

HOUSE TEAM UPDATE

Congratulations to the Falcons, who earned the highest number of points 280 for the month of January! We are very proud of their effort, teamwork and positive attitude. Well done to **Peggy, Reuben Rory G and Lucas** for raising a significant amount of money in the House Team Sponsored Spell Event. The total raised was £667.50 - we will put this money towards playground markings.

In February, pupils are focusing on developing Friendships.

In March, we will be working on Effort.

We are also looking forward to two exciting upcoming events:

- House Teams Skipping Event Thursday 12th March – all children to wear their P.E. uniform.
- House Teams Cross Country Event Thursday 26th March – KS2 children to wear their P.E. uniform.

Well done to all our pupils for their continued enthusiasm and participation. Keep up the great work!

BEESAFE EVENT TRIP

Our P7 pupils attended the BeeSafe event on Friday 20th February. BeeSafe is a multi-agency safety programme designed to help children learn how to keep themselves safe at home, online, and in the community as they prepare for the transition to post-primary school. The children visited six workshops. These were on Mental Health, Home Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour, Road Safety/Bus Safety by Translink, Internet Safety, Fire Safety. There were lots of very important messages to understand and take on board.

P5/6 SWIMMING

The P5/6 commenced swimming on Friday 20th February. Please book using School Money.

SEAG P6 PARENT MEETING -6th MARCH AT 2:15PM-2:45PM

We will be holding a SEAG Parent Meeting for all P6 parents to provide helpful guidance about the registration process and how to best support your child in preparing for the SEAG Entrance Assessments.

During the session, we will outline key dates, explain how registration works, and share practical advice on preparation throughout P6 and P7. This meeting aims to ensure parents feel informed, confident, and supported as their child begins the transfer test journey.

TRANSFORMED – ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Please note that the school will be **closed to all pupils** on the following additional Transformed School Development Days:

- **Tuesday 17th March**
- **Friday 29th May**

These days have been allocated for staff training and development as part of the Transformed school development schedule introduced by the Department of Education.

**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 to 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.

GLUE STICKS

Glue sticks are available to purchase via School Money at a cost of 50p.

Remember to keep checking our School Website,

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,
Mrs Thompson

INTEGRATION MONTH – BETTER TOGETHER - MARCH 2026

March is Integration Month, when schools across Northern Ireland come together to celebrate the principles and values of Integrated Education. Integrated education brings children of different religious, cultural, social and economic backgrounds together to learn side-by-side, building respect, understanding and a shared society. This year's theme is: Better Together.

Throughout the month, pupils will take part in activities that explore diversity, inclusion, shared learning and community. These events help children recognise and celebrate differences while also appreciating the values they share as part of a modern, inclusive school community.

WACKY HAIR DAY WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

Show off your most creative and colourful hairstyle! Pupils should wear full school uniform but are encouraged to go wild and have fun with their hair. £1 donation to IEF – Integration Month.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5th MARCH

Come dressed in your pyjamas, onesies, hoodies or cosy clothes. Perfect for curling up with a brilliant book! Bring one of your favourite books from home. Swap it in class for the day and discover a brand-new story to enjoy! Competition Time: Can you turn a potato into your favourite character? Prizes for the most creative designs. The children have received a World Book Day Voucher.



23 March, 8:00am – 27 March, 12:00pm **South-Eastern Sumdog Mental Maths Competition**

The whole school has been entered into the South-Eastern Sumdog Mental Maths Competition! Throughout the week, pupils will take part in a range of fun, game-based maths challenges on Sumdog—a platform designed to build confidence and strengthen mental maths skills through interactive activities.

Good luck to all our pupils as they compete. We're excited to see how everyone gets on!

KS2 SHOW – CINDERELLA AND ROCKERFELLA WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH AT 10:30AM

Venue: Ards Evangelical Church

Our KS2 pupils are excited to present their production of Cinderella and Rockerfella. The children have been working extremely hard on their performance, and we are very proud of their effort and enthusiasm.

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased via School Money. We look forward to welcoming families to what promises to be a fantastic show!

Dates For Your Diary:	
Monday 2 nd – Thursday 5 th March	PTE and PTM assessments for P7.
Wednesday 4 th March	Wacky Hair Day.
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day.
Thursday 5 th March	Noel Lyons from the ARC21 Recycling Project.
Tuesday 10 th March	P4 and P7 CCEA Assessments.
Thursday 12 th March	P4 and P7 CCEA Assessments.
Thursday 12 th March	House Teams Skipping Event.
Tuesday 17 th March	School closed to pupils.
Monday 23 rd March- 27 th March	SumDog Competition.
Friday 6 th March	SEAG Meeting for P6 Parents. 2:15-2:45pm
Wednesday 25 th March	KS2 Show 10:30am at the Ards Evangelical Church.
Thursday 26 th March.	House Teams KS2 Cross Country Race.
Friday 27 th March	Rolo's in assembly – school band performance.

SCHOOL VISION

Thank you to all our stakeholders who have contributed to our school vision. The Board of Governors have agreed the following:

'At Loughries Integrated Primary School, we believe in the power of education to transform lives. We nurture every child's unique gifts, challenge them to reach beyond limits, and inspire them to become compassionate changemakers in a world that needs unity and understanding. We strive to empower our pupils with the skills, resilience, and values needed to work together, embrace diversity, and make a positive difference in the world.'