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Londonderry Primary School Newsletter

April 2026

A message from Mrs Weir

April already - and just like that we begin our third and final term of the year!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The weather may not have been on our side, but I hope you managed to enjoy some downtime and make the most of it with family and friends.

We are looking ahead to a very busy and exciting term in school. Our P6 and P7 pupils are preparing for their residential trips which is always a highlight of the year and a wonderful opportunity to build independence, confidence and friendships. P7 have lunched their Young Enterprise project, which is always full of creativity and great teamwork.

This term marks an important milestone for our P7 pupils as they will be notified of their next steps in education. It is an exciting time, and we are very proud of each and every one of them as they begin to look ahead to their new schools.

We are delighted to launch our P7 Couch to 5K programme. This is a fantastic initiative to promote fitness, resilience and goal-setting. With better weather on the way, it is a great reminder of how important it is for children to stay active, spend time outdoors and look after their physical and mental wellbeing.

Our Summer Fair is planned for Friday 5th June. As usual we will be looking for volunteers to help with set up and helping out with the stalls throughout the evening. If this is something you are able to assist with, please join us at our next PTA meeting or email Christine for more information: londonderryprimarypta@gmail.com. We also have a PTA Facebook page which will keep you updated with upcoming events and dates of each meeting: [Londonderry Primary PTA](#).

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a positive, productive and enjoyable final term together.

Warm regards,

L. Weir

Travelling Book Fair (Tuesday 5th May)

Book Fair will be open at 2pm and 3pm daily.



Free Friday Breakfast Club



Key Reminders

- Friday 1st May: School Closed (Staff Training New Curriculum)
- Monday 4th May: School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 5th May: Book Fair Arrives
- Wednesday 6th May: P6G Model Primary
- Wednesday 6th May: P7 Couch to 5K
- Saturday 9th May: P7 School Places will be on the portal
- Monday 11th May: P5LK Scrabo Hall
- Monday 11th May: P1 Amazon Jungle Visit
- Monday 11th May: P7 Couch to 5K
- Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th May: P7 Dublin Residential Trip
- Friday 15th May: Coin Wars finish
- Thursday 14th May: P6G Portaferry Aquarium 9.15am-2.30pm
- Friday 15th May: P4A Scrabo Hall Shared Education Showcase Event
- Sunday 17th May: Junior Comber Park Run
- Monday 18th May: SEAG registration opens

- Monday 18th May-Tuesday 19th May: P6 Ganaway Residential Trip
- Tuesday 19th May: P5 Ulster Museum
- Wednesday 20th May: P7 Couch to 5K
- Thursday 21st May: P6G St. Finian's
- Friday 22nd May: PTA Non Uniform day (Bring bottle/chocolate for Tombola)
- Saturday 23rd May: Super Saturday (Grounds tidy)
- Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th May: School Closed
- Friday 29th May: P7 Couch to 5K
- Friday 29th May: P1 Induction for new P1 pupils starting in August (2.15pm)

Forward Planning

- Tuesday 2nd June: Sports Day more details to follow.
- Friday 5th June: Summer Fair
- Monday 8th June: P1 Induction for new P1 pupils starting in August (9.30am)
- Friday 12th June: Healthy Heart Day – Sponsored Fitness Day for whole school
- Saturday 20th June: Stormont 5k Parkrun
- Tuesday 23rd June: Awards Day
- Wednesday 24th June: Meet your new teacher
- Monday 29th June: P7 Leavers Service 2.15pm **(2pm finish for all pupils)**
- Tuesday 30th June: 12.10pm Finish
- Tuesday 25th August: First day back for 2026-27

School News & Highlights

We have launched a new School House System!



All pupils have now been given details about their house. We will be using our exciting new house system to reinforce our School Promise and reward pupils for good behaviour relating to Educating, Encouraging and Caring. Pupils can also earn points through Star of the Week, sports teams and outside school achievements. There will be a number of competitions to earn extra house points during the year. This house system will help to celebrate successes and reward good behaviour across all year groups. Please ask your child about the house system and what house they are in.

Belfast Marathon



We are delighted to share that five relay teams made up of our fantastic staff and parents will be taking part in the Belfast City Marathon this year! You can see who will be running on our school Facebook page.

They will be running not only for the challenge, but also to raise funds for our school. Every mile completed will help support improvements for our pupils, with a special focus on setting up a school library so that our children have access to even more wonderful books and reading opportunities.

If you would like to support our runners and contribute to this project, please consider donating through our crowdfunding page. Every donation, big or small, will make a real difference.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff and parents who are giving up their time and energy for our school community.

You can donate here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/lpsmarathonteam>

Make sure you are signed up to Seesaw so you can access photographs and up to date information relevant to your class.

Information on music tuition for 2026-27



DUNDONALD OFFICE

EA Music is delighted to offer your primary school child the opportunity to learn a musical Instrument from September 2026.

If you would like your child to be considered for Instrumental tuition with an EA Music tutor please scan the QR code to access the form.

Please note: spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, in order of application date and time. To ensure each child has the best opportunity to fulfil their potential, tutors will assess suitability for specific instruments, with allocation made on tutor recommendation only.

**YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FROM
9am on Monday 27th April**

Register via online form at <https://tinyurl.com/EADundonaldtuition>
OR BY USING THE QR CODE

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
HERE



- Places may be limited so register early.
- Instruments will be allocated subject to availability.
- Completion of this Expression of Interest Form does not guarantee selection.

If you do not have online access
please telephone 02890 470223 to register

For more information and regional contact information:
<https://musicservice.eani.org.uk/about-us/find-your-local-music-centre>

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 5 th May	Book Fair Arrives	2pm; 3pm
Weekly	P7 Couch to 5k	In class time
Saturday 23 rd May	Super Saturday	10am-12pm

Contacting the school

If you need to contact the school, please follow our communication pathway.

Start with your child's Class Teacher, then the Key Stage Leader followed by the Vice Principal, and finally the Principal if required. This helps us support you and your child as quickly and effectively as possible.

Key Stage Leaders:

P1& P2: Mrs Hutton (Foundation Stage)

P3&P4: Mr Adams (KS1)

P5, P6 & P7: Mrs Lowry / Mr Robinson (KS2)

Wellbeing & Safeguarding Tip

Keeping Active. As we move into the brighter spring months, it is a great time to encourage children to spend more time outdoors, being active and connecting with others. This can have a big impact on their mood and overall wellbeing.

Contact Us

Phone: 02891 814325

Email: info@lderryps.newtownards.ni.sch.uk

Website: www.lderryps.co.uk

Office Hours: 8:40am – 4:00pm

Dragon's Den:

Mobile 1: 07395 702083

Mobile 2: 07543 453794

The telephone numbers for Dragon's Den are only to be used if you are running late or your child is not attending holiday scheme on a day you have booked for. The school office is to be contacted for any other queries or bookings.