



Saint John's P.S.

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EDUCATING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION: Mrs. Kearney
DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER: Mrs. Coyle

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BRIGHT START

Congratulations to our staff members, Leader Kirsty McCormick, Deputy Leader Mary C McElowney and assistants Donna Kearney and Lee McGuckin for their great results at the recent inspection by Social Services. We had some requirements to follow up and these are all now addressed. The inspecting social worker was very positive about the work being done in the setting and particularly noted that 'the staff who are kind, gentle and caring practitioners, safeguard children through systems and practices consistent with Regional Child Protection Policies. The equipment and resources provide a stimulating environment and that children demonstrate increasing independence and responsibility'. He said that 'children's views are central to the structure of sessions.' Well done to all!

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

If you happen to be in the foyer have a look at these special achievements which currently include....

For Irish Dancing: Katie, Cara, Shanna all Y5 and Molly Y2.

For playing in Croke Park: Amy Y7 and Daniel Y3.

For donating her hair to the Princess Trust: Grainne Y5.

For helping to triple the world record for numbers training on a pitch at one time in Croke Park: Ailise, Clodagh, Ellie and Mary T, all Y7.

Keep the achievements coming in!

WRITER OF THE MONTH (OCTOBER)

Y1-Darragh Kearney
Y2-Maeve Turner
Y2/3- Grace Kearney
Y4-Ronan Reid
Y5-Cillian O'Kane
Y6-Eva O'Kane
Y7-Clodagh McMullan



Keep up the great efforts! Keep improving!

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD?

Thankyou for the great turnout and for the positive feedback received at the Curriculum Information sessions held earlier in the term.

It was clear that almost all parents found out something new or helpful. Some parents asked to hear more about ...

- *blending sounds*-will mention more next time.
- *about which days the Y2s of the composite Y2/3 are in the Y3 class and what they do on particular days*-chat to the class teacher for a detailed update.
- *how to encourage reading*-show your child that you love reading too!
- *how to help the children learn through play*-keep talking and using your imagination in role play.
- *specific developments for my child*-best to talk to the class teacher.
- *Numeracy*-we will add a bit more next time.
- *what more I can do at home*-if you carry out the suggested activities that will be lots!!
- *World Around Us / topics in class*-see the topic sheet sent out at the start of each term.
- *how/when we find out about class averages*- will be written on tests sent home at Christmas etc.
- *times tables*-try some internet ideas.
- *outside events*-see the summary in the Annual Report.
- *apps and games linked to maths and English*-go to Useful Links on our website.
- *having evening sessions instead*-experience has taught us that more people come to a day session.

We will take your suggestions into consideration for our next meeting. In the meantime we hope some of these answers have been of help.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

At the suggestion of a parent we welcome donations of uniform items no longer needed by you. First sale of these will be in November.

HOLIDAYS FOR 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM
Monday 3rd Sept to Friday 21st December

SPRING TERM
Monday 7th Jan to Thurs 18th April

Mid-term Wed
13th Feb to Tues 19th Feb

SUMMER TERM
Monday 29th April to Friday 28th June

Bank Holidays 6th May, 27th May
PLUS CLOSED
Friday 24th May.

ROAD OF HOPE

Thank you for your generosity and great imagination that was used for filling the shoe boxes going to those less fortunate than ourselves. 108 boxes were donated. In addition we were delighted to receive 30 boxes from our Shared Education partner, Eden P.S. Well done to the School Council and Mrs. Coyle.

Inside Story Headline



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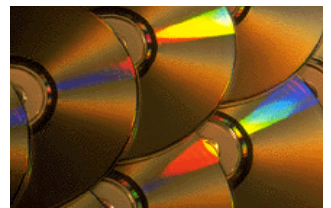
Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

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the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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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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Inside Story Headline

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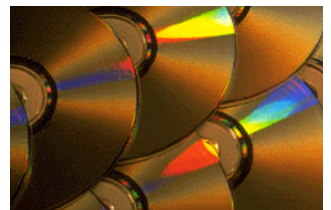
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Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

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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