

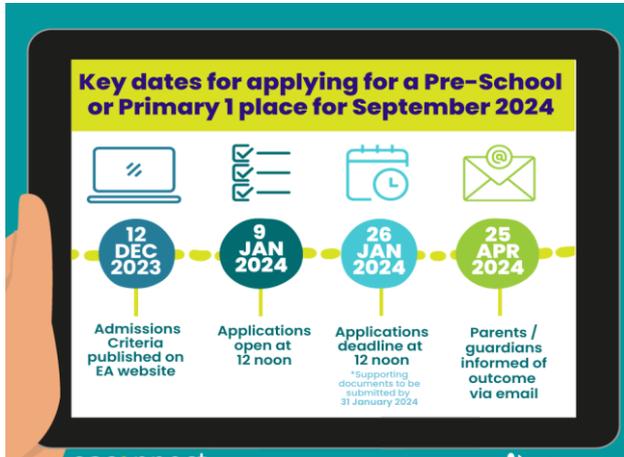


Weekly Update



Wednesday 24th January 2024

Admissions to Nursery and P1 in September 2024



The online portal for admission to Nursery and P1 for September 2024 will close on Friday 26th January at 12.00pm.

Applications after this date will be viewed as late and cannot be considered if all places are filled.

We have provided details on the school website in the 'Parents' section which provide information of our admission's criteria.

Should you know of any friends or family who doesn't have a connection to our school please share this message.

Key Dates for Parents: Applying for a Primary one place for September 2024

- Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 are compulsory school age in September 2024 and must apply for a Primary 1 place.
- Children whose parents deferred their admission to Primary 1 in September 2023 as defined by the new School Age (NI) Act (both groups to be treated equally).



Mr Hullabaloo Visits ISPS

Our Nursery AM, P1 and P2 children enjoyed a visit from Mr Hullabaloo.

The boys and girls had a great time watching many magical tricks!



Key Dates for Your Diary



- 25th January
- 26th January
- 27th January
- 30th January
- 31st January
- 5th – 9th Jan

- Boys' Hockey Blitz – Joey Dunlop Centre
- Girls' Hockey Blitz – Joey Dunlop Centre
- SEAG Transfer Results
- Roots of Empathy Baby Visit
- Cross Country Event – Ulster University
- Parent Interview Week – school closes at 2.00pm



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Ordering School Dinners

Just to remind parents that school dinners should be booked by **9.30am** on the morning of the booking. The early booking allows our school canteen to prepare the correct number of dinners, to reduce wastage.

Many thanks for your understanding and support with this matter.

Change to School Dinner

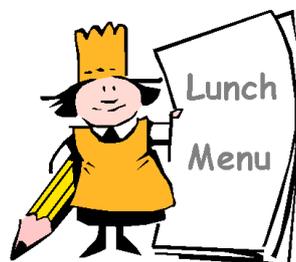
Thursday 25th

January

Chicken &
Broccoli Pie

Or

Bacon with
beans and
potatoes



Punctuality at School

Children arriving at school on time is an important aspect of the school day. Lessons begin at 9.05am and we would ask parents that children arrive in school before this time.

Children arriving after this will be marked as late. Many thanks for your continued support.

Parking in the School Grounds

We would respectfully ask that parents and family members do not park in the school grounds at pick up times.

This is a safety precaution as over 150 children are leaving school at 2.00pm and 3.00pm. ***Having moving cars in the grounds at collection time increases the likelihood of an accident.***

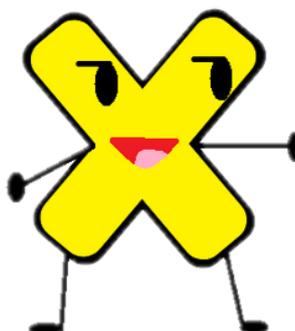
P5 Children Enjoying Writing!



Over the past few weeks our Year 5 children in Mrs Brown and Mr Strong's class have been developing their writing skills using playscripts. Writing was a whole-school development focus last year and this year we are delighted to see some of the excellent writing work that our children are producing!

Well done everyone and keep up the great work!

Multiplication Madness



Our Year 4 children have been working on their multiplication table using many practical materials!

Fantastic work everyone, keep it going!



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Attendance Matters



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Mrs Conway's and **Miss Connolly's** class were the winners with over **99.2%** attendance for the month of **December**! Each class gets to have a visit from our School Mascots for the month. We wonder which class(s) will win December's attendance.

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

Online Safety Newsletter

Each month Miss Hamilton, our ICT coordinator, shares an 'Online Safety Newsletter' via Seesaw. This is also placed on the school website in the 'Parents Area'. **January's** newsletter focuses on 'Consoles', 'Mobiles/Tablets' and 'YOUTUBE'. Please take time to read the full

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