



Weekly Update



Wednesday 10th April 2024

School Value Winners - Positivity



During Tuesday's Assembly we celebrated our School Value Winners for Positivity in the month of March. We listened to wonderful examples of positivity shown by our children in the playground, their work and with their friends. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to: Year 1: Kaeden and Scarlett; Year 2: Alexander and Ada; Year 3: Bethany and Erin; Year 4: Ella and Louis; Year 5: Aila and Isla R; Year 6: Ella and Shahbukht; Year 7: Aisling.

Summer Uniform

Children may wear the summer uniform from this week. Please be mindful of the weather as it can be very cold as we are still in Spring.

Girl's – red gingham cress and cardigan

Boy's – shorts and short-sleeved shirt



Booking Dinners

Just to remind parents to book in advance for their child's school dinner. This helps with cooking and planning ahead. Many thanks for your support.

Key Dates for Your Diary

11th April

Nursery Yellow Day

11th April

P4 – P7 PFA Family Quiz Night

17th April

Year 6/7 Rugby Competition at Aviva Stadium, Dublin

19th April

Farm Visit for Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2

23rd April

Ulster Rugby Regional Blitz

24th April

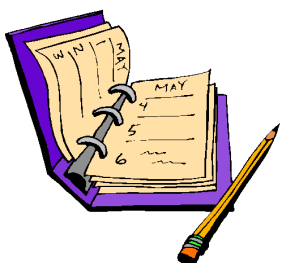
Cricket Blitz – Coleraine Cricket Club

6th May

School closed for May Bank Holiday

7th – 10th May

Assessment Week 1





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QUIZ NIGHT! – Thursday 11th April



**Table Tennis Success
at Ulster Championships**



U10 ULSTER CHAMPION!



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR QUIZ NIGHT ON
THURSDAY 11TH APRIL**

**BURGERS WILL CAN BE PURCHASED FROM
5.45PM AND THE QUIZ WILL BEGIN AT 6.15PM**

**Teams can consist of 2 up to 8 players.
Even if you can't form a team, why not come
along and join one!!**

Bookings can be made via the School App!



Our children took part in the Ulster Table Tennis Championships in Banbridge before Easter. We were so proud of their performances and delighted to announce that Rosie A is U10 Ulster Champion! What a fantastic achievement everyone! Thanks to Darren (Caitlyn's Dad) and Robin (Rosie's Dad) for all their support on the day.



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Good-bye to Gerald!



On Friday 22nd March we said goodbye to our much-loved traffic control crossing man – lollipop man! Gerald Kearney has been present for over seven years helping our children cross the road safely. We have a temporary replacement, Willie, who is a grandparent of Alex in our school. The Education Authority have approved a replacement which they will advertise over the next few weeks.

Lunchtime Supervisor at ISPS



We are currently looking for two lunchtime supervisors at ISPS.

Would you be interested in helping in school in a paid capacity? It's a small commitment with hours from 12.00pm-1.30pm Monday to Friday.

If you would be interested, please contact **Mr Murdock** via the school office – 028 70343444

For more information, find us at saferschoolsni.co.uk



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Safer Schools App NI

We are encouraging parents/carers to download the **Safer Schools NI** App.

It contains information on how to keep children safe online. Please contact school if you have any concerns regarding online and keeping your child safe at home.

Our school code is 9333



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Holidays 2024 – 2025 School Year



The Irish Society's Primary School & Nursery Unit

HOLIDAYS 2024-2025

TERM 1 (AUTUMN)	Term starts Thursday 29th August 2024 (<i>finish at 12.00pm</i>)
Half-term	School closes Friday 25th October at 3.00pm Re-opens Monday 4th November
Christmas	School closes 12.00pm Friday 20th December
TERM 2 (SPRING)	School re-opens Monday 6th January 2025
Half-term	School closes Friday 7th February at 3.00pm and re-opens Monday 17th February
Holiday	Monday 17th March
Easter	School closes at 12.00pm on Friday 11th April
TERM 3 (SUMMER)	School re-opens Monday 28th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May
Holiday	Monday 26th May
End of Year	Schools closes Monday 30th June at 12.00pm

Above are the holidays for the next school year, **2024 – 2025**. As one of our focuses this year and next is to improve school attendance, we would encourage parents to book family holidays during non-term time. We have set aside block weeks off which will help when booking time away. Thank you for your support with your child's attendance.

Dogs on School Grounds

We would like to remind parents that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds. We understand that for some children it is exciting but for others it can be a frightening experience. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Administering Medication

As we move towards the winter period, we are reminding parents that if they would like school to administer medication whilst their child is in school, we must have their permission. **AM Forms** are available from the school office or may be downloaded from the Parents Section on the school website under medical forms.

Policies

There are several school policies available in the Parents Area of the school website. This includes the school's up to date Anti-Bullying Policy. Please contact the school office for other policies not available on the website.

Weekly Walking Bus

Don't forget to join us for our Weekly Walking Bus. We meet at Coleraine Rugby Club from 8.30am and leave at 8.40am. Help us to reduce the traffic at school on a Thursday morning!





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Attendance Matters

GUESS WHO WON THE BEST ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH.....Mrs Friel's (99.3%), Mrs McKendry's class (98.3%) were the winners FEBRUARY! Fantastic everyone!

Each class gets to have a visit from our School Mascots for the month.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



Attendance Matters

Missed Days from School		
Attendance	Days lost	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	45 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

Monthly Online Safety Newsletter



We have partnered with Knowsley City Learning Centres to provide a monthly '**Online Safety Newsletter**' for parents. The monthly information will provide up-to-date advice relating to online matters. For example, this month's newsletter the focus is on **CYBER BULLYING, TIK TOK and POPPY PLAYTIME**. Miss Hamilton, our ICT Co-ordinator, was shared via Seesaw and uploaded on the school's website in the Parents Area.

Healthy Eating

At our school we promote and encourage a healthy eating policy for our children. We would encourage parents to consider what is included in their child's snack each day.

Childhood is a time of rapid growth and development. Good nutrition during this time is important, as it impacts on children's general and oral health now and in the future.

Healthy Snack = Healthy Child





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Who to Speak to in School

Please take time to explain to your child/ren that as well as their teacher they can speak to any of our Child Protection Team. This picture is displayed in school noticeboards as a reminder.

If you are worried, need help or someone to talk to, speak to your teacher, Mrs McKendry, Mr Murdock or Mrs Evans



Mrs McKendry
Designated Teacher
for Child Protection



Mr Murdock
Deputy Designated Teacher
for Child Protection &
Principal



Mrs Evans
Deputy Designated Teacher
for Child Protection

Our school is NUT FREE

Please do not send foods to school containing any type of nuts (including Nutella products)



Thank you
for keeping our school safe!



Allergies



Please be mindful of nut and sesame allergies in school when preparing your child's snack and packed lunch. We have a several children with severe nut and sesame seeds allergies. Thanks.

IMPORTANT Safeguarding Message School Car Park

We would respectfully ask that parents **do not** enter the school grounds in their **cars**. In the interests of our children's safety, staff cars are the only ones permitted to be in the school car park. *The only exception is for those using Breakfast Club between 8.00am and 8.30am and HOP Club after 4.15pm collection.*

Due to the early morning drop off from 8.30am to 8.45am, the school gates will now open at