



News Sheet – January 2015

Happy New Year

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a relaxing Christmas and New Year break.

Thank You

On behalf of all the members of Staff, can I thank you for your generous gifts, cards and kind wishes over the festive season. These were much appreciated.

Diary Dates for February 2015

2 nd	Parents and Friends Meeting, 7.00pm in Staff Room
3 rd	Yr4 CRED Session 3 with Bocombra Primary School Yr6 Alcohol and Drugs Workshop – Session 4
4 th	Yr2 CRED Session 1 with Bocombra Primary School Yr3 CRED Session 4 with Bocombra Primary School
5 th	Yr7 Alcohol and Drugs Workshop – Session 4
6 th	Healthy Living Day
10 th	Yr4 CRED Session 4 with Bocombra Primary School Yr6 Alcohol and Drugs Workshop – Session 5
11 th	Yr2 CRED Session 2 with Bocombra Primary School Yr3 CRED Session 5 with Bocombra Primary School
12 th	Diocesan RE Visit Yr7 Alcohol and Drugs Workshop – Session 5
13 th – 18 th	Non-Uniform Day for Charity School Closed – Half Term No After School Clubs this week
20 th	5-A-Side Soccer Tournament Swimming Starts for Yrs4 and 5
24 th	Yr4 CRED Session 5 with Bocombra Primary School Yr7 Ceremony of Light – St John's Church at 6.00pm
25 th	Yr2 CRED Session 3 with Bocombra Primary School Yr3 CRED Session 6 with Bocombra Primary School Pupil Council Meeting
26 th	Dental Visit to LSC

Holidays

Half Term

School will be closed from Friday 13th to Wednesday 18th February 2015 for the Half Term Holiday. Please note Friday 13th February 2015 is an extra day to the published holidays for Staff Training.

St Patrick's Day

Pupils will have an extra day for St Patrick's Day on Monday 16th March 2015. This will be a Staff Training Day.

Parent/Teacher Meetings – Advance Notice

These will take place on the week beginning Monday 2nd March 2015. School will close each day at 1.00pm to facilitate these. Notes in relation to these will be going out over the next fortnight.

Transfer to Post Primary School

January is a very important month for our Yr 7 pupils as they decide which school they will transfer to in September. As usual, many of the Post Primary Schools have visited us to give presentations to our Yr 7 pupils. Our Yr 7 pupils have also been busy attending Open Days/Nights. We wish our Yr 7 pupils well with this very important decision.

Coats

Well done to both pupils and parents for ensuring that all our pupils have a coat with them every day in school. I would ask that this continues until the end of the Winter.

New Staff

We welcome Mrs Elaine Cahoon who has joined the staff as a Classroom Assistant in both the Nursery and Primary School.

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 12th February 2015

On Friday 13th February there will be a Non-Uniform day in school. Eco Club have decided that this will be to raise money to 'Twin a Toilet' through Tearfund Charity. Twinning a Toilet allows Ballyoran Primary School to donate a toilet to a school in another country. We ask for a £2 donation and all money raised will go to this cause. The more money raised the more toilets we can twin!

Years 6 and 7 Alcohol and Drugs Workshops

Years 6 and 7 are taking part in the Alcohol & Drugs Awareness Programme. It is providing them with the opportunity to learn a wide array of personal and social skills.

CRED

Yrs 3 and 4 have linked up with our Partner School, Bocombra Primary School for their CRED activities. They are exploring the themes of *Celebration* and *Identity*. The themes covered in the programme are taken from the PD & MU Strands 1 and 2, focusing mainly on similarities and differences and both ethnic and religious diversity.

Young Enterprise

Yr4 participated in the Young Enterprise Programme. It gave them an insight into how individuals and businesses work together to bring their community to life. The Programme covered key areas such as Taxes and the role of Government, Social Responsibility, decision making and co-operation within the community.

LSC Dental Visit

On Tuesday 20th January 2015, Dental Nurse Pauline Jackson made one of her regular visits to the LSC class. She was pleased that all pupils are brushing their teeth properly and stressed the importance of regular brushing.

LSC Visit Tesco

Pupils from LSC enjoyed a visit to the Tesco Store on Wednesday, 21st January 2015, as part of their *Food* topic. They were given a warm welcome by Esther, our Guide for the day. She began the tour by showing us several different types of fruit such as

Pomegranate, Mango and Sharon Fruit which the pupils were allowed to sample if they wished. They visited various parts of the store which they would not normally see including the Staff Room, the freezer and the store. The temperature in the freezer was - 18° so we did not stay in there for very long! They also visited other parts of the main store including the Fish counter. The final part of the visit was when the pupils made doughnuts which they were allowed to keep and they all agreed that this was the highlight of the visit. All the pupils agreed that it was a very enjoyable experience.

Year 5 Egyptian Workshop

On Tuesday 20th January 2015, Year 5 children participated in an Egyptian Workshop as part of their World Around Us topic on the *Ancient Egyptians*. They received a visit from a 3,000 year old Ancient Egyptian called Tutu. She told the children about her life in Egypt. They thoroughly enjoyed gaining an insight into her life. After their time with Tutu they completed an Inventions Past and Present activity and an Art-based activity where they made an Ancient Egyptian door seal.

Healthy Living Day – Friday 6th February 2015

Eco Club have organised a Healthy Living Day for the school. This will take place on Friday 6th February 2015. Children will participate in various activities such as Gaelic, Football and fitness classes. Children should come to school in sportswear.

Nursery CRED Link with Hart Memorial

This year pupils in our Nursery classes are linking with Hart Memorial Nursery as part of our Community Relations Equality and Diversity programme. The children enjoyed their first visit to Hart Memorial Nursery and Hart Memorial enjoyed their day out to Ballyoran Nursery. They are looking forward to meeting their friends again in the near future.

Catholic Schools' Week Mass

Children from Year 4 and Year 7 classes joined with other local schools for a special Mass in St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday 27th January to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week. Some of the children participated in the ceremony.

Temporary Staff List

From time to time we need temporary staff to cover posts in school, e.g. Cleaners, Lunchtime Supervisor on a short term basis. If you would be interested in doing any of these jobs, please contact the Office and your name will be put on our list.

Signing Notes

During a school year many Notes/Consent Forms are sent home which require a signature. Please note that only a child's parent/guardian can sign these notes. If there are special circumstances which mean that this is not possible then the child's teacher should be notified of this.

Cloakrooms

Please encourage your children to keep the cloakrooms in school tidy. Coats/PE Bags should be hung up on the coat pegs and hats, scarves or gloves, placed in pockets or the arm of the jacket.

Clubs for Term 2

As always, we are offering our pupils a varied menu of After School Extra Curricular Activities this term. A full list has been included on page 5.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is now open to Nursery pupils every morning in the Dinner Hall from 8.15am to 8.45am. The latest time for arrival to receive breakfast is 8.30am. The cost is 50p and new pupils are always welcome. If you wish your child to attend, please complete the Consent form and return it to Nursery.

Punctuality

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who get their pupils into school everyday on time. There are, however, a significant number of pupils who are late on a regular basis. When pupils are late this disrupts the education of the whole class. A reminder that the first bell rings at 8.55am and pupils should be in school for this.

Car Parks

Parents should not be parking in the car parks to drop off or collect pupils or walking through them. These car parks are for Staff and Visitors only. Parents should park outside and bring pupils into school by the pedestrian gates only. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

Menu for February 2015

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R Woolsey
Principal

**Extra Curricular Activities
2014/2015 Term 2**

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	13 th , 20 th , 27 th Jan, 3 rd , 10 th , 24 th Feb	Yrs 4 – 7	Mrs McCreesh-West	Hall
Cookery	Tuesday	10 th , 24 th Feb, 10 th , 24 th Mar, 14 th , 21 st Apr	Yr 4	Mrs Carson	Nursery 2
Irish Dancing	Wednesday	14 th , 21 st , 28 th Jan, 4 th , 11 th , 25 th Feb, 11 th Mar	Yrs 4 – 7	Mrs Heaney	Hall
Speech & Drama	Wednesday	21 st , 28 th Jan, 4 th , 11 th , 25 th Feb, 11 th Mar	Yrs 5 - 7	Miss McGibbon	Classroom 5
Irish Dancing	Wednesday	28 th Jan, 4 th , 11 th , 25 th Feb, 11 th , 18 th Mar	Yr 3	Mrs Mackle	Library Area
IPads	Wednesday	4 th , 11 th , 25 th Feb, 11 th , 18 th , 25 th Mar	Yrs 5 - 7	Mr Skeffington	Classroom 8
French	Thursday	12 th , 26 th Feb, 12 th , 19 th , 26 th Mar, 16 th Apr	Yrs 6 & 7	Mrs Martin	Classroom 10
Gaelic	Thursday	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th Jan, 5 th , 12 th , 26 th Feb, 12 th , 19 th , 26 th Mar	Yrs 4 - 7	Paul Carvill Stephen McCann	Pitch/Hall

All Clubs are 3 – 4pm

Please note there will be no Clubs during the following weeks:

1. Parent/Teacher Meeting Week: 2nd – 6th March 2015
2. Half term week: 16th – 20th February 2015
3. Last week of term: w/b 30th March 2015

Menu for February 2015

	Week commencing 02.02.15	Week commencing 09.02.15	Week commencing 16.02.15	Week commencing 23.02.15
Monday	Steak Burgers or Spaghetti Bolognese, Turnip/Peas, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Shepherds Pie or Chicken and broccoli Bake, Carrots, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Sponge and Custard	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Fish Fingers or Spaghetti Bolognese, Beans, Sweet Corn, Crusty Bread, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Peaches
Tuesday	Fish Fingers or Chicken Tagliatelle, Beans, Sweet Corn, Coleslaw, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Sauces, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Chips, Salad, Coleslaw Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour Sauce	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Tomato and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Chips Lemon Crunch Pudding and Custard
Wednesday	Savoury Mince, Mixed Vegetables, Pasta, Crusty Bread and Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Curry and Boiled Rice Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Lasagne or Fish Fingers, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Semolina Pudding and Fruit	Half-Term Holiday School Closed	Beef Curry and Boiled Rice or Savoury Mince, Carrots, Potatoes, Pasta, Bread Apple Sponge and Custard
Thursday	Roast Pork and Stuffing or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	Gammon, Cabbage, Peas, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet and Sour chicken with Boiled Rice Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Nuggets or Tuna/Salad Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Coleslaw, Salad, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Crumble Top Pie or Macaroni Cheese, Baton Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer
Friday	Tomato and Cheese Pizza or Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Tomato Sauce, Tossed Salad Swiss Roll and Custard	School Closed – Staff Training	Roast Turkey or Ham and Pasta Bake, Carrots and Parsnips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate and Pear Sponge and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauce or Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Biscuit and Fruit

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yoghurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school