



News Sheet – February 2010

Diary Dates – March 2010

- 1st Surestart Speech & Language Session in Nursery
Mullen Cup Soccer Match Away to Millington Primary School
- 2nd Dentist in LSC
- 3rd P7 Shannaghmore Residential
- 4th P7 Shannaghmore Residential
World Book Day
- 5th P7 Shannaghmore Residential
Credit Union Quiz – Armagh City Hotel
- 8th Extended Schools Cluster Drama – Portadown Town Hall
- 10th Pupil Council Meeting
Irish Dancers to Ashgrove Over 50s Club
No Smoking Day
- 12th Jo Jingles in Nursery and LSC
- 13th P4 (First Communion) Mass – St John's Church
- 15th Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 16th Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 17th St Patrick's Day – School Closed
- 18th Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 22nd Surestart Speech & Language in Nursery
- 23rd Nursery Outing – Peter Pan's
- 24th End of Term – Full Day – No Uniform

Credit Union Quiz Success

Ballyoran Primary School won the Portadown Credit Union Quiz on Monday 1st February 2010 at Armagh Road Presbyterian Church Hall. Our team consisted of Conall Kerr (P7), Conor B Larkin (P7), Oran McGuckin (P6) and Jane Dunbar (P6). They beat 13 teams from other local schools and now go on to the next round at Armagh City Hotel on Friday 5th March 2010. Well done to the four pupils involved of whom we are very proud.

Success at Soccer Matches

Our Soccer Teams have been busy during the month of February. On 4th February 2010, pupils took part in the Jones 5-A-Side Tournament at Craigavon Senior High School. On Thursday 11th February 2010, our team played an 11-A-Side match against Tandragee Primary School as part of the Mullen cup and beat them 2 : 0. Goals were scored by Tony Magee and Nedas Maciulaitis. Well done to the team on this very pleasing win.

The next match is away to Millington Primary School on Monday 1st March 2010 at 3.10pm.

Tom Markham Cup visits School

A special assembly was held on 23rd February 2010 to celebrate the victory of the Armagh Minor football team in the All Ireland Championship last September. Marc Davidson, a member of the Minor Squad, came to visit us along with three trophies won by the Armagh

Minor Team:- The Tom Markham Cup (for winning the All Ireland Championship), the Ulster Championship Trophy and the Ulster League Trophy. Marc is a past pupil of Ballyoran Primary School and first became interested in Gaelic whilst attending Gaelic practice at the school. P5s provided information on the Tom Markham Cup, while P6 provided *'Recipes for a successful Gaelic Team'*. Conor and Eoin from P7 contributed by congratulating Marc on his success, hoping that some day he might return with the Sam Maguire Cup! The assembly ended with a rendition of "The Boys from the County Armagh". Marc visited each classroom to have photographs taken with the pupils and showed great patience and enthusiasm in explaining the importance and meaning of each trophy. It was a great day for our School. We are very proud that one of our ex-pupils was a member of the winning squad. Well done Marc!

Surestart Speech & Language Sessions in Nursery

Surestart commenced their 8-week *'Talk Time Programme'*. This involves the children participating in activities to develop their speech, language and physical skills. The children had fun using the toys Fiona and Magdalene brought with them. We are looking forward to working with Fiona (Speech and Language Therapist) and Magdalene (Occupational Therapist) over the next few weeks.

Road Safety Visit to Nursery

Our Road Safety Officer (Mrs Nicholl) came to visit the Nursery to talk to the children about Road Safety. The children talked about being safe on the roads while out walking and in the car. They were shown how to be safe when using traffic lights and car seats and participated enthusiastically. It was a very worthwhile visit and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Schools' Community Relations Programme

February has been a busy month for P6 and P7 who have been involved in the Schools' Community Relations Programme (SCRP). This Cross-Community Project has brought our pupils together with pupils from Bocombra Primary School. P6 have been following a programme tackling *Prejudice* (facilitated by the Speedwell Trust) in school while P7 have begun a 4-Day Programme facilitated by the An Creagan Centre near Omagh. Day 1 took place on 10th February 2010 at An Creagan with Day 2 in Ballyoran Primary School. Day 3 was on 25th February 2010 at Bocombra Primary School with Day 4 on Friday 26th February 2010 back at the An Creagan Centre near Omagh.

Successful P7 Information Evening

A big thank you to all the P7 Parents who attended the Shannaghmore Information Evening in school on Thursday 18th February 2010. There was a very pleasing turn out of parents. This was a new venture for the school and we were encouraged by the number of parents who took the time to come in. Thanks to Mr Hendron and Miss Daly for organising the evening.

