

**YEAR 8 ADMISSION PROCESS TO POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

The application process for P7 children transferring to post-primary school in September 2024 is **now open**. You can apply online via the EA website. It closes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 12 noon.

Visit this link <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place> to view the Admissions Criteria for all post-primary schools on the EA website as well as a video and guidance on the Transfer procedure and making your application.

**ROAD SAFE NI SCHOOL QUIZ**

Well done to our P7 children who represented our school at the Road Safe NI, Northern Ireland Primary Schools (P7) Quiz 2024 on Wednesday 31st January at Ards Arena, South Street Newtownards.

**SUMDOG MENTAL MATHS COMPETITION 2nd - 8th February**

The whole school has been entered into the South-Eastern Sumdog Mental Maths Competition. Good luck everyone.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY – Tuesday 6th FEBRUARY**

The children will be reminded about online safety and complete activities. The following link has advice for parents and carers regarding internet safety: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

**P7 BEE SAFE EVENT TRIP**

On Monday 19th February the P7 children will attend the Bee Safe Event organised by Ards and North Down Borough Council. It will be held at the Ards Arena Youth Resource Centre from 9.30am to 11.55am. The children will require a break in a disposable bag.

**WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7th MARCH**

The children may bring their favourite book.

**THE TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR**

The Travelling Book Fair will be returning to school again this year between the 23rd April to the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**EDUSPOT**

Please remember to book Breakfast Club and School Dinners before 7pm on the Sunday a week ahead. The registers are printed off before school on a Monday morning so that they are ready for the class teachers.

**COATS**

Please ensure that you send your child with a coat to school.

**FOOD ALLERGIES**

We have several children in our school who are susceptible to a severe reaction to nuts. It is important to stress that this reaction can be life threatening. Can we remind parents and pupils that under no circumstances should nut products be brought into school. Please check that the contents of packed lunches and breaks do not contain nuts. We are unable to share birthday cakes with the class so we would appreciate it if you do not send these into school.

**HEALTHY SNACKS**

Please remember that on a Monday to Thursday the children should be eating a healthy snack and only on a Friday may they bring a treat.

<b>Dates For Your Diary:</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February.	Sumdog Competition.
Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February	Parent/Teacher Interview week (P1-P4 leave at 1pm and P5-P7 leave at 1:10pm).
Monday 5th February – Sunday 11th February.	Children's Mental Health Week.
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day.
Tuesday 13th February	End of Term Collection Times below: P1-P3 – 2pm P4-P7 – 3pm.
Wednesday 14th February	Staff Development Day. No school for pupils.
Monday 19th February	Term begins P7 Bee Safe Event Trip.
Thursday 22nd February	EA Connect closes for online applications for Post Primary at 12 noon.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day.

Remember to keep checking our School Website, ([www.loughriesips.com](http://www.loughriesips.com)), to keep up to date with all that is going on in School.

Please visit our Facebook page and share and like our posts.

If you have any questions or need advice, then please do not hesitate to contact me by email:

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Kind regards,  
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