

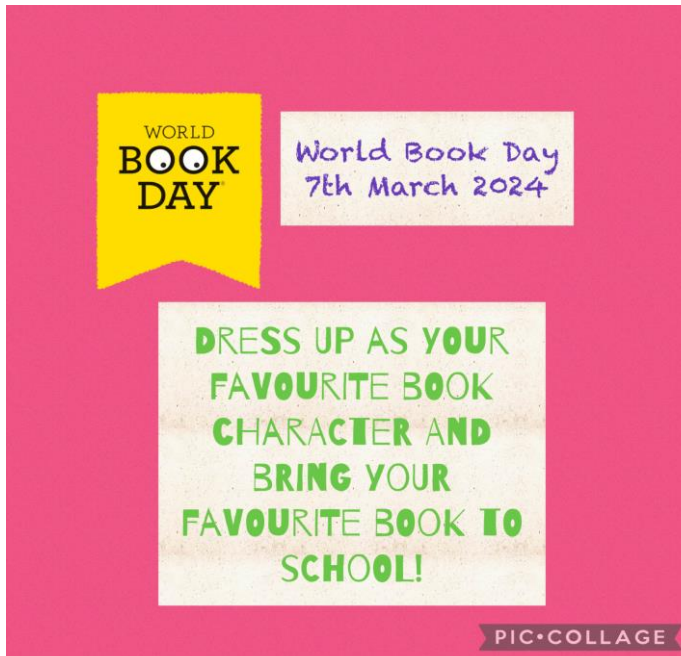


Weekly Update



Wednesday 5th March 2024

World Book Day 2024 and School Book



School Value Winners - EMPATHY



On Tuesday morning at Assembly, Mrs Friel and Mrs Conway presented our winners of February's school value, Empathy to children in Years 1 to 7. We heard wonderful examples of empathy, well done everyone!

Many congratulations to:

Year 1 – Lila and Delilah

Year 2 – Marco and Keegan

Year 3 – Zoe and Oliver

Year 4 – Gracie-Lou and Harriett

Year 5 – Tom and Jacob-James

Year 6 – Josh and Joe

Year 7 - Blake

Key Dates for Your Diary

6th March	London Trip Parents' Meeting – 6.30pm
6th March	Boys' Hockey Festival
7th March	World Book Day 2024
11th – 15th March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week
11th March	PFA Dance-A-Thon 2024
13th March	Multi-Cultural Day 2024
13th March	Professor Adam for Science Week
15th March	The Active Hour





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Girls' Hockey @ ISPS



On Tuesday our girls took part in the Ulster Hockey's Regional Festival at Coleraine Hockey Club. They were undefeated in the group stage and narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-final. They had a fabulous morning of hockey and looked especially smart and proud in their new hockey kit, kindly sponsored by **SPA-JET Limited**. *Thanks to Chloe and Amy's mum and dad for their generous sponsorship for the school team.*

AR Millionaires!



We are so very proud of our recent word millionaires who were presented with their certificates during a recent celebration Assembly. What a fantastic achievement, reading many books and improving their comprehension skills as well as a love of reading! Superb!!

ISPS's Got Science



On Thursday 14th March our annual ISPS's Got Science event takes place in school as part of British Science Week. Children can bring their own experiments to school for a competition that they can show to their class. We also have Mini Professor visiting each class on Wednesday 13th March too!!



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Upcoming PFA Events – Dates for your Diary!

IRISH SOCIETY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

DANCE-A-THON

MONDAY
11 MARCH, 2024

SPONSORSHIP
CHALLENGE OF
£20.24

WHOEVER RAISES THE
MOST WILL WIN A
£50 JET CENTRE
VOUCHER!

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IRISH SOCIETY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Tease Your Brain
& Win Amazing Prizes
Ages 8+

Thursday
11 April

at Irish Society Primary
School Assembly Hall

More info to follow soon
Fireside quiz for little ones!

Irish Society's Parents & Friend's Association

MOVIE NIGHT

FRI 14 JUNE
5.30PM - 7.30PM

Irish Society Primary School school
playing field. Bring your own blanket!

Ticket £5
per
person

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW SOON

Our PFA met a few weeks ago to plan their fundraising activities for Spring and Summer terms.

This starts with a Dance-A-Thon in school on **Monday 11th March**. This is a fun-filled active day which is planned alongside our active Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week! **This will be a non-uniform day for the children.**

Following this we have a Family Quiz Night on **Thursday 11th April** for those families with children in P4-7 – more details to follow soon!

Lastly there is an Outdoor Movie Night planned for **Friday 14th June** from 5.30pm until 7.30pm. This will be a great way to end the school year!

Thanks to our wonderful PFA for putting together these events!



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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.

Safer Schools App NI

For more information, find us at safer.schoolsni.co.uk



To download, search for Safer Schools NI



Safer Schools NI is a partnership between the Department of Education and INEQE Safeguarding Group.



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.

Multi-Cultural Day 2024



OR visit the link below to register:
<https://bit.ly/ispsmulticulturalday>



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Attendance Matters



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Every Day Counts....

GUESS WHO WON THE BEST ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY.....Miss Shiel's (100%), Mrs McKendry's class (98.2%) were the winners FEBRUARY! 100% - WOW!
Each class gets to have a visit from our School Mascots for the month.

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'. **MARCH's** newsletter focuses on 'FORNITE BATTLE ROYALE', 'INSTAGRAM' and 'GOOGLE'. Please take time to read the full document.

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**