Librarian Visits Nursery

Nursery children had a special visit from the local Librarian, Rae Stafford. She read them some lovely stories and, before she left, pupils transferring to P1 in September received a *'Bookstart Treasure Chest'*

P7 Transfer Interviews

Mr Woolsey would like to thank all the P7 parents who came into school in early February to discuss the Transfer to Post Primary Education. Parents are reminded that they will

receive letters from the SELB on Saturday 29th May 2010 confirming which school their child has been give a place in.

P4 Mass at St John's Church

Saturday 27th February 2010 will see a Special Mass at St John's Church in which P4 pupils who are making their First Communion will participate. The Mass begins at 7.00pm and all pupils must attend. School uniform should be worn.

Office Refurbishment

This work has now begun and will hopefully be completed by Easter. A reminder that during the work, the Office has been relocated across the corridor to the Staff Room. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time and would appreciate your patience and co-operation.

Change to Easter Holidays

As you will have noticed in the Diary Dates for March, there is a slight change to the start of the Easter Holidays to that published at the beginning of September. **The last day of this term will now be Wednesday 24th March 2010.** This will be a full day with dinners as normal. Pupils do not have to wear uniform. This change is to facilitate staff training and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. The start of Term 3 is unchanged with school re-opening on Monday 12th April 2010.

Haiti Non-Uniform Day

To raise money for the recent Haiti Earthquake Appeal, a non-uniform day was held in school on Friday 12th February 2010. Each pupil contributed to the Appeal and an amount of £340 was raised. This money has been forwarded to help the needy people in that country.

World Book Day

As you may already be aware, Thursday 4th March 2010 is '*World Book Day*' when we think about how important books are in the education of our children.

At Ballyoran Primary School, we plan to celebrate '*World Book Day*' in a number of ways. All pupils will be doing activities in class related to books, they will get Book Tokens and we are having a special Whole School Assembly to mark the day.

To make the day even more fun, we are asking all our pupils to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Children can wear their costume to school and so do not need to wear uniform. They can also wear face paint if they wish.

It is important to stress that **THIS IS NOT A NON-UNIFORM DAY**. If a child does not wish to dress up as a book character, they **MUST** wear their school uniform as usual. This day promises to be lots of fun but it will only work if everyone enters into the spirit of it and comes to school dressed as a character. A photographer from the local press will also be coming in to take pictures.

Nursery and P1 Admissions

Applications for admission to the Nursery and P1 in September 2010 are still welcome even though the closing date has passed.

Headlice

Please be vigilant in checking your child's head for lice. Combs are available at 50p in the Office.

Menu for March (over page)

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| | 01.03.10 | 08.03.10 | 15.03.10 | 22.03.10 | 29.03.10 |
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| Mon | Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Filled Wraps, Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Salad, Coleslaw Rice Pudding and Peaches | 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 Rice and Mandarin Oranges | Oven Baked Sausages or Lasagne and Tossed Salad, Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potato, Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and wafer | School Closed |
| Tues | Battered Small Fry or Spaghetti, Peas, Creamed Potato, Bacon and Cheese Tagliatelle, Wheaten Bread, Tossed Salad Jelly and Cornflour 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 Goujons, Beans, Sweetcorn, Chips, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad Strawberry Cake and Custard | Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Spaghetti, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw Rice and Peaches | School Closed |
| Wed | Savoury Mince, Broccoli, Mashed Potato, Sweet and Sour Pork and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Fruit Crumble and Custard | Pork Casserole with Carrot and Onions, Creamed Potato, Crusty Bread or Chicken Wraps, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw Jelly and Fruit Salad | School Closed | Beef Casserole with Carrot and Onions, Broccoli, Mashed Potato or Pork Curry and Boiled Rice, Crusty Bread Chocolate Cake and Custard | School Closed |
| Thur | Baked Gammon and Pineapple, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Creamed Potato, Gravy or Parsley Sauce Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce | Roast Turkey, Carrots and Parsnips, Creamed Potato, Gravy Wholemeal Apple Crumble and Custard | Roast Pork and Apple Sauce, Peas, Creamed Potato, Gravy Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour Sauce | School Closed | School Closed |
| Fri | Homemade Vegetable Soup 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 Soup or Cream of Chicken Soup, Hot Dog, Sauce or Onions. Filled Rolls, Chicken, Salad, Tuna Choco Orange Cookie or Fresh Fruit | School Closed | School Closed |

Milk, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to Deliveries