



## News Sheet – January 2011

### Diary Dates – February 2011

- 1<sup>st</sup> P7 Transfer Interviews  
PTA Meeting – 7.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Credit Union Quiz
- 10<sup>th</sup> Soccer Match v Kings Park (away)
- 11<sup>th</sup> School Closed – Staff Training
- 14<sup>th</sup> School Closed – Half Term
- 15<sup>th</sup> School Closed – Half Term
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sure Start Speech and Language Session in Nursery

### Half Term Holiday

School will be closed for an extra day at Half Term, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011, to facilitate Staff Training. This means school will be closed from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 inclusive.

### Intensive Support

As you may be aware, we have been providing Intensive Support for pupils with difficulties in Literacy and Numeracy over these past 18 months. Unfortunately, this support ended just before Christmas and will not be available for the rest of this academic year. Thank you to Mrs Barkley for all her hard work in Intensive Support in Term One.

### Transfer to Post Primary Education

January has been a busy month for our P7 pupils who have been considering which post primary school to transfer to in September. As well as numerous talks by post primary schools in school, pupils have been attending Open Days/Open Nights to help them with this very important decision.

### Applications for Nursery and P1 – September 2011

Applications for both Nursery and P1 for September 2011 are still welcome even though the deadline has passed. If you still have an application form, please return this as soon as possible to the office. If you require an application form, please phone or call at the office.

### Soccer Match v Edenderry

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Ballyoran played Edenderry PS in a League match. Against a very strong and physical Edenderry team, we played our best but finished up on the losing side. Well done to the team for showing tremendous attitude and spirit through the game.

### Jones' 5-A-Side Tournament

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Ballyoran took part in the annual Jones' Shield 5-A-Side Football Competition at Craigavon Senior High School. Although we did not qualify from our Group, the games included a terrific performance against Hardy PS which we won

6 – 2. This match was notable for a hat trick scored by Tiernan Byrne! Well done to the team.

### **Literacy Parents Meeting**

Thank you to those parents who attended the 'How to support your child in Reading' meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011. This meeting was very informative.

Kate O'Hanlon (SELB Literacy Advisor) talked about the importance of supporting and encouraging your child to read. Emphasis was placed on using different strategies when your child encounters a difficult word rather than telling them the word. If you would like further information on how to support your child in reading please contact Miss Daly (Literacy Co-ordinator)

### **Sure Start Speech and Language Session in Nursery**

Some of the Nursery children have had their second session with a Speech and Language Therapist and an Occupational Therapist. The children enjoyed participating in a range of different activities to develop their gross motor skills.

### **School Represented at Official Opening of Drumcree Pastoral Centre**

Ballyoran Primary School was privileged to be invited to the Opening of the new Drumcree Parish Pastoral Centre on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Eight pupils, one from each year group, accompanied Mr Woolsey and Mrs McCreesh-West to this very special event and were very fortunate to meet the President of Ireland, Mrs Mary McAleese. President McAleese, who performed the official opening, stopped to talk to the pupils and joined them for a photograph which we hope to have posted on our school website soon.

This was a very memorable occasion for all the pupils involved and we are grateful to Father O'Dwyer for his kind invitation to be part of this important day in the life of the Parish.

The pupils whose names were drawn out of a hat to attend were:

P1	Kirsty Creaney	P5	Niamh Garland
P2	Callum Mulholland	P6	Cathal Wilson
P3	Danica Hall	P7	Rebecca Skelton
P4	Pedro Almeida	LSC	Annie Hyde

### **P5 'Get Fit' with the Belfast Giants**

Ballyoran Primary School was visited by Craig Peacock of the Aer Lingus Belfast Giants on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 as part of the Giants' and Tesco's "Get Fit" Programme.

Tesco believe that every child should have the opportunity to participate in all kinds of fun activities and to try many different sports. As part of their ongoing commitment to help get the children of Northern Ireland active, Tesco have sponsored the *GET FIT* Programme with the Aer Lingus Belfast Giants. The Giants and Tesco want children to make exercise part of their normal daily routine. The programme teaches the basics of ice hockey because it is a relatively new sport to this country and something that everyone can try out and have fun learning.

