

Open Night Newsletter

I hope that you enjoy reading our latest newsletter. The articles that we have included will provide you with a flavour of what we can offer the children who attend Lisnasharragh Primary School. In May 2014 the school had a highly successful inspection. We have included a number of the comments that were made by the inspection team on the second page of this newsletter. If you would like to find out more about the school please come along to our Open Night on Tuesday 1 December at 6.30pm. My 'Principal's Talk' is at 7.00pm. Parents with children due to begin P1 in September 2016 will be able to collect information packs and application forms from Friday 27 November. Each year the school is permitted to accept up to 60 children into P1. In this current academic year we have two classes in Primary 1, 2, 3 and 4. Boys and girls of all ages are very welcome to attend our Christmas Activity Morning on Saturday 5 December from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Please come along - it would be great to meet you! P Monks (Principal)



The Fort Of The Foals

Lisnasharragh Primary School



**Do you have a child
who is due to begin
Primary 1 in
September 2016?**

If the answer is 'Yes'
please come along
and visit our school:

Open Night
Tuesday 1 December
from 6.30pm

**Christmas
Activity Morning**

Saturday 5 December
from 10.00am

*You are also welcome to have
an individual tour of the school
during the week commencing
Monday 30 November.*

028 90 401211

Please visit our website...
www.lisnasharraghps.com

Drum Lessons



Mr McDowell teaches us new beats and rhythms. We both have electric drum kits at home to practise on. James and Ben P6

Good Work!



I brought some good work to show Mr Monks. It was about adding tens and units. Mr Monks put my name on his good work board. Eddie P4

School Building, Facilities and Learning Resources

Some additions to our school building, facilities and learning resources.



new ICT suite with multi media system

a new roof for the front of the school

a refurbished front entrance hall

refurbished toilet blocks and cloakrooms

refurbished staffroom and offices

refurbished hall with multi-media system

a new play based learning centre

a new Primary 2 lunch room

a new inter-floor lift

new internal fire doors with auto closing

new ceiling lighting throughout school

internal painting of corridors and rooms

a new multi-use games area with lights

a new outdoor play unit for P1 and P2

all tarmac areas have been resurfaced

a new parent and toddlers area

a new boiler house and heating system
a new security system with CCTV
a 'quiet area' beside P3-P7 playground
new garden area with storyteller's chair
interactive whiteboards for all rooms



52 new computers for the classrooms
new internal and external signage
iPads to support the children's learning
two refurbished lunch canteens
two new covered cycle parks
new gymnastics and tennis resources
new flooring for P1 classroom
refurbishment of offices corridor
a second photocopier, located upstairs
classroom resources for all areas

Lisnasharragh Primary School Inspection (May 2014) What did the inspectors say?

"The children are working in a very stimulating learning environment."



"Twenty two lessons were observed during the inspection. In the majority of these lessons the teaching was either 'very good' or 'outstanding'."

"The well planned play-based learning sessions and routines provide the younger children with valuable and fun opportunities to be self-reliant and apply their developing skills in both literacy and mathematics."

"In P1 and P2 the children are developing excellent reading and writing strategies. They have the confidence to attempt and write an expanding range of words and sentences independently."

"There is clear evidence of planning for progression across the key stages to ensure a coherent and consistent approach to the acquisition and development of literacy skills."

"In all classes, the children have a positive disposition to and enjoy their learning in mathematics."

"There are things happening at Lisnasharragh that should be sung from the rooftops."

"The teachers at Lisnasharragh have high expectations for the children."

"The teachers mark for improvement adding comments that are age-appropriate."

"The teachers put much effort into providing a stimulating and broad variety of well-connected learning experiences."



"The school gives a high priority to promoting a healthy lifestyle."

"The children who require additional support with aspects of their learning benefit from a balanced combination of highly effective withdrawal sessions and carefully planned in-class support from their teachers and classroom assistants."

"The staff provide a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities which enhances the quality and range of the children's overall learning experiences."

"The quality of pastoral care at Lisnasharragh is outstanding."

"The children, whose behaviour is exemplary, are happy and relaxed in a stimulating learning environment."

"There is a very inclusive ethos within the school, for example, all children have access to after school activities, the choir, productions and other performances."

"There is a great sense that parents are involved in the life of the school."

"There are very high quality working relationships amongst all members of the school community."

