



Ballyoran Primary School

NEWS SHEET – JANUARY 2009

New Vice Principal Takes Up Appointment

Ballyoran Primary School's new VP, Miss Daly, took up her appointment on 1st January 2009. Miss Daly comes to us from Dungannon Primary School where she had taught for 12 years. As well as assisting Mr Woolsey in leading and managing the school, she will be teaching Primary 6 for the rest of this year.

Nursery Link with Hart

Our Nursery is currently involved in a joint Schools' community Relations Project with the Nursery at Hart Memorial Primary School. The Project called '*Enjoy a Ball*' sees both Nurseries coming together on Wednesday over a number of weeks for fitness activities. The morning session takes place at Ballyoran with the afternoon session at the Hart.

P7 Take Part in Special Mass

Our P7s took part in a special Mass at St John's on Saturday evening, 24th January 2009. The event, which is part of their preparation for Confirmation, was on the theme of '*The Holy spirit*'.

P4 BEAM Project

Primary 4 are involved in an Extended Schools' Project with other schools in the area. The Music and Dance Project consists of 3 Workshops in school at which the P4s put together a piece of drama that will be performed with the other schools in the Town Hall on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7.00pm.

P7 Fitness Day at Drumcree College

Primary 7 were invited to Drumcree College on Wednesday 28th January 2009 for a Fitness Event which they all really enjoyed.

First Soccer Matches of the Season

Tuesday 27th January 2009 saw the Jones 5-a-Side Tournament at Craigavon Senior High School. Mr Hendron took a team over and all gave of their best.

Ballyoran Primary School played Carrick Primary School on Wednesday 28th January 2009. This was the first League Match of the season. The final score was: Ballyoran 1 – Carrick 2.

P5 Host Visitors from Fire and Rescue Service

Five members of the Portadown Fire and Rescue Service were in school on Friday 30th January 2009, giving the P5s a very worthwhile and enjoyable Fire Safety Presentation. After the presentation, the P5s were given the opportunity to see around a Fire Engine that they had brought with them.

Mrs McCreesh-West Successfully Completes PQH

Congratulations to our P5 teachers, Mrs McCreesh-West who has successfully completed her Professional Qualification for Headship (PQH). This qualification involved a lot of very hard work on Mrs McCreesh-West's part and she is to be commended for this.

Staff Complete First Aid Training

Mrs McGinnell and Mrs McCreesh-West have just completed a 4-Day First Aid at work Course. They join Mrs O'Hanlon and Mr Hendron as Designated First Aiders for our School.

School Information Sheet

A reminder that the deadline for the return of these was Friday 30th January 2009. If you still have one to return, please get it into school as soon as possible. Remember it is vital that we have up-to-date information on every child.

Name Labels on Uniform

It is very important that your child has their name on all parts of their school uniform so if things are lost, it can be easily identified who owns them.

High Street Mall Christmas Colouring-in Competition

Two pupils from Ballyoran Primary School won prizes for entering the High Street Mall Christmas Colouring Competition. Moe Delaney from P6 won the Senior Category with Brian Duffy from P2 winning the Junior Category.

Breeakfast Club now Open to P3

The Breakfast Club, which runs in Room 12 each morning from 8.15am to 8.50am, is now open to pupils in Primary 3. Parents who wish their child to go need to ensure that the permission slip is signed and that the pupils are escorted by a parent or older sibling.

Punctuality

Punctuality for the whole school is a major problem at the moment. Mr Woolsey will be sending out a letter about this very soon. Please ensure that your child is in class when the 9.00am bell rings.

Coats

A reminder that all pupils should come to school with a warm coat at this time of year. – Far too many pupils are coming in without one.

Transfer Test

Much uncertainty still surrounds the Transfer to Secondary Education next year, in particular, the Transfer Test. The advice from the Department of Education is that schools should not coach pupils for any Test. With this in mind, Ballyoran Primary School will no longer be coaching P6 and P7 pupils for the Transfer Test. All P6 Parents received a letter explaining this.

Mid Term Break

Ballyoran Primary School will close for the Mid Term Break on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February 2009. School re-opens as normal on Monday 16th February 2009.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

As previous New Sheets stated, we are having a second set of Parent/Teacher Meeting this year. These will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3rd, 4th and 5th March 2009. As well as P1 – P7 parents being invited in to school, parents of pupils in the Nursery will also be invited for the first time to a Parent/Teacher Meeting. As usual, a letter will be sent out giving you a choice of days and school will close for everyone at 1.45pm on these 3 days to facilitate these Meetings.

Menu for February