

LURGAN MODEL

Primary School and Nursery Unit

1863 - 2013 Over 150 years of Education

NEWSLETTER



Est. 1863

September 2015

(028 3832 1003

"Children learn in a supportive and caring environment; they co-operate willingly with their teachers and with one another. They are keen to learn, well behaved and are courteous to visitors."

Education and Training Inspectorate



Welcome back to all our pupils and to children beginning for the first time. We also welcome Miss C McDonald to our staff. Miss McDonald will be covering Mrs Roderick's maternity leave. We wish Mrs Roderick well and hope to hear some happy news soon!

LURGAN MODEL YEAR TEACHERS & CO-O

Mrs Leighton - Nursery - Art & Design

Mrs Towe - Year 1 - The World Around

Mrs Brown - Year 2 - ICT, Assessment,

Miss McDonald- Year 3 - Music

Mrs Whelan - Year 4 - The World Around

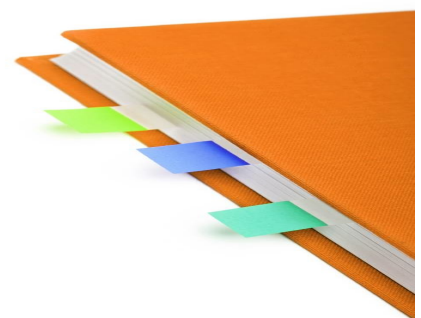
Mr McConville- Year 5 - Special Education

Mrs Spence - Year 6 - Vice Principal, Literacy, Designated Teacher of

Mr O'Hagan - Year 7 - P.E., Pastoral Care, with Religious Education, Deputy

Designated Teacher Child Protection

Mr Campbell - Principal, Numeracy



TIME KEEPING / ATTENDANCE

Please continue to ensure that your child is punctual in their attendance.

Missing days and being late can unsettle a child and make them feel they are missing out. Being late means missing out on registration and preparation and planning and can effect a child's day.

Time keeping at the end of the day is equally important when children are collected from school. Children who are not collected on time at the end of the school day can become distressed and upset.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) KIT - FROM TODAY

Just a reminder that we are asking that for PE pupils from Years 3 - 7 wear:-

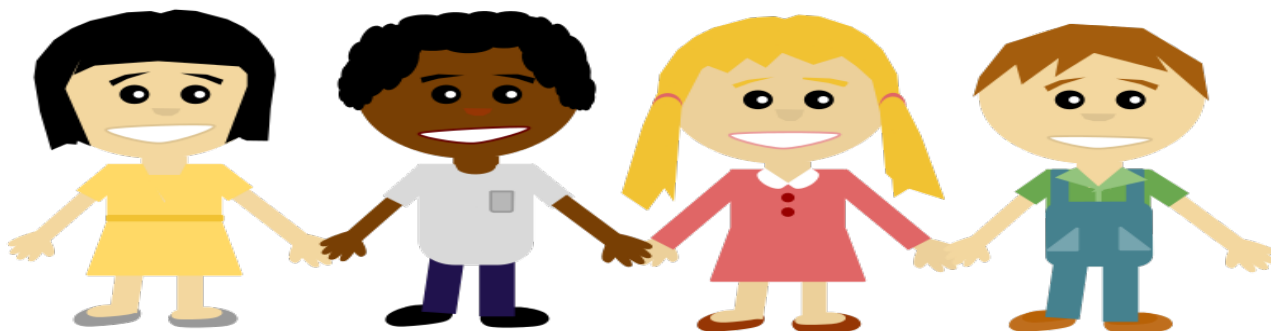
Plain GREEN shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain YELLOW polo shirt

Trainers / Plimsoles (not Hi tops)

We do not want the PE Uniform and the school uniform to be a huge expense for parents and we stress that items of clothing for PE and the School Uniform do not need to have the school logo!

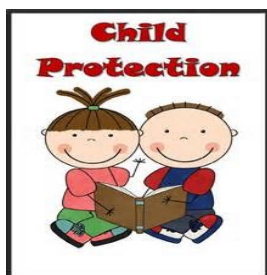
Thank you for your cooperation.



