



Safeguarding Team

Principal: Mr Woolsey
Designated Teacher: Mrs McGuire
Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Heaney
Nursery Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Mulholland
Designated Governor: Mrs Loney
Chairperson: Mr Fleming

News Sheet – May 2022

Welcome Back

We welcome all of our pupils back after the Easter Holidays, we hope that everyone had a pleasant and relaxing Easter Break. We are delighted that all of our pupils are back in school.

Diary Dates for May 2022

- 2nd School Closed – Bank Holiday
Start of Assessment Fortnight
- 5th School Closed – Polling Station use for Assembly Election
- 12th Year 7 Confirmation: St John’s Church at 5pm
- 14th Year 4 First Holy Communion: St John’s Church at 10am
- 16th Mental Health Awareness Week
Nursery Football Coaching Session
- 17th Class & Group Photographs
- 21st Year 7 receive Post Primary Placement Letters
- 31st Blackberry Farm Visit Nursery
Year 1 induction Meeting – 1pm

School Closures – May 2022

School will be closed as follows in May:

- Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday
- Thursday 5th May: School used as Polling Station for Assembly Election

Easter Draw

Thank you again to everyone who supported our Easter Draw this year, an amazing £417 was raised for school funds. The winners who got an Easter Egg were:

Nursery 1	Brogan McCann
Nursery 2	Connie O’Hehir
Year 1Bi	Carlos Da Veiga
Year 1Ba	Larsson McConville
Year 2	Jamie Keegan
Year 3	Logan Neill
Year 4	Mason McDonnell
Year 5	Mia McKee
Year 6B/M	Jacinta Guterres
Year 6M	Ollie Byrne
Year 7	Nicholas Magalhaes
LSC	James Johnston

First Holy Communion

We wish our Year 4 pupils well for their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May at 10am in St John's Church.

Staffing

We welcome Miss Dudek back to the Nursery after her Maternity Leave.

We said farewell to Miss Nellins before the Easter Holidays. She has been working as a Classroom Assistant since the start of the year and we wish her well in her new post.

We welcome Miss Bloomer who has joined the staff as a Classroom Assistant and hope that she settles into the school very quickly.

Covid-19

A reminder that there have been changes in our Covid-19 mitigations from 25th April, full details can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/mrybre6f>

Huggy Wuggy and Poppy Playtime Game

We have been made aware of a game that children may be coming in to contact with which is not suitable for them. Please read the Safer Schools Safety Alert on this at: <https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Art Competition Winners

Class	Winner
Year 1Bi	Eva Meharg
Year 1Ba	Daniel Pirva
Year 2	Curtis McGeown
Year 3	Rachel Hall
Year 4	Max Kamarkowski
Year 5	Mia Liggett
Year 6B/M	Daniela Norusaite
Year 6M	Isabella Molina Pereira
Year 7	Jaciara Mendes Da Silva
LSC	Tomas Connolly

Creative Writing Participants

Year 6M - Aishlinn Hughes

Maisie Millar

Year 7 - Cormac Reynolds

Morning Drop Off

A reminder that all Nursery pupils must be accompanied by an adult to the Nursery Outdoor Covered Play Area every morning.

Year 7 Post Primary Letters to Parents

Year 7 Parents will find out which School their child has received a post primary place in, on **Saturday 21st May**.

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance for March:

- Foundation/Key Stage 1: Year 3 - 91.9%
- Key Stage 2: Year 5 - 91.5%

Relax Kids

Mrs Mary O'Connor is back in school every Monday in term 3 doing Relax Kids with Years 2, 3 and 4. All the pupils are greatly enjoying this programme which is a very good way to start the week.

Mrs Heaney and Miss McKernan are currently completing training which will allow them to deliver the Relax Kids programme in school.

Summer Uniform

Pupils may come to school wearing the summer uniform as follows:

- Boys may wear grey shorts
- Girls may wear a blue checked dress and white socks

A reminder that the only jewellery that pupils are permitted to wear in school is a pair of stud ear rings and a watch.

We continue to be very proud of how smart our pupils look in their uniform.

Zero Tolerance of Abuse to Staff Policy

Thankfully the vast majority of interactions between parents and staff are very positive and respectful, however unfortunately there have been a very small number of instances when school staff have been verbally abused by parents. The Board of Governors has a duty of care to staff and as a response to this they have drafted a '*Zero Tolerance of Abuse to Staff*', which is available on the school website at <https://tinyurl.com/56vz39k3>

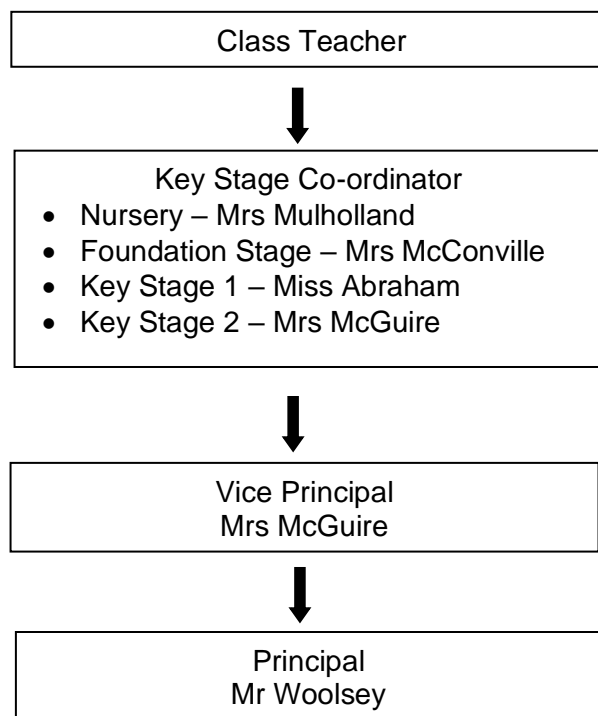
Nuts

As you are aware we endeavour to ensure that no nuts or nut based products are brought into school to protect those pupils and staff who have severe nut allergies. We ask you to please co-operate with our 'No Nuts' policy.

General Queries / Concerns

At Ballyoran Primary School we believe in a strong partnership with parents and communication between home and school is a vital part of this. If you need to speak to

your child's teacher, you should contact the office in the first instance and a suitable time will be arranged. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for parents to speak to teachers in the morning as they are busy preparing for the day and supervising pupils. If you do need to pass an urgent message to the teacher in the morning, please either send an email, note or speak to the secretary who will pass the message on. Meetings can be arranged with staff at a mutually convenient time through the office and we would encourage you to follow the flow chart below when raising general queries / concerns:



School Website

Remember to keep up-to-date with everything that is going on in school by logging on to our website www.ballyoranps.com

Sun Safe

As we slowly move from Spring to Summer and hopefully more sunshine, I would remind all of our parents to ensure that children are safe in the sun during the school day. This includes ensuring they have sun cream on in the morning and sending them with water and a sun cap.

Principal Weekly Class Visits

The Principal visits each class formally on a weekly basis, every Thursday. During this visit, reward stickers are given out to pupils.

Pupils Leaving School Early

We discourage pupils being removed from school early as this means they will miss out on valuable learning. If a child, however, needs to leave school early for any reason, a reminder that they **must** be collected from Reception by an **adult**. We are unable to

allow pupils to walk home on their own and this policy will be strictly enforced.

Picking Pupils Up

It is vital that parents are punctual when collecting their children otherwise they get anxious. If you are running late we would ask that you phone the office and inform us of this. If a child is not collected and we are unable to make contact with parents/carers and have exhausted all listed contacts, we have no option but to phone Social Services.

Emergency Contact Details

It is vitally important that we hold up to date emergency contact details for our pupils. I cannot stress the importance of this enough, please keep us up to date. Again as with late pick up, if we are unable to contact a parent/carer and have exhausted all listed contacts, in the event of an emergency we will have no option but to refer this to Social Services.

Dinner Menu

The Menu for Term 3 is available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhsb96>

Richard Woolsey
Principal