



News Sheet – May 2011

Diary Dates – June 2011

1 st	St Catherine's Entrance Test (P7) Special Assembly – Presentation of cheque to Barnardos P7 PSNI CASE Session 2 Nursery Induction Meeting – 7.30pm
2 nd	Pupil Council Meeting Credit Union Poster Competition Prize Giving – Town Hall at 7pm – LSC Pupils
5 th	Cemetery Sunday – 11.30am Mass - P4 Communicants to attend
6 th	Surestart Speech and Language Session in Nursery
8 th	Brownlow Entrance Test (P7)
9 th	ETI Follow-Up Inspection P7 DVD Recording
13 th	P7 Transition Talk – Education Welfare Service
14 th	Sports Day – 9.30am. Parents, family and friends very welcome. School finishes at 1pm for all pupils
15 th	P1 Induction Meeting – 7.30pm
16 th	P7 Nurses' Talk – 11am
17 th	Prize Day: Foundation/Key Stage 1 – 9.30am Key Stage 2 – 11am School finishes at 1pm for all pupils
20 th – 24 th	Swimming ends for year End of Term Class Trip Week
22 nd	Dancing Festival – 9.30am - Everyone welcome
23 rd	Nursery Graduation – 10am - Nursery parents, family and friends very welcome
24 th	Annual Reports issued to Parents
26 th	P4 Thanksgiving Mass
28 th	Class Changes for 2011/2012
30 th	Last day of school year – school finishes at 12 noon No uniform, no dinners

May Bank Holiday Closure

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 30th May 2011.

Induction Meetings

You will notice from the diary dates that the Nursery Induction Meeting and the P1 Induction Meeting will be held in June. These meetings are vitally important and the parents/guardians of all pupils attending Nursery and P1 in September/October 2011 **MUST** attend.

Credit Union Prize Giving

Well done to the following pupils who are prize-winners in the Special Category of this year's Credit Union Poster Competition:

7yrs and under	Ryan Pinto	1 st
8 – 10yrs	Annie Hyde	1 st
	Micheal Reynolds	2 nd
	Shola Heath	2 nd
	Amy Wilson	3 rd
	Bruno Serrador	3 rd

These pupils and their parents have been invited to a special prize giving ceremony at Portadown Town Hall on Thursday 2nd June 2011.

Nursery Trips to Parkanaur

The children from both Nursery classes enjoyed learning about Minibeasts. They also participated in Indoor and Outdoor activities with their friends from the Hart Memorial Nursery Classes.

Jo Jingles Visit School

On Friday 6th May 2011 Jo Jingles paid their last visit of the year to the Nursery and LSC which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We would like to thank Blossom Sure Start for help towards the funding of this.

Love for Life Conference

On Tuesday 4th May 2011, pupils from Ballyoran and Hart Memorial Primary Schools, thoroughly enjoyed participating in the *'I'm Special, You're Special'* Programme at the Hart Memorial Primary School. Individual uniqueness, decision making, puberty, dealing with conflict, friendship and family were all covered in this interactive and engaging Conference. The pupils found this experience extremely beneficial as they are approaching the end of their primary school years.

Dairy Council Food and Fitness

On Tuesday 10th May 2011, Key Stage 2 pupils had a visit from the Dairy Council of Northern Ireland. The representatives told the children about the benefits of a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle. The children were made aware that a good diet can play an important part in a child's health and development. The presentation was well received by all the pupils.

Assessment Week

Thank you to our parents for ensuring that their children were in school from 16th – 20th May 2011. This Assessment Week is a very important part of the school year.

PSNI CASE Programme

Our P7 pupils are once again taking part in the PSNI's CASE (Citizenship and Safety Education) Programme. The Programme involves three sessions taken by local PSNI Community Support Officers and covering the following topics:

- The Role of the Police
- Internet Safety
- Racism

PTA

The final PTA Meeting of the year took place in school on Tuesday 17th May 2011. There will be no more PTA initiatives during this school year but members have already started planning for next year. The PTA's Annual General meeting (AGM) will be held in September and new members would be very welcome. A big thank you to all the PTA members this year for their commitment and dedication.

First Communion

Twenty-two Primary 4 pupils made their First Holy Communion at a service in St John's Church on Saturday 21st May 2011. Father O'Dwyer led the service which all the communicants took part in: doing readings, prayers and presenting the gifts. The School Choir led the music, ably conducted by Mrs McCreesh-West and accompanied by Mrs Warke. The church was filled with family and friends of the pupils. The Communicants and their family and friends were invited back to the school after the service for a special Celebration. Well done to everyone involved in this very special day in the life of our school. Thanks to Mrs McCreesh-West for all her hard work in preparing the children for this special Service.

Shannaghmore

From Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th May, 2011, 19 P7 pupils had their annual Residential trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre in Newcastle. The pupils were accompanied by Miss Daly, Mrs Heaney and Mr Hendron and took part in a wide variety of activities including kayaking, adventure walk and orienteering. There was also a lot of free time during which the pupils were able to either take part in Indoor Games or explore the grounds around the Centre. All of the pupils enjoyed their stay and behaved in a manner which did the school proud. Special thanks to Miss Daily, Mrs Heaney and Mr Hendron for giving up of their time to allow this residential to take place.

Photographs

Any parents still wishing to buy a class/group photographs, **MUST** return their order form and money in the plastic envelope by **Friday 3rd June 2011** at the latest.

P4 parents still wishing to purchase a First Holy Communion photographs **MUST** also return their order form and money, in the envelope provided, by **Friday 3rd June 2011**.

Charity

Thank you to all the pupils, parents, staff and friends of the school who supported our charity effort in aid of Barnardos. The total amount raised was £400.

Congratulations

Congratulations and well done to Mrs Glavin and Mrs Huddleson (Classroom Assistants) who have successfully completed their Reading Partnership Accreditation. Mrs Glavin and Mrs Huddleson work with individual pupils who need support with Reading and this accreditation is the culmination of much very hard work which included submitting a file of evidence of their work.

School Triumph at Gaelic Blitz

On Friday 13th May 2011, Ballyoran hosted a Gaelic Blitz at Tir na nOg Football Grounds. Despite the date, this Blitz proved to be our most successful Blitz yet as all the hard work undertaken by the team in practice, finally paid off. We had convincing wins over St Patrick's (Aghacommon) and St Brendan's and narrowly lost out to St Theresa's. Well done to everyone in the squad! Special thanks must go to the Club for helping to organise the Tournament.

Extra Curricular Activities – Term 3

The final set of After School Clubs for this year are underway. Pupils have had the opportunity to take part in the following Clubs:

Kids' Clubs	Soccer
Art	ICT
Gaelic	Netball
Craft	Irish Dancing

Tesco Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has sent Tesco Vouchers into school. Over 10,000 have been counted so far. Even though these are no longer being given out in Tesco, they can still be sent into school.

Prize Day Trophies

Please ensure that all the main Prize Day Awards are returned to school by the end of May.

Website

Keep up to date with what is going on in school by logging on to our website: www.ballyoranps.com

Menu for June

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	30.05.11	06.06.11	13.06.11	20.06.11	27.06.11
Mon	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Oven Baked Sausages or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Gravy, Peas or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes or Salad and Crusty Bread Wholemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Shepherd's Pie or Chicken and Vegetable Pasta Bake, Gravy, Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes or Salad and Crusty Bread Swiss Roll and Custard	Homemade Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas and Sweetcorn or Salad and Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Steak Pie with Potato Top, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet and Sour chicken with Boiled Rice and Crusty Bread Wholemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard
Tues	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle with Crusty Bread, Baked Beans or Salad, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese, Salad and Crusty Bread Lemon Sponge and Custard	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Baked Beans or Peas or Salad, Coleslaw and Beetroot, Baked or Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Two Fruits	Oven Baked Steak Burger, Gravy, Cabbage or Turnip, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese, Salad and Crusty Bread Strawberry Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Rolls Strawberry Jelly and Fruit or Fresh Fruit
Wed	Savoury Mince or Sweet and Sour Pork with Boiled Rice, Peas or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Beef Casserole with Carrots and Onions or Turnip and Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Wrap, Salad, Coleslaw and Baked Potato Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Irish Stew with Carrots and Onions and Crusty Bread or Salmon Fillet, Garden Peas, Boiled Potatoes or Rice Orange Sponge and Custard	Pork Casserole with Carrots and Onions, Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes or Beef Curry and Rice with Crusty Bread Chocolate Cake and Pink Sauce	Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Beans or Tuna Wraps and Salad Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Thur	Baked Gammon with Pineapple and Gravy, Cabbage or Baton Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips or Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce and Gravy, Turnip or Peas, Mashed Potatoes Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips or Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Last Day of School Year No Dinners served School finishes at 12 midday
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Rolls Wholemeal Biscuit and Fresh Fruit or Fruit Jelly	Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice with Crusty Bread or Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs, Baked Beans or Beetroot, Salad and Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Rolls Strawberry Jelly and Fruit or Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers or Cheese, Ham and Tomato Omelette, Baked Beans or Beetroot, Coleslaw and Salad, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream Wafer and Two Fruits	

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries