

### Dates for the Diary:

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday 05 October	Deposit deadline for P4-7 pantomime;	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Calendar photos taken	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	School Census Day	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	National Maths Week	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	World Food Day	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	P2/3 class to Castlewella Park	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	P6 & 7 pupils attend St. Louis matinee	1.00 – 3.00pm
Monday 19 October	P5/6 class assembly	10.00am
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	The Bird Man visits school	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School closes for the midterm break	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School resumes for all pupils	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccination programme	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Grange Hospice Coffee morning	10.00-11.30am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	P3/4 class assembly	10.00am

### Provisional dates to be confirmed:

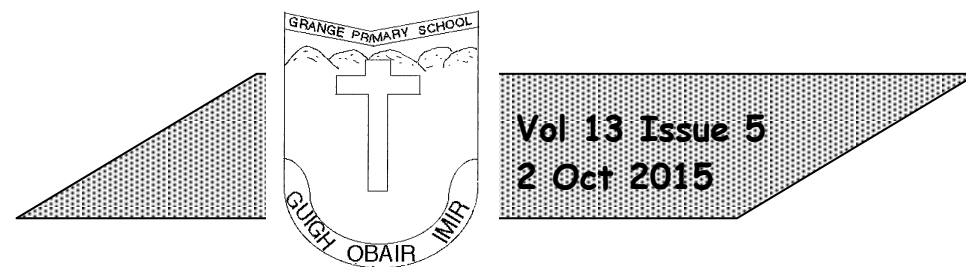
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Day for prospective pupils	1.00pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	P5-7 Christmas Play Dress rehearsal	10.00am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-4 Christmas Play Dress rehearsal	1.00pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	P5-7 Christmas play night	7.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-4 Christmas play night	7.30pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Grange choir in the community	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas	12.00noon

### UP AT THE KINGDOM:

**We wish An Ríocht senior footballers the best of luck as all roads head to Pairc Esler, Newry on this coming Sunday, for the final of the Trocaire Intermediate Down Championship v Loughinisland at 4.00pm;**

**The preceding Minor final at 2.00pm sees Rostrevor v Newry Shamrocks.**

**Everyone is invited to go along and support their club.**



## Grange Newsletter



The children in Mrs Sloan's class recently visited

'The Silent Valley' as part of their

World Around Topic on 'Water'

A great day was had by all!

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**School Masses:**

This week saw the first of scheduled Thursday morning masses within the parish, taking place in Grange chapel and replacing the Thursday evening masses previously. **Our school will be represented each week at this 9.30am mass.** Each class will attend on a specific week and we will also have whole school attendance on certain days. Pupils from P4-7 will participate in the mass day liturgy on these occasions. The Primary 6 pupils from Mr. Mc Kinley's class participated in the mass liturgy on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Next **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, pupils from the P5/6 will attend and be involved.** The mass is a parish mass and we invite everyone to come along, especially parents and family members of classes attending. A complete timetable of class attendance will go home in next week's newsletter.

**Class Assembly:**

Well done to the pupils from the P6/7 class who presented the first class assembly of this academic year. Their assembly explained last Friday's United Nations meeting to announce **its 'Global Goals for Sustainable Development – 2015-2030'**. All classes in school took part in the 'World's Largest Lesson' by logging on to find out what it is all about. For more info see: [www.globalgoals.org](http://www.globalgoals.org)

**Grange Primary School Child Safeguarding Team:**

The following members of our school constitute our School Safeguarding & Child Protection Team for 2015-16:

Mrs R. Mc Ateer (Designated Teacher)

Ms. D. Hughes (Deputy Designated Teacher)

Mr. S. Mc Kinley (Principal)

Mr. S. Rogers (Chairperson & Safeguarding Governor Representative)

Mrs. C. Stack (Trustee & Safeguarding Representative)

**Ready to Learn:**

A three week course for parents of Pre-school, Primary One and Primary Two parents begins in our school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** and continues on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October from 7-9pm each night. Topics include children's motor skills, sleep, diet, behaviour and self-esteem. It will be the first time this course has been provided in our school by the ACE team of healthcare professionals. There has been a great response from parents who are interested in attending. It is still not too late to express your interest. Please notify Ms. Hughes if you wish to attend.

**Fundraising Dance:**

**TONIGHT, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** we host our major fund-raising event of this year – our dance with Jim Devine and his band in Lacey's Suite of the Carrickdale Hotel. The band will appear onstage at **10.45pm** and this will be preceded by a performance by Kerry Fearon, **at 10.15pm**. Our raffle will also be held. We greatly appreciate the support of families so far in buying tickets for the event and raffle tickets. As you will appreciate, we need the support of everyone - parents, grandparents, past pupils and friends. The funds raised by this event will be used for the benefit of **every** pupil in our school. Anyone able to attend tonight can also pay at the door, admission is £12 or €15.

**Cheques:**

Please note: cheques sent to school for **dinner or milk** should be made payable to either **EA Southern Region or The Education Authority.**

**National Poetry Day:**

Next **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October is National Poetry Day.** With last year's success with the Poetry in Motion Project, we will be having some 'Fun with Poetry' in school on this day.

**After School Clubs:**

After school clubs continue next week. We ask that children are collected at 3.45pm sharp from school on the day of the club. Please note that the ANIMATION after school club with Ms Hughes will take place on TUESDAY instead of WEDNESDAY for next week only.

**Computer Based Assessments (P4-7):**

Next week, pupils from P4-7 will begin computer based assessments in literacy (NILA) and numeracy (NINA).

**School Birthday Calendar photos:**

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** to take our monthly birthday photos for use on our website and creating a school calendar. We ask that all pupils come to school on the day in **full school uniform** and we ask them to bring along a **prop** representative of the month of their birth.

**Jiving lessons:**

Jiving lessons ended on Monday night past. Much fun was had by everyone who attended. Many thanks to parents and friends of our school who gave their support to the lessons! Lookout for future 'after school' clubs for adults.

**Parent / Teacher Meetings (P4-7):**

Meetings for parents of children in Primary 4-7 will take place on **the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** Further details will be sent home in due course.

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

We have arranged for Scholastic Book Fairs to come in to school on the week beginning **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.** This will be in place of the Travelling Book Fair which would have visited school in January. Leaflets and further information for individual class visits will follow shortly.

**Warrenpoint Feis entries:**

Entry is now open for both the Music and Poetry competitions in this year's Warrenpoint Feis. Details to follow from each teacher.

**House Points:**

Totals earned so far for our 3 houses are:

**BINNIAN: 4105**

**DONNARD: 4655**

**KNOCKCHREE: 4220**

**Competition Time:**

**Closing dates for current competition entries are:**

- Name Your Sausage (don't ask)- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October; (P4-7)
- Employers for Childcare, 'My Favourite family moment ever...' Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October
- Credit Union 'Happiness is ..... ' - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October;
- Aer Lingus Art competition – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015(P4-7)