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EDUCATING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

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ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The EA online digital portal will open at 12 noon on Tuesday January 7th 2020.

Note that it closes at 12 noon on Thursday January 30th and this is the date and time by which parents need to have submitted their application and documents in support of the application.

Please tell any neighbours or friends who may have their first child starting school so that they can be sure to be punctual with their application.

When an application is submitted, parents must remember to bring along to the school, the child's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**.

It's a good idea to look at the published criteria of the first preference school at [www.eani.org.uk/](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions-) admissions- 'Find a Primary School' to see the published admissions criteria which will help with putting in a complete application with all the essential information to ensure the child can readily secure a place.

Any application received after 12 noon on January 30th will be treated as a **late** application.

If anyone has any questions do not hesitate to get in touch at any stage.

CHRISTMAS SHOW FUND RAISER

We are delighted to tell you that the show ticket sales and raffles raised £2890 for school funds, some of which will go towards the pitch debt. We plan to invest in further ICT equipment to replace and augment our resources for the children. We still need to be cautious because of the strain on school budgets as experienced currently in all schools.

BRIGHT START

If you haven't yet used this very convenient and well run service, why not ask a family who has to get their views on the benefits? We know from asking, that children enjoy being looked after by Kirsty and Mary C and they also enjoy getting homework out of the way and then choosing their games and activities. For only £3 per hr + £2 for any sibling this Social Services registered setting represents excellent value for money as well as peace of mind for you.

For those staying after 3 a snack is included. Call the office for more details.

MAGHERA FOOD BANK

It is our turn within our local school cluster, to collect donations of tinned and packet food for the Maghera Food Bank organised by Heather Boyd at the Link. Please send in anything you think would be easy to open and heat up as some young people may be fending for themselves in the evening before mum or dad get back. Think about cans or microwavable foodstuffs.

Equally you may know someone who would benefit from the services of the Food Bank, or indeed benefit from access to a trained and qualified counselor. If so, please get in touch with Heather Boyd/ The Link on 07759964550

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

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.

TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROTA (Subject to change)

Jan 24th Y3 Grandparents' Assembly

Jan 31st Y6 St. Brigid.

Feb 14th Y4

Feb 28th Y7

March 13th Y5 St. Patrick's Assembly at 1.15pm and pupils may go home with relatives afterwards.

March 27th Y2

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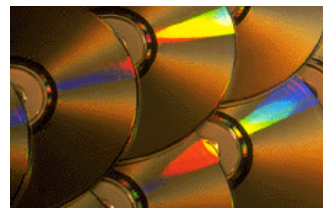
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Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

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.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to

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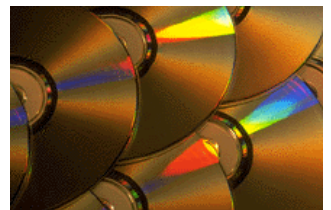
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Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

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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