It was developed by the Giants to help combat child obesity and increase children's interest in sport and exercise and they are committed to visiting over 40 schools this year as part of the 'Get Fit Initiative'.

The Aer Lingus Belfast Giants are Northern Ireland's only professional ice hockey team. Based in Belfast, the Giants play in the Elite Ice Hockey League. Since 2000, the Giants have entertained over one million spectators at the Odyssey Arena.

### **PSNI Warning**

Over the last couple of weeks there have been several incidents of an indecency against young women in the Portadown/Craigavon area. In light of this we have been asked to pass on some advice to our pupils.

- Never take short cuts to and from School, stick to well lit main routes.
- Travel to and from School with a group of friends.
- Don't walk and text – you are likely to be distracted.
- Don't listen to a personnel stereo when walking as you can not hear what is going on around you.
- If you think you are being followed, cross over the road. If you are followed cross back again. If you are still concerned, go to the nearest public place, a shop for example and phone the police.
- If you see anything suspicious call the police or tell your teacher who will inform police.

### **Credit Union Quiz**

The school will once again be represented at the Annual Portadown Credit Union Quiz. This year's event is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church Hall. We wish the following team of four well for this event:

Zuzanna Baran  
Oran McGuckin

Jane Dunbar  
Shane Robinson

### **New Cross Community Links**

Ballyoran Primary School will be engaged in a new Cross Community Programme with Bocombra Primary School. Each class, P1 – P7 will link with their counterparts in Bocombra for various joint projects. These will begin in February and more information will follow.

### **Dinner Money Policy**

As you are aware, our Policy on the payment of dinner money changed in September 2010 whereby all meals must be paid for in advance. Can I thank parents and guardians for adhering to this policy which has made the job of the class teachers and the secretary much easier.

R Woolsey  
Principal

## Menu for February 2011

	31.01.11	07.02.11	14.02.11	21.02.11
Mon	Oven Baked Sausages or Lasagne, Gravy, Tossed Salad or Cabbage or Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes  Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Filled Panini, Sweetcorn or Broccoli, Chips or Baked Potato or Salad  Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	School Closed – Half Term	Shepherds Pie or Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake, Gravy, Baton Carrots, Mashed Potatoes  Rice and Peaches
Tues	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Sweetcorn and Peas or Tossed Salad or Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potatoes  Rice and Peaches	Steak Burger, Gravy, Peas or Carrots, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet and Sour Pork with Boiled Rice and Crusty Bread  Shortbread Biscuit and Fruit	School Closed – Half Term	Oven Baked Steak Burger or Cheese and Tomato Omelette, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips or Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes  Lemon Sponge and Custard
Wed	Beef Casserole with Carrots and Onions, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes or Pork Curry and Boiled Rice with Crusty Bread  Chocolate Cake and Custard	Fresh Fish, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes or Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle with Crusty Bread and Tossed Salad  Jelly and Fruit	Chicken Nuggets, Sweetcorn or Broccoli, Chips or Baked Potatoes or Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice  Rice and Fruit	Homemade Tomato and Cheese Pizza or Salmon Fillet, Baked Beans or Mixed Vegetables, Chips or Boiled Potatoes  Wholemeal Biscuit and Fruit Salad
Thurs	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes  Fruit Crumble and Custard	Baked Gammon and Pineapple with Parsley Sauce or Gravy, Cabbage or Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes  Rice and Peaches	Roast Turkey, Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes  Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Beef Casserole with Carrots and Onions, Broccoli or Turnip, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice  Jelly and Ice Cream
Fri	Crumbed Fish or Cheese and Ham Omelette, Baked Beans or Beetroot or Coleslaw or Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes  Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	School Closed – Staff Training	Crumbed Fish or Lasagne, Baked Beans or Tossed Salad or Beetroot or Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes  Jelly and Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup Hot Dog with Sauce or Onions, or Filled Rolls with Chicken or Tuna or Salad  Frozen Yogurt or Fresh Fruit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries