



News Sheet – October 2010

Half Term Reminder

A reminder that school finishes on Thursday 28th October 2010 (which is a normal school day) and re-opens on Thursday 4th November, 2010.

Diary Dates for November

4 th	School re-opens after Half-Term Break
	Pupil Council Meeting
8 th	P4 Road Safety Walk
9 th	P7 Young Enterprise Day
11 th	Visit by Diocesan RE Advisor
15 th – 19 th	Anti-Bullying Week
25 th	Nursery to Panto in Lurgan Town Hall

Book Fair

From 5th – 8th October 2010 we held our Annual Book Fair and a big thank you to all the pupils, parents and friends who supported us. Well done to our P7 class who helped to organise and run the Book Fair. The amount raised was £748.33 and this money will go towards books for school.

Firework Safety Talk

Tuesday 5th October 2010 saw the PSNI in school to deliver a Firework Safety Talk to P1 – P7 pupils. We would remind all our pupils, and their parents, to be careful over the Half-Term Break. Please refer to the Firework Safety Leaflet which was distributed earlier this month.

Poetry Workshop

On National Poetry Day, Key Stage 2 pupils visited the Navan Centre in Armagh. They participated in a Poetry Workshop with Maura Johnston, a professional poet. Maura guided the pupils to think and write like a poet. The pupils worked on writing poems based on the theme 'Home'. Our poems may be displayed at a Poetry Evening in November at the Navan Centre.

Romania Project Update

You will be aware that the school is involved in a 'Copper Collection' to raise funds for the Parish Project to build a house for Romanian orphans. Rosie Toland came into school on Friday 8th October 2010 and took a special Assembly which updated P1 – P7 pupils on the building project so far. Please remember to continue to send in your coppers to school. We plan to place a whole school collection point for the coppers in the foyer.

New Pupil Council Elected

The new Pupil Council for 2010/2011 has been elected. Congratulations to the following six pupils.

P3	Danica Hall
P4	Keelin Brennan
P5	Marina Duraes
P6	Zuzanna Baran
P7	Lauren Wilson
LSC	Micheal Reynolds

At the first Meeting, Zuzanna Baran was elected Chairperson, Lauren Wilson - Vice Chairperson and Marina Duraes – Secretary.

First Sporting Fixture of the Year

On Thursday 14th October 2010, Ballyoran played Hart Memorial in a league soccer match. This was our first game of the season. Although we were well beaten, the team played with tremendous spirit and attitude. In a strong second half, Oran McGuckin scored a great goal set up by a free kick taken by Tiernan Byrne.

Friday Night Kids' Club

The Friday Night Kids' Club got underway on Friday 15th October 2010. There will be no Kids' Club on Friday 29th October 2010.

P1 and P2 Trip to Palace Stables

On Tuesday 19th October 2010 P1 and P2 pupils enjoyed a day out at the Palace Stables in Armagh to celebrate Apple Week.

ETI Monitoring Visit

An Inspector from the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) visited the school on Wednesday 20th October 2010. The Monitoring Visit was part of the school's follow-up after the Inspection back in January. The feedback from the Inspector was very positive, affirming that the school is moving in the right direction in terms of its improvement programme and also affirming all the hard work of the staff since the Inspection.

P7 Visit Stormont

On Wednesday 20th October 2010, P7 pupils travelled to Parliament Buildings, Stormont and had an interesting outing. The day included a workshop and a tour of the Assembly Chambers and Great Hall. The responses from our P7s included '*brilliant*', '*educational*', '*impressive*' and '*fun*'.

P4 Enrolment Ceremony

As part of their preparation for First Penance and Holy Communion, P4 pupils took part in an Enrolment Ceremony on Sunday 24th October 2010 in St John's Church at 11.30am.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

A big thank you to all our parents who took the time to attend the Parent/Teacher Meetings. These are a vital part of our Partnership with parents. Remember, we have an '*Open Door Policy*' and you can speak to your child's teacher or the Principal at any time during the year. If you wish to do so this, please telephone or call at the Office to arrange an appointment.

Farewell to Mrs Thompson

Ballyoran Primary School said farewell to Mrs Thompson at a special Assembly recently. Mrs Thompson, who has worked in the school as a Classroom Assistant for the past eight years was presented with a bouquet of flowers from the pupils.

Eye Health

We have been asked by the Optical Confederation to remind all our parents of the importance of children's eye health. Poor eyesight can have a significant effect on children's ability to learn and on their behaviour and often goes unrecognised. The Optical Confederation wish to remind parents that eye tests are free up until the age of 16 and encourage parents to arrange a free NHS Sight Test for their child.

Cold Weather Reminder

We would remind all our parents/guardians that every pupil in the school should have a coat. This is particularly important as the weather has got colder in recent days. Please talk to your child about the importance of wearing coats outside at break and lunchtime. Many pupils bring coats into school but leave them hanging in the cloakroom instead of wearing them outside.

Uniform Issues

Girls may wear boots to school during the colder weather but these must be black.

Parents are reminded that pupils must not wear shoes with high heels on them to school. This policy is for Health and Safety reasons.

Parents are reminded that every pupil in P1 – P7 must have a PE uniform.

Punctuality

Thank you to the majority of parents who get their child/children into school every morning on time. A reminder that pupils should be in school at 8.55am. This means that they will be in class ready to start work at 9.00am. Pupils who are constantly late disrupt their own education and the education of others.

Half-Term Break

We would like to wish all our pupils a very happy and safe Half-Term. Parents are particularly asked to ensure that children are safe when out trick or treating. They should be supervised at all times and only visit houses of people whom they know. Please read the orange flyer which has been given out with this News Sheet and remind children to avoid houses displaying these.

Menu for November

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	01.11.10	08.11.10	15.11.10	22.11.10	29.11.10
Mon	School closed – Half-Term Break	Shepherds Pie or chicken and Vegetable Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread, Gravy, Baton Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Cake and Custard	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	Chicken Nuggets, Sweetcorn or Broccoli, Chips or Baked Potatoes or Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice Rice and Fruit
Tues	School closed – Half-Term Break	Beef Chilli and Boiled Rice or Fish Fingers, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn or Tossed Salad, Chips or Baked Potatoes Strawberry Jelly and Fruit Salad	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	Spaghetti Bolognese and Crusty Bread or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Gravy, Turnip or Peas, Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Sponge and Custard
Wed	School closed – Staff Training	Irish Stew and Wheaten Bread, Carrots and Onions or Salmon Fillet, Garden Peas, Mashed Potatoes Rice and Two Fruits	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 Taglitelle with Crusty Bread and Tossed Salad Jelly and Fruit	Savoury Mince and Crusty Bread or Ham and Cheese Omelette, Mashed or Baked Potatoes or Tossed Salad Ice Cream Wafer
Thurs	Steak Pie with Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Roast Pork and Apple Sauce or Gravy, Peas, Mashed Potatoes Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	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
Fri	Chicken Nuggets, Chips and Beans, Tuna Wraps and Salad Ice Cream Tub	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog with Sauce and Onions or Filled Rolls with Chicken or Salad or Tuna Chocolate Swiss Roll or Fresh Fruit	Crumbed Fish or Cheese and Ham Omelette, Baked Beans or Beetroot or Coleslaw or Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog with Sauce and Onions or Filled Rolls with Chicken or Tuna or Salad Frozen yogurt	Crumbed Fish or Lasagne, Baked Beans or Tossed Salad or Beetroot or Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries