



News Sheet – May 2010

Diary Dates for June

- 1st Show – ‘Big Bully’ by Venture Productions, P1 – P7
- 2nd Nursery Trip to Edenvilla Park
Healthy Eating Talk by Ulster Cancer Foundation, P1 and P2
- 3rd Drumcree College Entrance Tests, P7
Brownlow Cup Soccer Tournament, P5 and P6
P1 Induction Meeting, 7.30pm
- 7th Ballyoran Primary School and Portadown Integrated Joint Gaelic Blitz – Tir na nOg
Final Sure Start Speech and Language Session in Nursery
- 8th Whole School Photograph
- 9th Sports Day – 9.30am. Parents and friends very welcome. School finishes at 1.45pm for all pupils.
- 10th P7 Transition Talk – Education Welfare Service
Nursery Induction Meeting at 7.30pm
- 16th Ballyoran Irish Dancing Festival – 9.30am – Parents and friends very welcome
- 18th Prize Day (Foundation/Key Stage 1 at 9.30am, Key Stage 2 at 11am) Parents and friends very welcome
Annual Reports issued
- 21st P6 End of Year Trip – Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex
- 22nd Nursery End of Year Trip – Ulster Museum
P3 End of Year Trip – Ulster Folk Museum, Cultra
P5 End of Year Trip – Belfast Zoo
- 23rd P7 End of Year Trip – Lisburn Leisureplex and Omniplex
P4 End of Year Trip – W5
P2 End of Year Trip – Clementsmount Farm
- 24th Nursery Graduation – 10am – Nursery Parents and friends very welcome
Class Changes for next year
P7 Rainforest Adventure
- 25th P1 End of Year Trip – Clementsmount Farm
- 28th Key Stage 2 End of Term Disco – 1.30 – 3.30pm
- 30th Last Day of Term – No Dinners, No Uniform. School finishes at 12noon for everybody

Changes to School Day – Nursery and Foundation Stage

From 1st September 2010, the Nursery will finish at 1.30pm daily instead of 1.45pm. P1 and P2 will finish at 2pm instead of 1.45pm. This decision has been taken by the Board of Governors on advice from SELB and ETI.

Attendance/Punctuality

While there has been an overall improvement in both attendance and punctuality this year, both have slipped in recent weeks. I would like to continue to remind parents that pupils **MUST** be in school on time every day right up to the end of term (unless of course, they are sick).

Induction Meetings – P1 and Nursery

Please see the dates under 'Diary Dates'. It is vital that all parents attend these Meetings. Please note these Meetings are not optional. Induction packs will be distributed, giving important information about Class Teachers and starting dates in both P1 and Nursery.

School Uniform

A big thank you to parents for ensuring that the uniform has been worn so well this year. Please keep this up until the end of term.

DOE Leaflet on Seatbelts

The DOE have asked all schools to distribute this leaflet to parents. Please read it carefully.

Marathon Sponsorship

A big thank you to everyone who generously donated to this year's Belfast Marathon Charity Appeal for the Southern Area Hospice in Newry. The total raised to date is £1,240.34. This will be presented to the Hospice at a Special Assembly before the end of term.

New Donation Bin for British Heart Foundation

We have a new donation bin in aid of the British Heart Foundation beside our Clothing Bank. The following items can be placed in it – books, CDs, DVDs and bric-a-brac. All clothing items should be placed in the yellow Clothing Bank.

Sports Day

Once again, parents and friends are warmly invited to this event on Wednesday 9th June at 9.30am. P1 – P4 will take place in the front Playground with P5 – P7 on the All Weather Pitch. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

Prize Day

This year we hope to make our Prize Day even bigger and better with many more Awards. All parents, family and friends are invited to Prize Day on Friday 18th June 2010 - Foundation/Key Stage 1 (P1 – P4) at 9.30am and Key Stage 2 (P5 – P7) at 11am. Refreshments will be served between the two events.

Prize Day Trophies

Please ensure the main trophies/cups from last year are returned to school by the end of May.

Nursery Trips to Parkanaur

On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May 2010, Nurseries 1 and 2 went on a Cross-Community Trip to Parkanaur Forest Park. We had great fun with the Hart Memorial Nursery in the playroom and looking for minibeasts in the forest.

P6 Viking Adventures

P6 enjoyed a visit to Armagh Museum as part of their 'World Around Us' studies. They looked at Viking clothing and weapons and were able to make their own shields. In a school-based Viking Day, they continued their studies on the Vikings, working in small groups to explore life in Viking Times, e.g. designing coins, identifying herbs and even building their own wattle and daub fence! They also baked flatbread and had Viking-style

snacks. We were delighted that several parents and grandparents were also able to join us for this. Thank you to them for their support.

First Holy Communion

Twenty-three of our pupils received First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th May 2010 in St John's Church. The Celebrant was Fr O'Dwyer. Pupils were joined by parents, friends and relations, many of whom had travelled long distances to be with us on this momentous occasion. The School Choir provided the music for the Liturgy. Everyone involved in this event was a credit to the school. Following the service, parents and friends were invited back to school for refreshments and the opportunity to have family photographs taken to celebrate this very special occasion.

Soccer Tournament at Brownlow

On 13th May 2010 a group of P5 and P6 players took part in a six-a-side Soccer Tournament at Brownlow Integrated College. This was a mixed event involving five boys and two girls. The team performed extremely well, winning three matches and drawing three. Ballyoran only missed out on the knock-out stages because of goal difference. We are very proud of the way the team played and behaved at the Tournament.

PSNI Visit Nursery

On Wednesday 12th May 2010, Officers from the PSNI Community Affairs Team visited the Nursery with their Transit Van, encouraging the children to play safely.

P7 CASE Programme

On Wednesday 5th May, the PSNI Officers spoke to P7s about Internet Safety. Pupils agreed that the main message was "*Do you know who you are talking to?*" On their next visit on 12th May 2010, the topic was '*Hate Crime*' at which different types of racism were discussed and the P7s found it very informative.

Gaelic Blitz – Ballyhegan Primary School

Our Gaelic Team took part in a Blitz at Ballyhegan Gaelic Football Club on 11th May 2010. Despite strong opposition from the other teams, Ballyoran showed great determination and skill, winning all their matches. Pádraig Campbell was voted Player of the Tournament for Ballyoran.

Credit Union Prize Giving

On Thursday 13th May 2010, pupils who won prizes from the Credit Union Poster Competition were invited to Portadown Town Hall for a special Presentation Evening. The following pupils were present and received their prizes: Lauren Wilson (P6), Annie Hyde, Bruno Serrador, Micheal McGrogan and Amy Wilson (LSC pupils).

The School Quiz Team who won the local Schools' Quiz earlier this year were also presented with '*The Tommy Hendron Cup*'. Well done again to Jane Dunbar, Oran McGuckin (P6) and Conall Kerr, Connor B Larkin (P7).

Whole School Photograph

Unfortunately the photograph taken on 14th May 2010 has not come out very well due to a problem with the camera. This is very disappointing but we have rescheduled it for Tuesday 8th June 2010 and would ask for a full attendance on that day, with all pupils wearing their uniform smartly.

P7 Ceremony of Light

A Ceremony of Light was held on Sunday 16th May 2010 when P7 children were given the opportunity to become Members of the Junior Pioneer Association.

Smoking Presentation

On Tuesday 25th May, Alex McMeekin and two colleagues from Tobacco Control talked to P6 and P7 classes about the dangers of smoking. Their presentation was very informative and the pupils learned not only about the dangers to their own health but also the effects of smoking on the environment.

Romania Appeal Update

Father White came into Assembly on Friday 28th May 2010 to update pupils on the Romanian Orphanage Appeal which we are supporting through our copper collection. It is very encouraging to know that our money is making a difference to the lives of many orphans in Romania. We are delighted that out of the three Primary Schools collecting money for this, Ballyoran has collected the most to date - £465. A big thank you to pupils and parents for their generosity. Please keep the coppers coming in.

P7 Confirmation

Primary 7 Confirmation will take place on Saturday 29th May 2010 at 3pm in St John's Church. We wish all our P7s well for this very important Sacrament.

Uniform Grants

Application Forms for School Uniform Grants are available from the Office.

Website

Keep up to date with events and news at our website: www.ballyoranps.com

Menu for June

See attached sheet

MENU FOR JUNE

	31.05.10	07.06.10	14.06.10	21.06.10	28.06.10
Mon	Bank Holiday – School Closed	Spaghetti Bolognese, Crusty Bread, Tossed Salad or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potato, Gravy Semolina and Two Fruits	Shepherds Pie or Chicken and Vegetable Pasta Bake, Baton Carrots, Creamed Potato, Gravy, Crusty Bread Strawberry Cake and Custard	Oven Baked Sausages or Lasagne and Tossed Salad, Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potato, Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Cocktail Sausages and Chips Frozen Yogurt
Tues	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Filled Wraps, Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Salad, Coleslaw Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Oven Baked Sausages, Peas, Broccoli, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Vegetable Pasta Bake and Tossed Salad, Crusty Bread Lemon Sponge and Custard	Beef Chilli and Boiled Rice or Chicken Nuggets, Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips Baked Potato, Tossed Salad Jelly and Fruit	Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Spaghetti, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw Rice and Peaches	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog. Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls, Chicken, Salad, Tuna Wholemeal Biscuit or Fresh Fruit
Wed	Battered Small Fry or Spaghetti, Peas, Creamed Potato, Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle, Wheaten Bread, Tossed Salad Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	Savoury Mince with Carrot and Onion, Creamed Potato, Crusty Bread or Chicken Wraps, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw Jelly and Fruit Salad	Irish Stew with Carrot and Onions, or Salmon fillet, Garden Peas, Creamed Potato, Wheaten Bread Rice and Two Fruits	Pork Burger, Broccoli, Mashed Potato, Gravy or Pasta Bake, Crusty Bread Chocolate Cake and Custard	No Dinners – School finishes at 12 noon
Thur	Baked Gammon and Pineapple, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Parsley Sauce Sponge Cake and Custard	Roast Turkey, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potato, Gravy Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard	Roast Pork and Apple Sauce, Peas, Creamed Potato, Gravy Fruit Crumble and Custard	Chicken Pie with Crumble Top, Carrots and Parsnips, Creamed Potato, Gravy Shortbread Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	
Fri	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog. Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls, Chicken, Salad, Tuna Wholemeal Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Fresh Crumbed Fish, Beans, Beetroot, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Creamed Potato, Beef Curry and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Vegetable or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog. Sauce or Onions, Filled Rolls, Chicken, Salad, Tuna Chocolate Swiss Roll or Fresh Fruit	Crumbed Fish or Cheese and Ham Omelette, Beans, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad, Creamed Potato Jelly and Cornflour Sauce	