



# Weekly Update



Wednesday 31st January 2024

**Mathletics Success at ISPS!**



***This P5 child was placed  
No.1 in the World in the  
Mathletics Hall of Fame.  
Well done! 🙌***



***Mathletics***



What a busy Assembly we had last Friday! We had 46 Platinum certificates to give out and 3 Emerald certificates! Well done everyone! The Mathletics certificates have recently changed, and we are now working our way across all levels to get Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Emerald, Diamond, Epic and Legend certificates. **Who will be first to get the Diamond? Keep up the super work!**



## Key Dates for Your Diary

31st January

Cross Country Event – Ulster University

31st January

Netball Blitz at ISPS

2nd February

NSPCC Number Day 2024 – non-uniform day

2nd February

Year 4 World War II Day

5th – 9th Feb

Parent Interview Week – school closes at 2.00pm

6th February

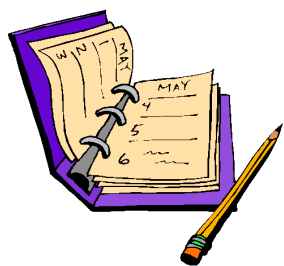
Internet Safety Day

6th February

Doherty Cup Quarter Final v Macosquin PS

9th February

Chinese New Year Celebrations





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## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Just to remind parents that school will close at **2.00pm** for children in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 7**. Children in Nursery and Year 6 will finish at normal times. Please don't forget to book a slot with your child's class teacher to find out about their progress and to ask any questions you may have.

## 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.***

## Multi-cultural Day at ISPS

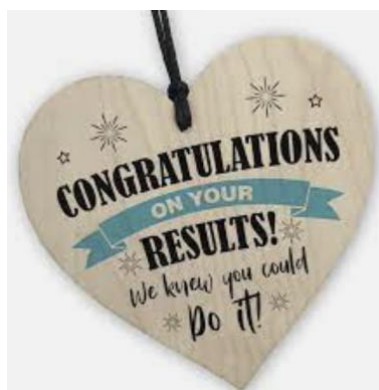


At ISPS we have many different cultures from all over the world. To celebrate this, Miss Connolly is organising an event that will allow our school families share their culture. We hope this will be an opportunity for everyone to find out more about our school family.

## 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.

## SEAG Transfer Results!



On Saturday our Year 7 children received their SEAG Transfer Test scores which determines which school they will select for next year.

We are very proud of their successes and have no doubt they will be an asset to their school when they move on in September. A special mention goes to our Head Boy, Theo Smyth, who achieved one of the highest scores in Northern Ireland. **Theo achieved a Total Standardised Aged Score (TSAS) of 282!** Well done boys and girls!

## New School Dinner – Spring Term



A new school menu for after half-term holidays is available on the school website, in the Parents area.

## 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.**





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## Hockey Blitz – Boys and Girls



Last week our school hockey teams had two super days in Ballymoney and Coleraine at Ulster Hockey's Blitzes. There was great team play and plenty of goals scored! Thanks to Miss Murdoch and Arthur's Mum, Gail, for their coaching and support!

## Northern Ireland Fire Service Visit Year 5



This week the Northern Ireland Fire Service visited ISPS, thankfully not to put out a fire but to teach our Year 5 children about the dangers associated with fire at home. The children were also learning about what to do in the case of an emergency.

Thanks to NIFRS for visiting us to speak to our children about this important topic.

We even found out that one of them was a past pupil of ISPS!



**Northern Ireland  
Fire & Rescue Service**



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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***