



News Sheet – May 2015

Diary Dates – June 2015

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| 1 st – 5 th | Healthy Eating Week (5 Challenge Week Tracker) |
| 1 st | St Catherine's Induction Day |
| 2 nd | Year 7 Lismore Entrance Test: 1.30 – 2.30pm |
| 3 rd | Sports Day: 9.30am – Everyone welcome School finishes at 1.00pm for all pupils |
| 5 th | Brownlow Soccer Tournament |
| 8 th | Jo Jingles in Nursery Year 7 Drumcree Entrance Test: 9.15am |
| 11 th | Last Day of Homework Club and last night of Homework |
| 12 th | Prize Day: Foundation/Key Stage 1 – 9.30am Key Stage 2 – 10.45am Annual Reports/Nursery Transition Forms distributed Swimming ends: Years 4 and 5 |
| 15 th – 16 th | New Nursery Pupils Induction Afternoons |
| 16 th | Year 7 Transition to Post Primary Talk |
| 17 th | Nursery Trip to Peter Pan's |
| 18 th | Last day of After School Clubs for this year Year 7 Brownlow Entrance Test |
| 22 nd – 26 th | End of Term Trip Week Year 7 Trip to Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex St Catherine's Induction Interviews |
| 23 rd | Year 6 Trip to Dundonald Clip and Climb and Ten-pin Bowling LSC Trip to Lisburn Omniplex and Wallace Park |
| 24 th | Year 3 Trip to Jumping Jacks, Lisburn Year 4 Trip to W5 |
| 25 th | Year 5 Trip to Odyssey, Belfast – Cinema and Bowling Nursery Graduation: 10.00am |
| 26 th | Year 1 Trip to Clementsmount Fun Farm Year 2 Trip to W5 |
| 29 th | Class Changes for next year |
| 30 th | Last day of term – school finishes at 12 noon for everyone – no dinners, no uniform |

IMPORTANT NOTICE

'Charlie, Charlie Challenge'

It has come to my attention this week that a number of our pupils have been involved in a game called the '*Charlie, Charlie Challenge*' in school. This game has been very heavily publicised on Social Media in recent days. The game is not suitable for children and I have taken the decision to ban it in school. I would ask all parents to be aware of the dangers of Social Media and be vigilant as to what your child/children are accessing online.

Sports Day

This will take place on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 at 9.30am. The Nursery event will take place in the Nursery Outdoor Play Area with Years 1 – 4 and Years 5 – 7 on the All Weather Pitch. Refreshments will be served and there will be Parents' events. Please support our pupils on this very important day in our school calendar. Please note school will finish at 1.00pm for all pupils on this day. Please note, if it is wet, Sports Day will be rescheduled for the next available dry day. Pupils will finish school at 1.00pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 even if Sports Day is cancelled.

Prize Day

This year's Prize Day will take place on Friday 12th June 2015. The Foundation/Key Stage 1 Ceremony will take place at 9.30am followed by the Key Stage 2 ceremony at 10.45am. The Special Guest at both ceremonies will be Mrs Carson, Nursery Teacher, who is retiring at the end of the year. Please come along and support our pupils. Every child will receive a prize.

Nursery Graduation

This will take place in the Assembly Hall at 10.00am on Thursday 25th June 2015. Those pupils transferring to Year 1 in September will receive Graduation medals and certificates.

Annual Reports/Nursery Transition Forms

These will be sent home on Friday 12th June 2015. Please sign both copies and return one to school. If you have any queries about anything written in the Report, please do not hesitate to contact the Class Teacher.

Numeracy Parents' Meeting

On Friday 1st May 2015 a number of Year 1-4 parents had an enjoyable session with Mr Timothy Doyle (Maths Improvement NI) learning about how they could assist their child with Maths at home. It was a practical session and offered useful advice and websites which would encourage mathematical thinking and language. Many thanks to Timothy and to the parents for their enthusiasm.

Online Safety Talk

On 6th May 2015 an Online Safety Talk took place in the Assembly Hall for Key Stage 2 pupils and their parents. Issues around cyber-crime, social media, bullying on social networking sites, protecting ourselves while online and posting photographs and comments online were explained and discussed. Two police officers from our local Neighbourhood Team were present and answered lots of questions for the pupils. This was a very informative talk and reinforced the message that the internet is an important tool and very much part of everyday life for young people and ultimately the importance of staying safe while online.

Induction Meetings

A big thank you to all those parents who attended our Nursery and Year 1 Induction Meetings. Anyone who was unable to attend and has still not collected their Induction Packs should call at the School Office as soon as possible.