CHILD PROTECTION

The Child Protection Policy Statement is available from the school upon request.

Our Safeguarding Team for Lurgan Model includes:



Mrs Lorraine Spence - Designated Teacher (Vice Principal)

Mr Gerard O'Hagan - Deputy Designated Teacher (Pastoral Care)

Mr Trevor Enderby - Designated Governor

Mr Trevor Harrison - Deputy Designated Governor

Mr Neil Campbell - Principal

INHALERS



Please ensure that if your child is prescribed an inhaler that they bring it with them at school for activities such as PE and swimming. Any child who the school has a record of being prescribed an inhaler will not be able to take part in any off site activity if we know they do not have their inhaler with them.

All inhalers should be clearly marked with the child's name and dosage and should be within expiry date.



ALLERGIES

We ask that in the safety of pupils in the school with egg and nut allergies we are asking parents not to send any food containing these nut items or egg products into school. Thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The PTA works hard throughout the school year to raise funds for the benefit of the pupils in our school.

If you would like to join the Parent Teacher Association or help out when needed please contact Mrs Brown.



LURGAN CREDIT UNION



Over the past couple of years Lurgan Credit Union has been running a very successful Savings Scheme for pupils in Lurgan Model on a weekly basis. Pupils help each week with administration.

A lot of children are members of the Credit Union. They can join at any time by going, with a parent, to the Credit Union with relevant documentation or through the school if a form is completed and we have permission to forward the child's Birth Certificate. The form is available from Mr Campbell.

Please note that all withdrawals can only be made at the Credit Union offices at 40 Church Place, Lurgan during normal opening hours.

Healthy Kids Programme

Year 5, 6 & 7 will be taking part in the Healthy Kids Project. This 8 week programme starts on Tuesday 8th September and runs for 8 weeks. Each class will receive a 35 minute session with a professional sports coach and will be taught about physical fitness and exercise. Lurgan Model was one of five schools to pilot this programme which has now rolled out across the Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council Area.

Afterschool Clubs

Letters about afterschool clubs are being sent home today. The following are available:

- Miniversity
- Dance
- Adult Dance



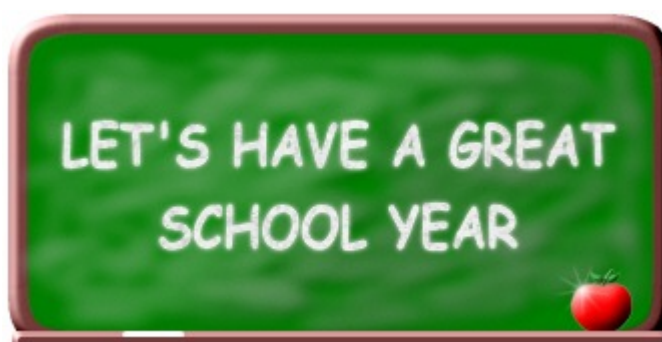
Lurgan Library visits

Year 6 pupils will be visiting Lurgan Library on Wednesday 30th September. Further visits for some other classes will be organised later in the year.



We try to inform our parents about what is happening in our school.

If there is anything you think we can do to make our Newsletter more informative please let us know.



Planned School Closures 2015 / 2016 for Pupils (Holiday / Staff Training)

To help you plan for family holidays, planned school holidays for children 2015 / 2016 are listed below. If there are any changes you will be informed as soon as we know. The school does not authorise holidays outside the school holiday times.

October 2015

Thursday 30 & Friday 31 (Holiday)

November 2015

Monday 3 (Holiday) & Tuesday 4 (Staff Training)

December

Friday 19 (HALF DAY) to Wednesday 31 (Holiday)

January 2015

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 (Holiday)

February

Friday 13 (Staff Training)

Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 (Holiday)

March

Tuesday 17 (Holiday)

Wednesday 18 (Staff Training)

April

Wednesday 1 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day 12noon

Thursday 2 to Friday 10 (Holiday)

May

Monday 4, (Holiday)

Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 (Holiday)

Thursday 28, Friday 29 (Staff Training)

June

Tuesday 30 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day 12noon



