury Mince, Broccoli, Mashed Potato or Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Fruit Crumble and Custard
Thurs	Baked Gammon and Pineapple, Cabbage, Broccoli, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Parsley Sauce Rice and Peaches	Roast Turkey, Carrots and Parsnips, Creamed Potato, Gravy Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Chicken Nuggets, Beans and Chips, Tuna Wrap, Sweetcorn, Side Salad Rice and Fruit	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Carrots and Parsnips, Peas, Creamed Potato, Gravy Fruit Crumble and Custard	Baked Gammon and Pineapple, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Parsley Sauce Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup; Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls: Chicken, Tuna, Salad Frozen Yogurt or Choco Orange Cookie	Crumbed Fish or Lasagne; Beans, Tossed Salad, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Creamed Potato Jelly and Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls: Chicken Tuna, Salad Frozen Yogurt or Fresh Fruit	Battered Small Fry or Macaroni Cheese, Beans, Mixed Vegetable, Creamed Potato, Beetroot, Salad, Coleslaw Semolina and Two Fruits	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls: Chicken, Salad, Tuna Wholemeal Biscuit or Fresh Fruit