A reminder that **Nursery Consent Forms must be returned by Friday 19th June 2015.**

Sponsored Fitness Freddy Day

On Thursday 7th May 2015 all the pupils in the school took part in an enjoyable exercise session to music with Fitness Freddy. Pupils were sponsored by family and friends to take

part and raise money for Musgrave Park Hospital. We would like to thank all who sponsored the pupils to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. Any pupil who has not yet brought their sponsorship money should do so by **Friday 7th June 2015**.

First Holy Communion

Thirty pupils from Year 4 received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May 2015 at St. John's Church. Some of our pupils from Poland, Portugal and Lithuania had relatives travel from those countries to be with them on this special occasion.

Year 5 Gaelic Tournament

On Friday 8th May 2015, the Year 5 class participated in the Gaelic Tournament hosted by St John the Baptist Primary School. The children played several mini games against children from St John's, Portadown Integrated Primary and Presentation Primary. It gave the children the opportunity to show case the skills they had developed within their 6 week coaching session in the school. Well done to all Year 5s who took part and a special thanks to Paul Carville for organising a great day out.

Success in Credit Union Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following pupils who were successful in the Credit Union Poster Competition. They all received prizes at a Special Presentation in the Town Hall on Tuesday 12th May 2015.

| Age Group | Name | Local Level | Chapter Level |
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| Special Category | | | |
| Under 7yrs | Jamie Campbell | 1 st | 2 nd |
| | Ryanlee Flynn | 2 nd | |
| | Natan Sochan | 3 rd | |
| 8 – 10 yrs | Amy-Leigh Sterritt | 1 st | 2 nd |
| | Malachy Kofa | 2 nd | |

World Day for Cultural Diversity

Thursday 21st May 2015 was World Day for Cultural Diversity. To celebrate this special day all children had the opportunity to participate in an African Drumming Workshop during the morning. In the afternoon children made tribal necklaces, painted African safari scenes and researched facts about Africa. Everyone who took part really enjoyed learning about the African drums and making lots of noise.

Year 7 Leavers' DVD

The year 7s have been busy learning lyrics and polishing their dance moves for the Annual Leavers DVD. So far we have had 3 days of filming with one more to follow in early June. It has been a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing the finished result.

Pupil Council visit ABC Council

Mr Skeffington and members of the Pupil Council visited Craigavon Civic Centre on Thursday 28th May 2015. This visit granted the children the opportunity to meet with the local Mayor. The children received great hospitality from the staff and Mayor. They gained a great insight into the role and responsibility of the Mayor. This was a very insightful and enjoyable outing for the Pupil Council.

Choir take part in new Park Launch DVD

A special Song entitled 'Movin' On' has been commissioned to celebrate the official opening of the Peoples' Park in Portadown. Our School Choir and Recorder Group, along

with other schools in the area, have been invited by the Composer Garth McConaghie and the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council to take part in the recording of the song and the DVD.

Swimming Gala

Pupils from Year 6 and Year 7 took part in the annual Ballyoran Primary School Swimming Gala on 29th May 2015 at Cascades Swimming Pool. Pupils had the opportunity to take part in three different events: Front Crawl, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Medals for the winners will be presented at our Sports Day Prize Giving.

First Aiders

Congratulations and well done to Mrs Molloy and Mrs Fusco who have recently passed their First Aid at Work Exam. This brings the number of qualified First Aiders in school to five.

OTT Kids' Club

The Friday night Kids' Club which uses the Assembly Hall has now finished for this year.

New Flower Beds

I am sure you will agree that the school grounds are looking as well kept as ever. You may have noticed the new flower beds at either side of the Pedestrian Entrance Path. I would ask you to ensure that these are respected and not walked on by pupils.

ABC Council Summer Programme 2015

The WTDFBG (What to do for Boys and Girls) Summer Programme 2015 is going ONLINE!

In the past the annual "What to do for Boys and Girls" booklet was distributed via schools, with the eldest child in each family getting a copy. The booklet detailed a wide range of activities for young people during the summer months; these included sports courses, summer schemes and activities in the countryside and parks.

All of the details of the activities on offer this summer have been gathered and will be available for you to view online at www.craigavonactivity.org from 18th May and a PDF of the "What to do for Boys and Girls" will be available to download at the Council's website www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk from the same date.

The Sports Development Unit understands this is a big change, and we are happy to email the information directly to those who have difficulty accessing it online. For those people who do not have access to the internet, we will post a hard copy of the information to them.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to get in touch, you can reach the Sports Development Unit at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre on 028 3832 2205, or you can email Daryn Greene at daryn.greene@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Stay Safe and Stay Out Campaign

We have been asked by the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland to bring to your attention the dangers of children going near quarries.

