



Ballyoran Primary School

NEWS SHEET - NOVEMBER 2008

1. Schools Community Relations Programme

P6 and P7 have been taking part in a Cross-Community Project with pupils in the Hart Memorial Primary School. The Project was 4 days – 2 at An Creagan Visitors' Centre in Omagh, one at Ballyoran and one at the Hart. The pupils have been learning about Citizenship, in particular rights and responsibilities.

2. Linguistic Phonics

Ballyoran Primary School is in the process of implementing a new Phonics Programme throughout the school called Linguistic Phonics. The cornerstone of Linguistic Phonics is teaching children the sounds using words, rather than teaching them the sounds in isolation. We believe that this new approach will have an impact on your child's Literacy development. Staff are already reporting very favourably about its implementation in class.

3. Lunchtime Supervisor

If anyone is interested in becoming a Lunchtime Supervisor, please contact Mrs Tedford in the School Office and your name will be placed on a list.

4. St John's Accordion Band Workshop

On Friday 14th November 2008, Members of the St John's Accordion Band and Orchestra came into school and hosted a very enjoyable Music Workshop for P5 – P7 pupils.

5. Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week took place from 17th – 21st November 2008. All classes did activities relating to this and there was a Special Assembly to mark this also.

6. First Soccer Match of the Year

Ballyoran PS Soccer Team played Edenderry PS in the Mid-Ulster Schools' Football Association League. Though the team were beaten 5-0, they all gave of their best and were gracious in defeat.

7. Headlice

A reminder to all parents to regularly check the hair of your children for lice. If you discover Headlice you should keep your child at home until it has been treated and the school should be notified.

8. Credit Union Poster Competition

Ballyoran Primary School pupils have once again excelled at the Credit Union Poster Competition. The following pupils received awards

Under 7 Category	1 st	Kalil Kaplin (P4)
8 – 10 Category	1 st	David Mulholland (P7)
Under 7 Special Category	1 st	Annie Hyde
	2 nd	Amy Wilson
	3 rd	Shola Heath
8 – 10 Special Category	1 st	Dale Rodgers
	2 nd	Dylan Rodgers
	3 rd	Micheal McGrogan

9. Christmas Arrangements

- Christmas Post begins Monday 8th December 2008
- Christmas Dinner – Thursday 11th December 2008
- Christmas Celebration – Wednesday 17th December 2008 at 10.00am in the Assembly Hall. All pupils will be taking part and parents and friends are warmly invited. Refreshments will be served at the end of this.
- Choir Singing at Rushmere Shopping Centre – Wednesday 17th December 2008 at 2.00pm. Parents and friends are invited to support this.

10. Christmas Hampers for Senior Citizens

Everyone received a letter about these earlier this week. Please send all items into school by Friday 5th December 2008. If you would like to nominate a senior citizen for one of these, please return the reply slip by Friday 5th December 2008 also. Thank you for your support in this very worthwhile initiative as we try to make Christmas a bit happier for some of our local senior citizens.

11. End of Term

The Autumn Term finishes on Friday 19th December 2008 at 12 noon. This will be a Party Day. Pupils do not need to wear uniform and there will be **no** School Dinners.

12. Cold Weather

We would ask that all pupils wear a coat to school over the coming months. Far too many pupils are arriving in school on cold days without a coat which means that they are freezing in the playground at Break and Lunchtime and more likely to pick up a cold.

13. Parent/Teacher Meetings

Many thanks to all those parents who took the time to come in and meet with their child's teacher at the end of October. Anyone who was unable to make it to the Meeting should try to reschedule a Meeting with their child's teacher.

14. Menu for December