



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 2019

Diary Dates for May & June 2019

May

1 st	Year 7 – Shannaghmore Residential ends Year 6 – Reach Resilience Workshop 1
2 nd	Big Workout Day Launch
3 rd	School closed – Staff Training
6 th	School closed – Bank Holiday
7 th – 9 th	Year 1 School Nurse Reviews
8 th	Year 6 – Reach Resilience Workshop 2 Pupil Council Meeting
9 th	Nursery & Year 1 Admissions letters posted from school
10 th	Year 6 & 7 Swimming begins
11 th	First Holy Communion at 11am at St John’s Church, followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre
13 th	Assessment Fortnight begins RNLI ‘Meet the Lifeguard’ Safety Talk
20 th	Nursery finishes at 12:30pm 2pm – Nursery Induction Meeting
21 st	Year 7 – Shared Education Session 1 – Bocombra Year 7 – Shared Education Session 2 – Bocombra 2:30pm – Year 1 Induction Meeting
22 nd	Year 2 – Shared Education Session 1 – Bocombra Year 7 – Shared Education Session 3 – Ballyoran Year 6 – Reach Resilience Workshop 3
23 rd	Year 2 – Shared Education Session 2 – Bocombra
24 th	Assessment Fortnight ends
27 th – 28 th	School Closed for Bank Holiday & Staff Training
29 th	Year 2 – Shared Education Session 3 – Bocombra Year 6 – Reach Resilience Workshop 4
30 th	Year 6 & 7 ‘Healthy Me’ Workshop Year 2 – Shared Education Session 4 – Bocombra
31 st	Year 5 – Shared Education Session 1 – Ballyoran Year 7 – Post Primary Acceptance letters posted to parents Year 2 – Shared Education Session 5 – Bocombra Year 5 – Shared Education Session 2 – Ballyoran Year 5 Swimming begins

June

3 rd	Year 5 – Shared Education Session 3 – Ballyoran
4 th	Year 7 – ‘Love for Life’ Conference with Bocombra PS
5 th	Sports’ Day – 9:30am School finishes at 1pm for all pupils
6 th	Year 5 – Shared Education Session 4 – People’s Park
7 th	School closed – Staff Training Nursery Visits – new pupils for September 2019
10 th	Nursery Football Coaching Session Year 4 – Shared Education Session 1 – Bocombra
11 th	Year 4 – Shared Education Session 2 – Ballyoran Year 6 & 7 – Shared Education Session 4 – People’s Park
12 th	Year 4 – Shared Education Session 3 – Ballyoran Year 6 & 7 – Shared Education Session 5 – People’s Park Pupil Council Meeting
13 th	Last Day of Homework & After School Clubs Year 4 – Shared Education Session 4 – People’s Park
18 th	2pm – Afternoon of Music – more information to follow
19 th	Nursery Graduation – 10am
21 st	Prize Day Last Day of Term for Year 7
25 th	Class Changes
27 th	End of Year Class Parties
28 th	Last Day of Term, no uniform, no dinner, unhealthy break

School Closures – May 2019

School will be closed as follows in May:

- Friday 3rd & Monday 6th May: Staff Training & Bank Holiday
- Monday 27th May & Tuesday 28th May: Bank Holiday & Staff Training

First Holy Communion

We wish our Year 4 pupils well for their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May 2019 at 11am in St. John the Baptist Church. This is an important date in our school calendar and we would ask as many people as possible to support our Year 4 pupils by attending the service which will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

Parents & Friends Easter Draws & Disco

A big thankyou to everyone who supported our Easter draws this year.

See Saw

Year 2 – Year 7 children have been using an App called **Seesaw** in class. Seesaw is a digital portfolio that allows students to express themselves, reflect on their learning and upload samples of their work that they are proud to show others. Children digitally document their activities and comment on their own or others work. Families are invited to view the work posted in their own child’s journal. Each student has their own unique invite code. Further information along with individual codes will be sent home to Parents soon. Up to 10 family members can connect to each student and they will all receive notifications when something new has been added to their child’s journal. Families do not see the work of anyone else in the class.

MUSFA Spring Soccer Festival

On Friday 5th April, the soccer team took part in the Mid Ulster Spring festival at Drumgor PS. Congratulations to the team for putting in a tremendous effort throughout the tournament. We did not qualify for the knockout stages but did secure a hard fought victory over the side that eventually won our group. Player of the tournament for Ballyoran was Ben Mc Kee who not only played a match as goalkeeper but also managed to score a magnificent goal when playing as a midfielder.

Nursery News

Shared Education

On Wednesday 10th April our friends from Bocombra came back to visit us. C&J's farm brought snakes, a bullfrog, a tortoise, a gekko, a dragon and rabbits in for us to see.

Jo Jingles

Jo Jingles visited the Nursery on Monday 15th April. It was a morning of fun, music and movement.

Wee Critters Visit

On Thursday 4th April Year 2 welcomed 'Wee Critters' into our classroom as part of our Animal topic. 'Wee Critters' is a mobile, interactive animal education service. The children were introduced to some real life amazing animals including a Tarantula, a Tegu, a Snake, a Tortoise, a Hedgehog and an Owl. They got to learn some amazing facts about each animal and even hold some of them! It was definitely a unique, fun and memorable experience for all the children. Have a look at our photographs on our class page on the school website!

Year 4 First Confession

As part of their preparation for First Holy Communion, Year 4 pupils received the Sacrament of Penance in John the Baptist Church on Tuesday 9th April. The ceremony was conducted by Canon Toner.

Moy Park Challenge

On Tuesday 2nd April, Year 6 travelled to Craigavon Civic Centre to partake in the Moy Park Challenge. The day was organised by Moy Park and Young Enterprise. Year 6 were integrated with children from three other schools. We enjoyed learning about Moy Park and Young Enterprise. We were actively involved in creating a healthy eating mascot to represent 'Healthy Highs' and designing a new product. We experienced writing a business plan and pitching our ideas to the judges from Young Enterprise and Moy Park. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, provided by Moy Park, with our friends from the other local schools before receiving prizes for our hard work.

Year 7 Transition Talks

A big thank you to Grace Black, school attendance officer, who visited our Year 7 pupils for three Tuesday mornings helping to prepare them for their move to new school. Grace addressed any worries or questions the pupils had and presented each pupil with a 'Moving On' kitbag full of useful goodies. One of the highlights was a visit from three of our past pupils, Shea Edgar, Maddie Hall and Roisin Larkin, now attending St John the Baptist's College, who expertly advised the Year 7 pupils, clearing up many of their worries.

Confirmation

Year 7 pupils made their Confirmation on Saturday 30th March 2019 in St. John the Baptist Church. The Celebrant was His Eminence Archbishop Sean Brady assisted by the Very Rev. Canon Michael Toner. Everyone looked very smart in their new clothes and enjoyed the celebration.

Year 7 Post Primary Letters to Parents

These will be posted to parents by the Education Authority on Friday 31st May 2019. The EA have put contingency arrangements in place for parents who do not receive their letter on the Saturday 1st June 2019. If you do not receive your letter please call the following number between 3.30pm and 5pm on Saturday 1st June 2019: 028 95985595.

Attendance

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

Foundation/Key Stage 1: Year 4 – 97.6%

Key Stage 2: Year 6 – 97%

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

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

Traffic Situation Outside School

The traffic situation outside school in the morning and afternoon at 2pm and 3pm continues to be a major problem. Unfortunately, many people are continuing to show a lack of respect for the safety of our pupils, other drivers and local residents. I would again urge you to please show respect in how you drive and where you park when dropping off and picking up your children. A reminder that the yellow hazard lines must be kept clear at all times. Thank you to those parents who do show respect and drive and park with care and consideration for others

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. Many 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.

Nuts

As you are aware we endeavour to ensure that no nuts or nut based products are brought into school to protect those pupils who have severe nut allergies. At times staff

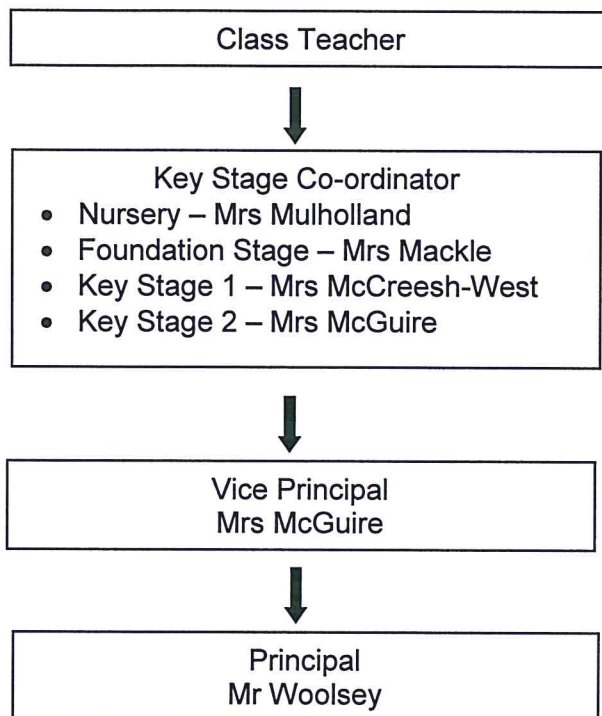
are having to remove products from lunch boxes e.g. Nutella bars. We ask you to please co-operate with our 'No Nuts' policy.

Staffing

We welcome three new SEN Classroom Assistants to Ballyoran – Miss Weir, Miss Gordon and Mrs Thompson.

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.

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

Clubs Term 3

(See page 6)

Menu for May 2019

(See last page)

R Woolsey
Principal



Extra-Curricular Activities 2018/2019 Term 3

Club	Day	Dates	Time	Class	Staff	Location
ICT	Monday - Thursday	weekly	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 5 - 7	Mrs Glavin	ICT Suite
Gaelic	Monday	13 th & 20 th May 3 rd & 10 th June	2.00 – 3.00	Yr 2	PC Coaching	Pitch/ Playground/ Hall
Gaelic	Monday	13 th & 20 th May 3 rd & 10 th June	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 3 - 7	PC Coaching	Pitch/ Playground/ Hall
Soccer	Tuesday	7 th , 14 th & 21 st May 4 th & 11 th June	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 5 - 7	Ambassadors In Sport	Pitch/ Playground/ Hall

All after school clubs for this year will finish on Thursday 13th June 2019