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EDUCATING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

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DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER: Mrs. Coyle

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EYE SCREENING

Good eyesight is crucial in making sure a child develops to their full potential both at school and socially. Research shows that around 20% of school-aged children have an undiagnosed vision problem. It's never too early to have a sight test. Visiting an optometrist will mean you can spot and manage vision problems that may affect your child's development.

It's especially important to look after children's eyes – the eye is still developing throughout early childhood so if problems are treated early, it can make a lasting difference.

HOMETIME SAFETY

The Duty Teacher will always assist the children boarding buses at home time as a priority, so that buses can leave the vicinity, making the area less congested and with safer sight lines.

It is only once the buses have departed that the Duty Teacher will permit other students to leave the gate. We ask that parents remind those carers who may be collecting children, to understand this and to resist from calling children out of the yard when the Duty Teacher is not standing at the gate. We need an orderly exit to ensure pupils are as safe as they can be at this busy time.

BOOK WEEK

The children just loved reading to those younger and being read to, by older pupils as part of the Reading Buddy system and Book Week. We will keep doing what we can to instil a love of reading and books to support their intellectual development.

MATHS WEEK IRELAND

There was great excitement generated throughout the week with a range of different Maths activities. The WEAR A NUMBER DAY stimulated much conversation about numbers and what they represent.

ALPACAS IN TOWN!!

Many thanks go to Rosaleen McClenaghan for bringing in two of her young Alpacas for the children to see and find out about. The Maths Challenge Club came up with a whole host of Alpaca related maths queries to explore.



CAN YOU HELP SOMEONE LESS WELL OFF THAN YOU?

At a recent meeting of local Principals it was decided to highlight information about the Maghera Food Bank. You can donate items through the school, after Christmas which is when our school's turn is on the rota. More details will follow in the January Newsletter.

Equally, do you know of someone who would benefit from being supported by the Food Bank? Someone who may need food or fuel or indeed the services of a qualified and experienced counsellor?

If so you contact Mrs. Kearney or Heather Boyd in the Link, Maghera.

Y7 CONFIRMATION

Bishop Donal McKeown will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Y7 pupils on Thursday April 30th at 5.00pm. School will close early that day so that families can make their final preparations for the ceremony.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR 2019-2020

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd September-Friday 20th December.

Mid-term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.

Spring Term: Monday January 6th (children will attend Mass)-Wednesday 8th April.

Mid-term: Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February.

School closed: Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March.

Summer Term: Monday 20th April-Tuesday 30th June.

School closed Friday 8th May, Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May.

LUNCH TIMES

For Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y7 lunch is from 12 to 12.45pm.

For Y3, Y5 and Y6 lunch is from 12.15 to 1.00pm.

PARENT INTER-VIEWS

Thank you for working with us to complete the October Parent Interviews. Do remember that if you have any concerns throughout the year you can call the office to make an appointment to meet with the class teacher or the Principal.

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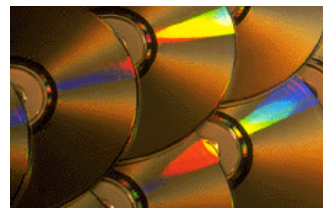
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This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter

can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated

every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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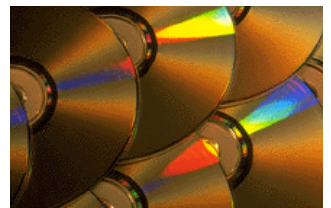
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Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
Email: xyz@microsoft.com

Your business tag line here.


Organization

We're on the Web!
example.microsoft.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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