



Ballyoran Primary School

## News Sheet – October 2008

### 1. Half-Term Break

School will be closed on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008** for Half Term. School re-opens on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008**.

### 2. Hallowe'en Safety

We urge all our pupils to have a very safe Hallowe'en, particularly if they are going to Bonfires or Firework Displays. As part of our promotion of a safe Hallowe'en the PSNI did a presentation at a Special Assembly on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

### 3. Book Fair

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 saw our Annual Book Fair in School. The Book Fair which was provided by Scholastic was held in the Library and was staffed every day by a group of P7 pupils who added to the event by dressing up. This was one of the most successful Book Fairs ever in our School and we thank all those who supported it. Special thanks to Mrs Heaney for co-ordinating it and the P7s for staffing it.

### 4. Pupil Council

The following people were elected on to the Pupil Council for this year:

P4 McG	Lauren White-Trainor
P4 H	Aimee McGuckin
P5 McCW	Rebecca Griffin
P6 W/B	Cara Matchett
P6 Bn	Moe Delaney
P7 H	Lorna Hughes
LSC	Dylan Rodgers

Well done to the representatives who have been chosen to represent their classes at Pupil Council.

### 5. Attendance

Every year in School we run an Attendance Competition. Each month the attendance of each class is calculated and there is a Foundation/Key Stage 1 Winner and Runner-up. The Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Runner-up was P1 (Mrs Mackle).and the Winner was P4 (Mrs McGinnell). The Key Stage 2 Runner-up was P5 (Ms McCreesh-West) and the Winner was P6 (Mrs Walker/Mrs Breen).

### 6. Discipline Policy

A couple of weeks ago everyone got a copy of the School's Discipline Policy. Please read and familiarise yourself with this document and speak to the Principal if you have any queries regarding it.

### 7. Medication Needs

Please keep Teachers informed about any medical needs which your child has, including any medication which they take.

### 8. School Website

A reminder that you can keep up to date with what is going on in school by logging on to our website at [www.ballyoranps.com](http://www.ballyoranps.com)

### 9. P4 Enrolment Ceremony

Primary 4 pupils took part in a Special Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 as part of their preparations for First Communion. The pupils all did both themselves and the School proud.

## **10. Anniversary**

Members of our Irish Dancing Club took part in a special celebration in the Ashgrove Community Centre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Presentation Sisters in the community.

## **11. Trip to Tannaghmore Gardens**

P1, P2 and LSC went on a trip to Tannaghmore Gardens earlier this month. They took part in an Autumn Ramble.

## **12. Thank You**

As you are aware, for Health and Safety reasons, we ask parents not to drive into the School Car Park. Thanks to all those people who have adhered to this instruction.

## **13. Transfer Test**

To facilitate the Transfer Test, School will begin for **P4 – P7** pupils at 11.15am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008.

## **14. P6 Activity Day at Drumcree College**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 saw both our P6 classes visiting Drumcree College for an Activity Day. The pupils took part in many activities and had a great day.

## **15. Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come in to our Parent/Teacher Meetings.

## **16. Acting Principal**

Mr Woolsey will be on Leave from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008. During this time Mrs O'Hanlon will be Acting Principal and will be available in the Office.

## **17. Menu for November**