



**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 2019

### Diary Dates – November 2019

1 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term
4 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens after Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup>	Photographer in school – individual and family group photos
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 swimming starts
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tharp Family (USA) Concert
12 <sup>th</sup>	Football Coaching in Nursery
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 & 7 Reach Personal Development Sessions
14 <sup>th</sup>	Years 4 & 5: INTO Film Festival – Craigavon Omniplex – ‘The Grinch’
15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Bun Sale
16 <sup>th</sup>	GL Common Entrance Assessment
19 <sup>th</sup>	Health Visitors in Nursery
20 <sup>th</sup>	Health Visitors in Nursery
	Pupil Council Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 7 Sentinus Workshop

### School Closures: November

A reminder that school will be closed for Half Term from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

### Diary Dates - Advance Notice

- Confirmation – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 3pm
- First Holy Communion – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 at 11am

### Photographer

The Photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019** taking Individual and Family Photographs.

### School Book Fair

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 we held our annual Travelling Book Fair in our Central Library Area. There were over 300 titles to choose from and book prices started at £2.00. There was also a colourful selection of posters and stationery, always very popular. Year 7 pupils really enjoyed the experience of organizing and running the Book Fair which was a great success, raising just over £1100. This is one of our largest totals ever! A huge thank-you must go to all the pupils, parents and friends who supported our Book Fair; this will mean lots of extra books for our school.

### Restart A Heart Day

The Restart a Heart campaign is an annual initiative led by the Resuscitation Council (UK) in partnership with various medical charities, which aims to improve the low numbers of people surviving out-of-hospital cardiac arrests. On Wednesday 16 October 2019, our school took part in a whole school series of activities, based on Key Stage, which ranged from learning about ringing “999”, right up to delivering CPR. We were one of many schools all over the world

coming together to increase awareness of cardiac arrests and increase the number of people trained in life saving CPR. This is the sixth annual Restart a Heart campaign and the second annual World Restart a Heart Campaign.

### **Lost Property**

A large number of items end up in our Lost Property box but because most of them have no names on them we are unable to return them to their owner. Please ensure that all items of school uniform have names on them. Name tags can be ordered from the office.

### **Staff Responsibilities**

- Mrs McConville is our new Foundation Stage Co-ordinator
- Miss Abraham is now Language and Literacy Co-ordinator
- Mrs McCreesh-West is our new RE Co-ordinator

We wish all three ladies well in their new roles.

### **Wednesday Club Afternoon**

These will start again after Half Term.

### **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.

### **Policy on Parents Arriving at School**

A reminder that on arrival into school parents must in the first instance report to the office. If there is no-one in the office please wait until the secretary returns. Under no circumstances should a parent leave reception to go into the main school. This policy is in the interest of Safeguarding and Child Protection.

Parents are also reminded that if you need to speak to your child's teacher in the morning, you must report to the office and not go directly to the teacher.

### **New Pupil Council**

Congratulations to Owen Reynolds and Donald Lucas who were recently elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of our Pupil Council.

### **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.

### **Peer Paired Literacy**

Four pupils from Year 6 & Year 7 have received their training and are now ready to start working with pupils in the Foundation Stage, hearing them reading etc. The pupils are: Issey-Mae Byrne, Caoimhe O'Connor, Brooke McGeown and Eva Williamson.

### **Parent Workshops**

Thank you to those parents who attended the recent workshops on English, Maths and Mental Health. The content of the sessions was very useful for parents but unfortunately they were not well attended.

## **Attendance**

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

Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1: Year 1 – 98.9%

Key Stage 2: Year 5 – 95.2%

## **Energy Talk**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 pupils had a very informative talk from Bryson Energy. They were encouraged to look after their world by using renewable energy as much as possible and also to cut down the amount of pollution caused by overuse of electrical devices. They were told that fossil fuels will run out within the next 40 years (within their lifetime) if we all don't use more renewable energy forms.

A few of the tips they were given were to:

- turn devices off standby when not being used
- only boil enough water for what is needed rather than just filling the kettle
- turn off lights when not in the room

The talk was very interactive and enjoyed by everyone.

## **Year 6 Young Enterprise**

The Business Beginnings programme allows young people to get real business experience by setting up and running their own company. The programme gives an insight into how business works in the real world, bringing in classroom resources and expertise from business mentors to allow children to experience the real world of business and selling. The children will develop and focus on skills that are key to success in life, such as communication skills, teamwork, decision making and problem solving.

## **Year 7 Digital Schoolhouse**

Year 7 participated in the first of four Digital Schoolhouse Workshops on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The remaining three workshops in November and December will continue to teach pupils on the theme of Computer Coding.

## **Nursery Welly Boot Walk**

Thank you so much for all the sponsor money that has been sent in for our Nursery Welly Boot Walk. We have raised £615 for our new balance bikes.

## **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 Mrs Mayers in the office.

## **Safeguarding & Child Protection**

You have been given copies of a summary of our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy at Parent/Teacher Meetings. These documents in the various languages represented in our school are also available on the school Website by clicking on 'Parents' and 'Safeguarding Children'.

## **Sentinus Robotics**

Year 6 and 7 children enjoyed a visit from Sentinus Robotics. Sentinus is a non-profit educational charity which works with schools throughout Northern Ireland to deliver programmes which promote engagement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Children worked in pairs to programme their own autonomous vehicle.

Pupils had to write their own programmes and download these to their robot to enable it to carry out its task.

### Action Mental Health

To show their support for World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October, children came to school in non-uniform and wearing a splash of yellow. Thank you to all parents and children for their support. A total of £270 was raised and will be donated to Action Mental Health, which is a charity that works closely with our school.

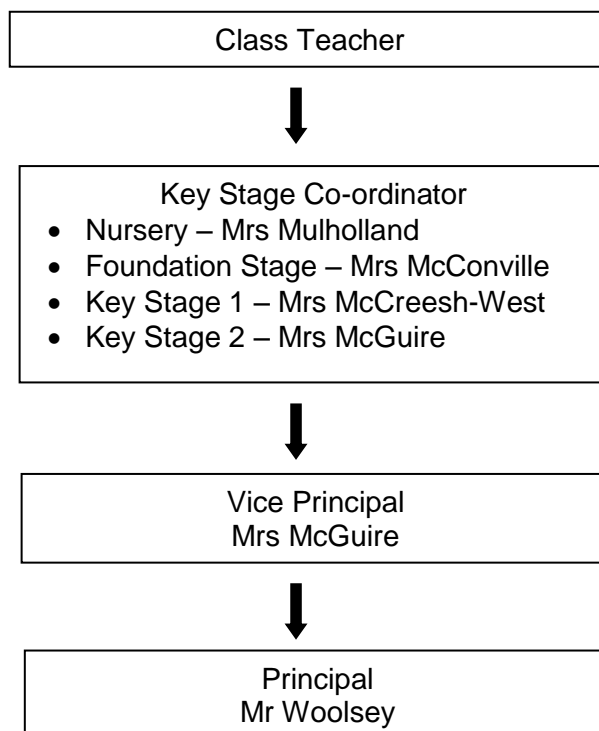
### School Development Plan Priorities 2019/2020

	<b>2019-2020</b>
<p><b>Child Centred Provision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Climate of the School</li> <li>* Pastoral Care</li> <li>* Child Protection</li> <li>* SEN Interventions/Support</li> <li>* Inclusion/Diversity</li> <li>* Healthy School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health – pupils &amp; staff               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Develop Mentoring</li> <li>✓ Mensanna Action Mental Health Programme</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Target attendance</li> <li>• Review Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy</li> <li>• Staff Child Protection training</li> <li>• Staff Fire Safety training</li> <li>• Preparation for new DE Anti-Bullying legislation</li> <li>• Positive Behaviour Management - Introduction to Restorative Practice</li> <li>• Preparation for SEND Implementation</li> <li>• Review &amp; develop interventions</li> <li>• Set up Sensory Room</li> <li>• Nurture – Year 2</li> <li>• Embed &amp; develop Sustrans – Yr 2</li> <li>• Circle Time review</li> <li>• Review Pastoral Care Policy</li> <li>• Review RSE Policy</li> <li>• Review School Vision</li> <li>• Playground Development</li> <li>• Embed Daily Mile</li> <li>• Review Healthy Living Policy – Target Healthy Eating</li> </ul>
<p><b>High Quality Teaching &amp; Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Curriculum Provision</li> <li>* Literacy &amp; Numeracy</li> <li>* Learning &amp; Teaching Strategies</li> <li>* Assessment/Data Analysis</li> <li>* Self Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Handwriting</li> <li>✓ Extend Accelerated Reader to Yr 4</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Numeracy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Number Formation &amp; Maths algorithms</li> <li>✓ Making Maths Fun</li> <li>✓ Embed Mathematics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ICT               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Amma Partnership Programme Yr 1 – Digital Art &amp; Design</li> <li>✓ Embed ‘See Saw’ app</li> </ul> </li> <li>• World Around Us               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Develop Outdoor Learning through new trails in People’s Park</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review of the Foundation Stage</li> <li>• Review The Arts</li> <li>• Review Learning &amp; Teaching Policy</li> <li>• Review Music Policy</li> <li>• Develop use of PASS Data</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Nursery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre Writing skills</li> <li>• Early Mathematical Experiences</li> <li>• Introduction of ‘See Saw’ App</li> <li>• Develop planning, observation and evaluations</li> <li>• Follow on from ‘Big Bedtime Read’</li> </ul>
<p><b>Effective Leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Effective School Development Plan</li> <li>* Continuing Professional Development</li> <li>* Curriculum Leadership</li> <li>* Financial Management</li> <li>* Accommodation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase enrolment</li> <li>• Efficient and effective use of budget resources in challenging financial climate</li> <li>• Investigate more creative ways of fundraising to fund resources for pupils eg new panels</li> <li>• EA Erasmus Visit</li> <li>• Co-ordinator roles as a result of retirement of Foundation Stage Co-ordinator</li> <li>• Review Communication Policy</li> <li>• Audit for new School Development Plan</li> <li>• Review of Parents &amp; Friends</li> <li>• Rolling painting programme</li> </ul>
<p><b>School Connected to the Local Community</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared Education</li> <li>• Parental engagement – School App, Website review</li> <li>• Review Educational Visits Policy</li> <li>• Nursery – ‘Big Bedtime Read’ Follow on</li> <li>• Develop Summer Afternoon of Music</li> </ul>

### 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.

### **Picking Pupils Up**

A significant number of pupils are not being picked up at the end of the school day on time. 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. An increasing number of parents are not informing us when they change their mobile phone numbers. This is unacceptable and leaves us in a very difficult position if for example we needed to contact you if your child was seriously ill. 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**

(See last page)

Can I wish the entire school community a pleasant and relaxing Half Term break.

R Woolsey  
Principal

# Ballyoran Primary School

# November 2019 Menu

# school food

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**Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Milk and Water are available daily**

**If you require any additional information on allergens or Special diets, please contact the school in the first instance**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> 04/11/19	Fish Fingers or Chicken Pasta Bake Beans/Sweetcorn Coleslaw/Salad Mashed Potato  Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps Peas/Sweetcorn Chips or Baked Potato Sauces  Jelly & Fruit Salad	Savoury Mince or Chicken Curry & Rice Peas/Pasta Mashed Potatoes Naan Bread  Chocolate Cake & Custard	Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Vegetable Pasta Bake Carrots/Broccoli Mashed Potatoes  Apple Crumble & Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Hot Dog or Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad)  Frozen Mouse or Raisin Cookie
<b>Week 2</b> 11/11/19	Shepherd's Pie or Chicken Tagliatelle Carrots/Broccoli Mashed Potato Gravy  Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce or Fruit	Oven Baked Sausages or Filled Chicken/Salad Roll Mashed Potatoes Peas/Sweetcorn Salad/Gravy  Rice Pudding & Oranges	Fish Fingers or Macaroni Cheese Beans Sweetcorn Chips or Potatoes  Lemon Cake & Custard	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice or Baked Gammon with Stuffing Cabbage/Turnip Mashed Potatoes  Biscuit & Fruit Salad	Chicken Crumble or Bacon & Cheese Pasta Mashed Potato Carrots/Peas Gravy  Jelly, Fruit & White Sauce
<b>Week 3</b> 18/11/19	Fish Fingers or Lasagne Beans/Sweetcorn Salad/Coleslaw Mashed Potatoes  Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wraps Peas/Sweetcorn Chips or Baked Potatoes Sauces  Rice Krispie Bun & Custard	Macaroni Cheese or Roast Turkey & Stuffing Turnip/Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Gravy  Jelly, Fruit & White Sauce	Shepherd's Pie or Vegetable Pasta Bake Mashed Potatoes Carrots/Peas Gravy  Ice Cream, Fruit & Wafer	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup Hot Dog or Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad)  Frozen Mousse or Raisin Cookie
<b>Week 4</b> 25/11/19	Spaghetti Bolognese or Oven Baked Burger Turnip Broccoli Mashed Potato  Ice Cream, Fruit & Wafer	Chicken Pasta Bake or Fish Fingers Beans/Coleslaw Mashed Potatoes  Chocolate Muffin or Pear Cake & Custard	Homemade Pizza or Chicken Wraps Peas Salad/Coleslaw Mashed Potatoes  Frozen Mousse & Fruit	Chicken Crumble or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots Mashed Potatoes or Filled Rolls Side Salad/Coleslaw  Jelly & Fruit Salad	Chicken Curry & Rice or Oven Baked Sausages Mixed Vegetable/Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Gravy  Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit & Custard

