



News Sheet – April 2015

Diary Dates for May 2015

1 st	Numeracy Meeting for Parents of Yr 1 – 4 Pupils: 9.15 – 10.15am in the Assembly Hall
	First Holy Communion Practice: Yr 4 and Choir
4 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday
6 th	First Holy Communion Practice: Yr 4 and Choir
	Online Safety Talk: Yr 5 – 7 Parents: 1.30pm
7 th	Sponsored Fitness Day
	No After School Gaelic for Yrs 2 and 3
8 th	First Holy Communion Practice: Yr 4 and Choir
9 th	First Holy Communion: St John's Church at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre
11 th – 15 th	Assessment Week
12 th	Nursery Induction Meeting for September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall
	Credit Union Poster Competition Prize Giving: Town Hall at 7.00pm
15 th	Swimming finishes for Years 6 and 7
19 th	Year 1 Induction Meeting for September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall
20 th – 22 nd	Year 7 DVD Filming
22 nd	Swimming begins: Years 4 and 5
	Last night of Friday Night Kids' Club
23 rd	Year 7 Parents receive Post Primary Acceptance Letters in post
25 th – 26 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day
27 th	Year 7 DVD Filming
	Pupil Council Meeting

School Closures – May 2015

School will be closed as follows in May:

Monday 4th Bank Holiday

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day

Sponsored Fitness Day

On Thursday 7th May 2015 we will be taking part in a sponsored event promoting health, fun and fitness. This will be led by *Fitness Freddy*. The money raised from this event will be going to Musgrave Park Hospital where one of our pupils, Amy Leigh Sterritt, has received care. The eldest in each family will receive a sponsor form. Pupils are asked to collect money from family and friends only. Pupils should come to school wearing sports gear on this day.

Easter Draw

Thank you to everyone who supported our Parents and Friends Easter Draw. A total of £117.00 was raised.

The Easter Basket was won by Nursery 2.

The Easter Egg Draw was won by the following pupils:

Class	Winner	Class	Winner
N1	Mathew Joice	Year 3C	Wojciech Borowczyk
N2	Shannon Thornbury	Year 4	Markuss Klinecivics
Year 1M	Roisin McAleese	Year 5	Evie Judge
Year 1B	Miley Eadie	Year 6	Katie Hatton
Year 2	Julia Osinska	Year 7	Nathan Campbell
Year 3M	Shea McNeice	LSC	Malachy Kofa

Car Parks

As you are aware, the school car parks are for staff and visitors only. We ask that parents and pupils use the pedestrian entrance only to enter and exit school, for health and safety reasons.

Over these few weeks a significant number of parents and pupils have been walking through the car parks to enter and exit school. I cannot stress strongly enough the risk that this poses, particularly of a child being knocked down by a vehicle in the car park.

I would like to thank the majority of our parents who do respect this policy for their support and co-operation and ask that the minority who are using the car parks for parking in and walking through, to do the same.

Education Authority (EA)

As you may already be aware, the Education Authority replaced the Southern Education and Library Board on 1st April 2015. The SELB no longer exists and is now known as the Education Authority – Southern Region. In the short term there will not be any major change apart from the name. Parents should continue to access EA services in the same manner as they previously did with SELB. Anyone who pays for school dinner should now make cheques payable to: **Education Authority – Southern Region** instead of SELB.

Shannaghmore

Year 6 and 7 pupils enjoyed the annual trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre from Monday 13th April – Wednesday 15th April 2015. During the visit the pupils participated in a wide range of activities which included a lot of experiences that were well out of their normal comfort zone. Special congratulations go to those pupils (and staff!) who were brave enough to tackle the newly opened high ropes course. You can see photographs from the residential by checking the gallery on our school website. A big thank you for Mr Hendron, Mrs Heaney, Mrs McCreesh-West and Miss Calvert for giving of their time to go on this trip.

Dental Visit to LSC

on Tuesday 14th April 2015 Dental Nurse Pauline Jackson made one of her regular visits to LSC. Each member of the class was supplied with a new toothbrush for use in class. Pauline emphasised the importance of regularly changing your toothbrush to ensure maximum effect when brushing teeth.

Gaelic Blitz

Our school Gaelic team played its first Gaelic Blitz of the year at the Tir na nOg pitch on Thursday 14th April 2015, in perfect conditions. We played a series of games against four other local schools under the 'Go Games' format. Each pupil received a certificate for their

participation in the event. All of the pupils played with great determination. Well done especially to Aodhan O'Connor from Year 5 who was voted Ballyoran's Player of the Tournament.

Brownlow College Soccer Tournament

On Tuesday 21st April 2015 Brownlow College hosted its annual Five-a-Side Soccer Tournament. The rules of this tournament state that each squad should contain at least 2 girls and that 1 girl must be on the pitch at all times. Well done to Evie Judge from Year 5 who made her debut for the school team in this event. Ballyoran were extremely unlucky not to be one of the 2 teams in their group to qualify for the semi-finals. Having won 2 matches in the group stages, Ballyoran were level on points with 2 other teams. However, in going back to goal difference, we narrowly failed to qualify. Congratulations to everyone in the squad for playing so well. Many thanks to Brownlow College for their terrific hospitality in this well organised event.

Year 1 Trip to Dobbies

Children from Year 1 visited Dobbies` Garden Centre on Friday 17th April 2015. They were taken on a tour to learn all about the different plants and herbs and were given the opportunity to plant a bean in individual pots to take home. The highlight of the day was when they were allowed to decorate their own cup cake and bring it home.

BEAM Workshops

Year 5 – 7 pupils recently attended Workshops on Friendship organised by the BEAM group from Dungannon. Pupils very much enjoyed the one hour Workshops.

Farewell to Miss Davis

Ballyoran Primary School recently said farewell to Miss Julie Davis who has been a Cleaner in the school for these past 10 years. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to say thank you to Miss Davis for all her hard work and commitment to the school over these past 10 years and wish her well for the future.

Holidays 2015-2016

There has been one amendment to the School Holidays for next year. This is in relation to the two-week Easter Break. The Easter Holidays will now start on Good Friday 25th March 2016 and finish on Friday 8th April 2016. Please see amended list on page 6.

Bicycles in School

A reminder that only pupils in Years 5 – 7 who have a helmet and have a signed permission note are permitted to bring bicycles to school. Pupils are also reminded that they must not ride their bicycles in the school grounds.

Term Dates and Holidays 2015/2016 - Amended

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Extra Curricular Activities – Term 3

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Menu for May 2015

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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 11th 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.



Extra Curricular Activities

2014/2015 Term 3

Club	Day	Dates	Class	Staff	Location
Homework	Monday – Thursday	weekly	Yrs 4 - 7	Mrs Bell	Dinner Hall/ICT Suite
ICT	Monday - Thursday	weekly	Yrs 5 - 7	Mrs Glavin	ICT Suite
Soccer	Monday	weekly	Yrs 5 - 7	Ambassadors In Sport	Pitch/ Playground/ Hall
Choir	Tuesday	21 st , 28 th Apr & 5 th May	Yrs 4 – 7	Mrs McCreesh-West	Hall
Basketball	Wednesday	22 nd , 29 th April, 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th May	Yrs 5 - 7	Mr Hendron	Hall
Girls Hockey	Wednesday	22 nd , 29 th April, 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th May	Yrs 5 – 7	Miss Colgan	Pitch
Heart Start	Wednesday	22 nd , 29 th April, 6 th , 13 th & 20 th May	Yr 7	Mrs Stewart	Classroom 10
Gaelic	Thursday	23 rd , 30 th Apr, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th May, 4 th , 11 th , 18 th June	Yrs 4 - 7	Paul Carvill Stephen McCann	Pitch/Hall
Art	Thursday	30 th Apr, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th May & 4 th June	Yrs 4 - 7	Mrs Wells	Nursery 2
Board Games	Thursday	30 th Apr, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th May & 4 th June	Yrs 4 - 7	Mrs Biggerstaff	Classroom 3

All after school clubs for this year will finish on Thursday 18th June 2015



Menu for May 2015

	Week commencing 04.05.15	Week commencing 11.05.15	Week commencing 18.05.15	Week commencing 25.05.15
Monday	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Oven Baked Steak Burgers, Turnip, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Spaghetti Bolognese Jam and Coconut Sponge and Custard	Shepherd's Pie or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Fish Fingers, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Potatoes or Lasagne Rice Pudding and Oranges	Homemade Pizza or Chicken Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Chips Jelly and White Sauce	Fish Fingers or Chicken and Vegetable Tagliatelle, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cake and Custard	School Closed – Staff Development Day
Wednesday	Oven Baked Sausages, Turnip, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Rice Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Beef Curry and Boiled Rice or Fish Fingers, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Oven Baked Steak Burgers Turnip, Peas, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Rice Jelly and Fruit Salad	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Sweet Corn, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Thursday	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Carrots, Cabbage, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Macaroni Cheese Jelly and Fruit Salad	Chicken Crumble Top, Carrots, Parsnips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Macaroni Cheese Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Gammon, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Gravy or Sweet and Sour Chicken and Boiled Rice Rice Pudding and Peaches	Roast Pork with Stuffing or Ham and Pasta Bake, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad
Friday	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Sauces, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Soup or Sweet Potato and Bacon Soup, Hot Dog, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Frozen Mousse or Fruit	Chicken Nuggets or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw Chips, Baked Potatoes Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Chicken Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Raisin Cookie or Frozen Mousse

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yoghurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school