The potential hazards that people expose themselves to are:

- Swimming in quarry lakes that can have very cold water even on a hot day in the middle of summer. Strong swimmers have drowned in quarries due to the unexpected impact that the extreme cold has had on their bodies.
- The water in quarry lakes can be very deep and shelving, exit from the water may only be possible in a few places, there may be pumps working or currents that can drag you under the water.
- There can be concealed underwater obstructions and other hazards that can seriously injure swimmers or individuals jumping into the water – tombstoning into quarry lakes is not safe.
- Tunnelling into piles of sand or playing on stockpiles exposes you to the risk of sudden collapses or movements that can easily bury you.
- Walking near the edge of quarry faces exposes you to the risk of serious falls as the edges can be unstable and collapse unexpectedly or sheer faces be obstructed by vegetation.
- Climbing or walking near rock faces can expose you to the risk of rock falls.
- Surfaces in quarries that may look solid, such as the surface of a silt pond, can suddenly break and act like quick sand sucking you down.
- Trail and quad biking in a quarry exposes riders to risks from unstable terrain, unexpected obstructions and being hit by moving plant.
- Young people on bikes or on foot may not be visible to operators of large machinery, they may not appreciate that the driver cannot see them.
- Quarries can often be located in remote sites where mobile reception is poor and there is no one on hand to help in the event of an accident.

Menu for June

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R Woolsey
Principal



Term Dates & School Holidays 2015/2016 Year

All dates are inclusive

Term 1

Term Dates

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 18th December 2015

Holidays

- Thursday 29th & Friday 30th October 2015 – Half Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2015 – Friday 1st January 2016

Term 2

Term Dates

Monday 4th January – Wednesday 16th March 2016

Holidays

- Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2016 – Half Term
- Thursday 17th March 2016 – St. Patrick's Day Holiday

Easter Holiday: Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April 2016

Term 3

Term Dates

Monday 4th April – Thursday 30th June 2016

Holidays

- Monday 2nd May 2016 – May Bank Holiday
- Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st May 2016 – May Bank Holiday & Staff Training Day

Please note 3 further closures for Staff Training days have still to be set.

School will finish at midday on the last day of each term.

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 is 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.

Menu for month of June

| | Week commencing 01.06.15 | Week commencing 08.06.15 | Week commencing 15.06.15 | Week commencing 22.06.15 | Week commencing 29.06.15 |
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| Mon | Fish Fingers or Quiche Lorraine, Salad, Coleslaw, Sweet Corn, Beans, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer | Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Chicken and Pasta Bake, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Chips or Baby Boiled Potatoes Rice and Mandarin Oranges | Shepherd's Pie or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Vanilla Sponge and Custard | Lasagne or Oven Baked Steak Burgers, Mixed Vegetables, Sweet Corn, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce | <u>Chip Shop Day</u> Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Chips, Sauces Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit |
| Tues | Savoury Mince or Oriental Pork with Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Pasta, Mashed Potatoes Carrot Cake and Custard | Oven Baked Steak Burgers or Lasagne, Turnip, Cabbage, Gravy, Potatoes Jelly and White Sauce | Fish Fingers or Chicken and Cheese Tagliatelle, Beans, Sweet Corn, Coleslaw, Salad Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer | Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Coleslaw, Salad, Sweet Corn, Chips Baby Boiled Potatoes Rice and Mandarin Oranges | No Dinners Served School closes at 12 noon |
| Wed | Homemade Pizza with Cherry Tomatoes or Pasta with Tuna and Sweet Corn, Peas, Salad, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Apple and Coconut Crumble and Custard | Fish Fingers, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Rice Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard | Steak Burgers or Spaghetti Bolognese, Turnip, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Apple Crumble and Custard | Beef Curry and Boiled Rice or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and White Sauce | |
| Thurs | Chicken and Vegetable Casserole, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes or Chilli Con Carne with Boiled Rice Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad | Chicken Crumble Top or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots, Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce | Gammon, Gravy, Cabbage, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice Rice Pudding and Peaches | Roast Pork with Stuffing or Ham and Cheese Tagliatelle, Turnip, Broccoli, Gravy Chocolate Cake and Custard | |
| Fri | Roast Turkey and Stuffing or Vegetable Lasagne, Turnip, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Tossed Salad Swiss Roll and Custard | Chicken Soup or Butternut Squash and Sweet Potato Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Frozen Mousse or Raisin Cookie | Chicken Bites or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Sauces, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad | Homemade Vegetable Soup or Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Biscuit and Fruit | |

Milk, Water, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school