



News Sheet – April 2011

Diary Dates – May 2011

4 th	Summer Term begins Nursery 2 Trip to Parkanaur with Hart Memorial Nursery
5 th	Class and Group Photographs
6 th	Jo Jingles in Nursery and LSC
9 th	Shannaghmore Information Evening – 7pm
10 th	P7 'Love for Life' Conference – Hart Memorial Primary School
11 th	Dairy Council – Food and Fitness Talk
16 th	Assessment Week Walk to School Week
19 th	Nursery 1 Trip to Parkanaur with Hart Memorial Nursery
21 st	First Holy Communion – 11am in St John's Church followed by Celebration in School
23 rd – 25 th	P7 Shannaghmore Residential
28 th	P7 Post Primary Letters of Acceptance arrive with parents
30 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday
31 st	Dentist Visit to LSC

End of Term Arrangements

A reminder that school finishes at midday on Wednesday 20th April 2011. This is a non-uniform day and there will be no dinner in school. Parents are also reminded that it is an unhealthy break day, allowing pupils to bring whatever they wish for break.

Summer Term

The Summer Term begins on Wednesday 4th May 2011. This term is much shorter this year because Easter is so late, therefore, there is much to be fitted in. Please ensure that children are in school every day unless they are sick or have medical appointments.

P7 Shannaghmore Residential

You will note from the Diary Dates that this is from Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th May 2011. In preparation for this, P7 parents **MUST** attend an Information Meeting in school on Monday 9th May 2011 at 7pm. At this Meeting more detailed information will be distributed and parents will be asked to sign Consent Forms.

Assessment Week – 16th – 20th May 2011

This is a very important week in the school calendar. We would ask that parents ensure that all pupils are in school every day this week. Assessment of our pupils forms a vital part of our planning for future teaching and learning.

First Holy Communion

This is a very important day in the life of our school. This year's service takes place on Saturday 21st May 2011 in St John the Baptist Church at 11am. This will be followed by a celebration in the school assembly hall and all parents and friends are warmly invited back to the school for this. Mr Tony Hendron will, as usual, have a studio in the Library to take family photographs on the day.

Admission Letters

Nursery and P1 Admission Acceptance Letters were sent out during the month of April. Please ensure that replies are returned to school as soon as possible, otherwise places may have to be given to someone else.

Best Kept School Award

A judge visited the school on 5th April 2011 as part of the Best Kept Schools Award. He was very impressed with what he saw and we now await the outcome of this visit. You may remember that the school won its section of this competition in 2006 and came runner-up in 2008.

P4 First Confession

Primary 4 pupils who are making their First Holy Communion on 21st May 2011, made their First Confession at a special Mass in St John's Church on 6th April 2011.

Drumcree College – 'We've got Talent'

Well done to the following pupils from Ballyoran who took part in the annual 'We've Got Talent' show at Drumcree College on Thursday 7th April 2011.

- Emma Dunbar
- Mia McKee
- Rebecca Skelton

P4 pupils were also treated to an extra showing of this on Friday 15th April 2011.

School Supports Barnardos

You will be aware that the school is supporting Barnardos as its main fundraiser for this year for Mr Hendron's Belfast Marathon Run. This was launched at a special assembly on Friday 8th April when Mrs Maureen Hill, a representative from the Charity, talked to the pupils. A reminder that all sponsorship money should be returned in the envelope provided with the green sheet by **Wednesday 20th April 2011**. We wish Mr Hendron well for his run on Monday 2nd May 2011.

Confirmation

Twenty-two Year 7 pupils were confirmed by Bishop Clifford at a service in St John the Baptist Church on Sunday 10th April 2011. This was a joint service with St John the Baptist and Presentation Primary Schools. The church was filled to capacity with family and friends. Well done to all our pupils who made their Confirmation; they were a credit to Ballyoran Primary School

Nursery Trips to Parkanaur

Children from the Nursery visited Parkanaur Forest Park with our friends from the Hart Memorial Nursery. We enjoyed planting and growing activities both indoors and outdoors.

Dogs Trust Talk to P5 and P6

P5 and P6 had a talk from the Dogs Trust in association with Craigavon Borough Council on Thursday 14th April 2011. Pupils were informed about the work of the Charity and the importance of looking after dogs. They also got to meet Jed, a collie who performed for them.

The Little Mermaid

Five pupils from Ballyoran Primary School took part in a performance of 'The Little Mermaid' at Drumcree College on Friday evening, 15th April 2011. Our pupils have been practicing for this for many months along with pupils from other local schools. This project was part of our Extended Schools Cluster. Well done to the following pupils who were involved:

- Jane Dunbar (P7)
- Rebecca Griffin (P7)
- Corey Prunty (P7)
- Lara White (P7)
- Lauren White-Trainor (P6)

Gaelic Blitz

On Friday 15th April 2011 Ballyoran took part in a Gaelic Blitz at St Brendan's Primary School, Craigavon. We brought two teams to this tournament which meant that a lot of children were representing the school for the first time. Both teams played with great spirit and determination and we are very proud of them.

PTA Fireside Quiz

A big thank you to all the parents, staff and friends of the school who supported our PTA Spring Fireside Quiz. The draw for the nine prizes took place in Assembly on Friday 1st April 2011.

1st Prize	N O'Neill	£50 Cash donated by A2B Taxis
2 nd Prize	D Kania	£30 Cash donated by Sawyers Transport Ltd
3 rd Prize	N Kaplan	£25 Meat Voucher donated by C Mallon Butchers
4th Prize	P Kania	Manicure Voucher donated by Pure Beauty
5 th Prize	S McCann	Wash and Dry donated by Nola's
6 th Prize	K Creaney	Gift Voucher donated by Ashgrove Florists
7 th Prize	W Creaney	Fruit Basket donated by Paula's
8 th Prize	L Millar	Photo Frame donated by Ashgrove Furnishings
9 th Prize	P Smith	Cherished Teddy Mug donated by Ashgrove Furnishings

A big thank you to the above businesses who supported us with very generous prizes. The amount raised was £330.40.

Medication Policy

A reminder that the school follows a strict Policy on Medication. Any parents wishing their child to take medication in school must, in the first instance, complete a Consent Form. These are available from the School Office.

Primary Attendance Matters

On Friday 15th April 2011 our School Education Welfare Office (EWO) and a colleague visited assembly to talk to the children about attendance. This talk was part of the Education Welfare Service's PAM (Primary Attendance Matters) Project.

Class/Group Photographs

A photographer from Opus will be in school on Thursday 5th May 2011 taking class photographs and photographs of sporting teams, etc. Please ensure that pupils are wearing full school uniform on this day – **NO SUMMER DRESSES.**

Menu for May

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Holidays for 2011/2012

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Happy Easter

Can I take this opportunity to wish the entire school community a happy and relaxing Easter Break.

R Woolsey
Principal

Menu for May

	02.05.11	09.05.11	16.05.11	23.05.11	30.05.11
Mon	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Gravy, Turnip or Peas, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese with Salad and Crusty Bread Ice Cream Wafer, Fruit	Shepherds Pie and Gravy, Carrots or Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken and Broccoli Bake with Salad and Crusty Bread Rice Pudding and Peaches	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Lasagne, Peas or Salad and Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes Swiss Roll and Custard	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Tues	School Closed – Exceptional Closure	Oven Baked Sausages, Gravy, Carrots or Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice with Crusty Bread Rice Pudding and Oranges	Homemade Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza or Salmon Fillet, Mixed Vegetables or Peas, Chips or Boiled Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Ice Cream	Oven Baked Steak Burger, Gravy, Cabbage or Turnip, Mashed Potatoes or Tuna Wraps, Salad and Baked Potato Rice Pudding and Two Fruits	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle with Crusty Bread, Baked Beans or Salad, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard
Wed	Fish Fingers or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle, Salad, Beetroot and Coleslaw or Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Savoury Mince with Carrots and Onions, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes or Ham and Cheese Omelette, Salad and Baked Potato Strawberry Cake and White Sauce	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Lasagne, Baked Beans or Salad, Beetroot and Coleslaw, Mashed or Baked Potatoes Wholemeal Biscuit and Fresh Fruit Salad	Irish Stew with Carrots, Onions and Broccoli or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled Rice and Crusty Bread Pineapple Sponge and Custard	Savoury Mince or Sweet and Sour Pork with Boiled Rice, Peas or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Cornflour Sauce
Thur	Pork Burgers, Cabbage or Turnip, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Rice Pudding and Peaches	Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Beef Casserole with Carrots and Onions, Turnip, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice Lemon Sponge and Custard	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Baked Gammon with Pineapple and Gravy, Cabbage or Baton Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad or Cheese and Tomato Rolls Homemade Biscuit and Fresh Fruit or Frozen Yogurt	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Lasagne, Baked Beans or Beetroot, Salad and Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Orange Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Filled Chicken or Salad Rolls or Tuna Wraps Biscuit and Fresh Fruit or Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fish in Breadcrumbs or Chicken Pasta Bake, Baked Beans or Beetroot, Coleslaw and Salad, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	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

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries



School Holidays

2011/2012

All holiday dates are inclusive

Autumn Term begins on Thursday 1st September 2011

Sept	-	-
Oct	31	1 School Day
Nov	1	1 School Days
Dec	22 – 30	7 School Days
Jan	2 – 4	3 School Days
Feb	16 – 17	2 School Days
March	19	1 School Days
April	5 - 17	9 School Days
May	7	1 School Days
June	4 - 5	2 School Days

*A further 5 School Development Days have yet to be selected. Parents will be informed of these in due course.

Note: Removing pupils during term time is not recommended: please try not to book holidays or other trips during the school term. Staff cannot prepare work in advance for children who are on holidays and very often these children miss vital work during their absence. The school are also required to inform the SELB when a child is removed from school for a holiday. This information is recorded and may be used by the SELB in appropriate situations, i.e. Special Educational Needs assessments or child protection issues.

We hope this information is of use to you as you attempt to plan family holidays for the year ahead.