

Lissan PS Newsletter

February 2024



Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of February 2024

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see the first signs of Spring and we look forward to better weather, longer evenings and brighter mornings.

This term is always very busy so please keep an eye on Class Dojo and our school website for updated information. Our school Facebook page is a wonderful space for you to see the amazing activities the children are doing in school also.

If you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kindest regards,

Mrs McIntyre

(Principal)





Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want all our pupils to be empowered to think about making positive changes for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe – "**My Voice Matters.**" In school, we will be focussing on a range of activities to develop positive mental health. Please keep an eye on Dojo/ Facebook and the school website to see the wonderful work the children are doing.

We will kick start our week with the Daily Mile!



The Daily Mile is a social physical activity, with children running, jogging, wheeling or walking – at their own pace – in the fresh air with friends. The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children – regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. Children run in their uniforms so no kit or changing time is needed.

- ✓ It's social, non-competitive and fun.
- ✓ The children return to class ready to learn.
- ✓ It helps to improve fitness and achieve a healthy weight.
- ✓ It encourages children to be aware of their health.

P7 Pupils for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Monsignor Curry has invited the 2024 P7 pupils to attend St. Michael's Church on Tuesday 9th April for a "Service of Light" at 7pm. The Ceremony of Light is a pre-Confirmation ceremony and is an important event in preparing our children for Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 17th April at 5 pm in St Michael's Church.



P4 Pupils for the Sacrament of Holy Communion 2024

[Sacrament of Reconciliation – 14th March @7pm](#)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2024

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 18th May 2024** in St Michael's Church at 11am



Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February
2024 (5 days)

Bank Holiday

Monday 18th March 2024 (1 day)

Easter Holidays

School closes at 11.00 am on Thursday 28th
March 2024

Friday 29th March – Friday 5th April 2024 (6
days)

May Bank Holidays

Monday 6th, Monday 27th – Friday 31st May
2024 (6 days)

Summer Holidays

School closes at 11.00 am on Friday 28th
June 2024



Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist

The pupils from P5/6/7 will visit the Church on Tuesday 20th February for Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist as part of their Lenten preparations for Easter.

Safer Internet Day 2024



Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

As part of this annual celebration, we encourage everyone - including children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers and educators, policymakers, industry and others - to join "Together for a better internet". Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on Tuesday, 6 February 2024. In school the children will be involved in a wide range of activities helping them to understand how to keep themselves safe online, and how to make the most effective use of the internet.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo, the school website and Facebook to see all the wonderful things your children are doing. Parents can also follow this link for more information <https://www.saferinternetday.org/resources>



Be smart on the internet

Childnet
International

www.childnet.com

S

SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M

MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A

ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R

RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK
UK
KNOW

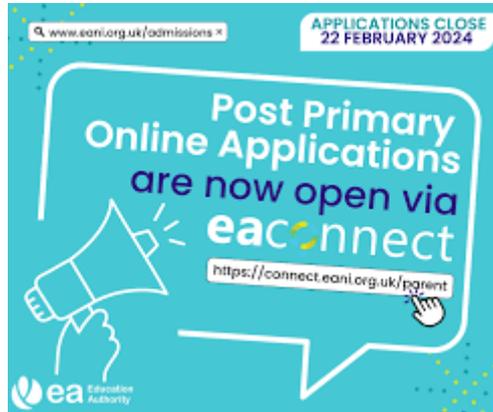
www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART

Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



Primary 7 Information



Online applications opened on **Tuesday 1 February 2024** and will close on **22 February 2024**.

Places are NOT allocated on a first come, first served basis. Post Primary Schools WILL NOT consider applications until after the closing date.

It is important that you:

- Find schools in your area
- Read the Admissions Criteria
- Check what supporting documentation is required to be uploaded with your application
- List at least four preferences on your application
- Check whether transport assistance will be available for your child.

If you require any further information, or would like a telephone or face to face consultation please contact Mrs McIntyre.

Advice for P6 Parents

ADVICE ON THE POST-PRIMARY TRANSFER PROCESS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN P6

As has been the practice over the last number of years the Department of Education has produced a document providing advice to parents of children in P6 on the post-primary transfer process. The purpose of this document is to ensure that parents receive timely information about the range of issues they need to take into account when making important decisions about the next stage in their child's education.

Previously a hard copy would have been provided for parents in January of their child's P6 year however this year the document will be available in electronic form only.

The document is available to download from the Department's website at the following link:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/transfer-process-post-primary-school-advice-parents-children-primary-six>

If you require any additional information please contact the School.



World Book Day – 7th March 2024

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7 March 2024. This annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books, and the joy of reading is collaboration with the National Literacy Trust!

We have many exciting events planned, so keep an eye on Class Dojo and FB. This year, to ensure our families do not incur any additional expenses we will NOT be asking the children to dress up. We do have many more fun activities planned. More information will follow in the March edition of our newsletter.

