



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 – November 2020

Diary Dates – November

2nd Parent/Teacher Meetings by telephone

3rd School reopens after Extended Half Term

Farewell to Mrs Mayers

Mrs Mayers is leaving Ballyoran, at Half Term, after five years as our secretary. Mrs Mayer's time at Ballyoran has been characterised by kindness, enthusiasm, commitment and hard work. For you as parents, Mrs Mayers has been the contact point for the school and she was always calm, pleasant and helpful in what is an extremely busy office. I am very sure that you would want to join with me in thanking Mrs Mayers for all that she has given to Ballyoran Primary School. We will all miss her greatly and want to wish her well in her new job. Mrs Mayers joined us for our whole school Zoom assembly this morning, when two members of our Pupil Council presented her with a bouquet of flowers from all of the pupils.

Extended Half Term Holiday

As you are aware, school will now be closed from Monday 19th October for two weeks for an extended Half Term Holiday as directed by the Department of Education. As you know, our Parent/Teacher Meetings were to take place by telephone on Monday 19th October. These have now been postponed and we have rescheduled them for Monday 2nd November (school will be closed on this date also). This means that school will be closed from **Monday 19th October – Monday 2nd November 2020**. Pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November 2020**.

It is important to state that this is an extended holiday, therefore there will be no remote home learning and no school provision for key workers.

We hope that schools do reopen again as planned but if the Executive were to extend the period of closure, home learning would be available from Thursday 5th November and information would be sent out to you about this.

Parent Teacher Meetings

As you know, our Parent/Teacher Meetings were to take place by telephone on Monday 19th October. These have now been postponed and we have rescheduled them for Monday 2nd November keeping the same times that we have already issued you with. If your phone rings on this date and it shows 'Withheld Number', 'No caller ID' or 'No Number' please answer it as it will most likely be your child's teacher

Parents in School

A reminder that to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus we are asking parents not come to the office unless it is essential. If you do need to enter the building you **MUST** wear a face covering and sanitise your hands on arrival. We also encourage all our parents to socially distance when dropping off and collecting pupils.

New Pupil Council Elected

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected to serve on the Pupil Council for this year:

Year 4	Beth Creaney	Ethan Millar
Year 5B	Maisie Millar	Ollie Byrne
Year 5Mc	Goda Valiute	Yuran Mendes
Year 6	Caoimhe McNeice	Cormac Reynolds
Year 7B/M	Roisin McAleese	Ryan Berry
Year 7H/D	Razvan Rosca	Marcelina Gorgol

New Eco Committee Elected

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected to serve on the Eco Committee for this year:

Year 5B	Calum Woods Lexi Carroll
Year 5Mc	Daniela Norusaite Mairtin Moylan
Year 6	Rory Maguire Miguiela Guterres
Year 7B/M	Rachel Mallon Nikki Hall
Year 7H/D	Maebh Byrne Nadia Knop

New Digital Leaders Elected

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected to serve as Digital Leaders for this year:

Year 2	Djayden De Pina Domingos
Year 3	Ruby Hall
Year 4	Mia McKee Denas Ciujevas
Year 5B	Courtney McGeown
Year 5Mc	Nuria Pires
Year 6	Corey Simpson Nicolas Magalhaes
Year 7B/M	Bryan Guerra Emma Creaney
Year 7H/D	Razvan Rosca Nadia Knop

Kitchen

A reminder that our kitchen has reopened and school meals are now available for all our pupils again

Lost Property

As we are unable to store a large amount of lost property, given the current restrictions, please ensure that all items of school uniform have names on them.

Road Safety

As the time changes and we move into the dark evenings, we would ask that you remind your children about the importance of staying safe when out and about on the roads. We would recommend that pupils wear reflectors or some type of reflective clothing.

Attendance

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

Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1: Year 1 – 95.2%

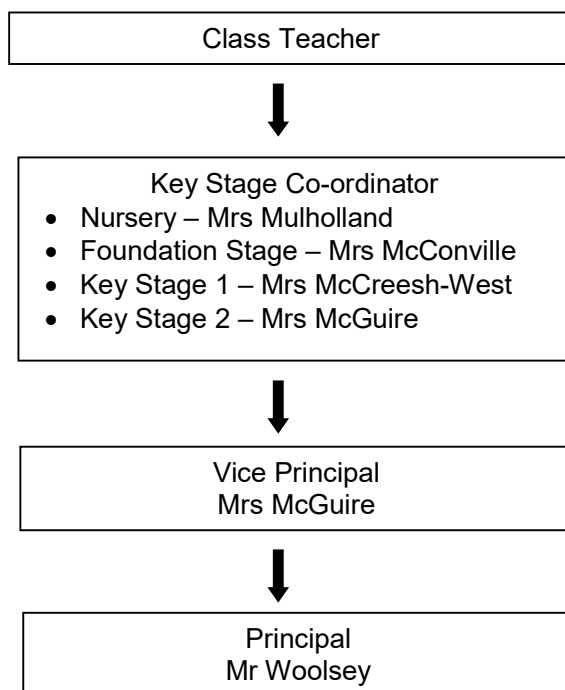
Key Stage 2: LSC – 96.9%

Nursery Welly Boot Walk

Thank you to all our parents for supporting our Nursery Welly Boot Walk on Wednesday 14th October. We have raised approximately £800, an amazing total, for our two new Maths and pre Pre Writing Sheds which will go in our Outdoor Play Area.

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. Meetings can be arranged with staff at any time and we would encourage you to follow the flow chart below when raising general queries / concerns:



Obviously parents are free to make an appointment to speak to the Principal at any time.

Miss Doran

Miss Doran, who has been covering Mrs Walker's absence, will also be leaving us at Half Term. Mrs A Mackle will be teaching Year 7 on Thursdays and Fridays after Half Term.

Nuts

As you are aware we endeavour to ensure that no nuts or nut based products are brought into school to protect a number of pupils who have severe nut allergies. Please respect our 'No Nuts' Policy.

Temporary Positions

If anyone would be interested in having their name placed on a list to cover absences of Cleaners, Lunchtime Supervisors and Kitchen Staff, please contact the office.

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 we have no option but to phone Social Services and/or the Police.

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 in the event of an emergency we will have no option but to refer this to Social Services.

Menu for November

This has been sent to you separately

I would like to thank all our parents and staff for their continued support and co-operation during these challenging times and wish the entire school community a pleasant and relaxing Half Term break.

Richard Woolsey
Principal