"The educational visits provided extend the overall learning of the children at Lisnasharragh."



"The school has developed a wide range of purposeful and beneficial partnerships with the local and wider community."

"Lisnasharragh Primary School is on an 'upward trajectory'



Lisnasharragh Primary School has been enjoying great Eco success! Just before the summer holidays, the school was presented with the prestigious Green Flag Award. This gives us official Eco-School status and confirms that the children and the staff at Lisnasharragh are concerned about ecological issues within the school and surrounding area. The Eco Schools assessors said, "There are many activities going on and lots of enthusiasm is evident. The school is very strong regarding recycling. All children and staff are involved. The school is very creative and displays originality with some of the ideas including eco snitches, monster box, eco mascot and eco songs. There are never-ending strengths." The Eco Committee worked very hard on a variety of areas to prepare for the Green Flag assessment focusing mainly on 'Waste and Recycling'. Other projects worked on included biodiversity where the Primary 1 pupils were involved in setting up a bug hotel and spider traps in the eco garden. Bird boxes and bird feeders were sited in various trees within the school grounds. Seeds to attract various insects were planted in flower beds which had been dug over by the local scout group. Hanging baskets were made from recycled plastic bottles. Composters were put in place and food waste from pupils' snacks added to them. Bird scarers made from old CDs were made by the Primary 3 children to keep the birds away from the plants and composters. The children also focused on the use of energy within the school. They set up an 'eco snitcher' system whereby they carried out spot checks on teachers' rooms at break and lunch times to ensure energy wasn't being wasted by lights, computers and whiteboards being left switched on.



Less than one week later, members of the Eco Committee attended the final of a competition called 'The Wheelie Big Challenge' at the City Hall in Belfast. This competition involved audits of various classroom bins to see how much of the contents could have been recycled. The children then came up with various ways to address this and hopefully reduce the amount that should have been recycled. Some of their ideas included setting up a scrap paper box in every room so that paper would be used on both sides before it reached the recycle bins and encouraging bringing in reusable containers for snacks and packed lunches. They carried these actions out (and many others) for a number of weeks and then did further audits to see if there had been any improvement. There definitely was a vast improvement and the children learnt a great deal about the problems of waste and recycling. At the final, the pupils presented their display and findings to a panel of judges and spoke extremely knowledgeably. They demonstrated excellent understanding of waste and the associated problems. The school was then delighted to be awarded first place receiving £500 to be spent on eco-projects within the school. A new Eco Committee has been elected and the main focus will continue to be reducing waste. To begin with we are planning a 'Zero Waste at Snack Time' competition in the Autumn Term. Classes will be encouraged to think about their choice of snack and use of reusable containers. S McCleery



The Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am each morning and it is not necessary to book in advance. For the 2-3 Club parents complete a booking form on Thursday (for the following week) and send it into school with the correct money. The Afternoon Club runs from 2.50pm to 5.00pm. For this club we ask parents to complete a form that covers the next four school weeks. All aspects of this provision are staffed by our classroom assistants.



Breakfast Club

**7.45am - 8.45am
for P1-P7 children**

**£3 per day or £15 for all week
£25 per week for 2 children**

We go to the Breakfast Club which is in the Play Based Learning Centre. It opens at 7.45am and is organised by three of the classroom assistants; Mrs Graham, Mrs Todd and Mrs Hall. Everyone is very kind. For breakfast we can have cereal, pancakes, toast, yoghurt, fruit juice, milk or water. After we have had our breakfast we can play with our friends. There are lots of things to play with including Lego, Play-Doh, board games and drawing materials. When the bell rings at 8.45am we walk to our classrooms and get ready to begin our lessons. Aimee & David P6

Healthy Eating in Primary 2



In P2 we eat a healthy snack every day. Amy I have milk to drink. It is good for you. Chloe R I like the bananas we are given for snack best of all. They are nice and sweet. My favourite snack is the purple grapes. Blake The carrot sticks are very crunchy. Finn I love the oranges because they are super, super juicy! Luke I like baby tomatoes. They are very tasty. Rosie We often have cheese and biscuits. Martha My favourite fruit is an orange. It is cut up into little granny's teeth. Charlotte I like green apples the best. Ethan Pineapple is really yummy. Elsa

2 to 3 Club

**2.00pm - 2.50pm
for P1, P2 and P3 children**
£2.50 per day

Some days we go to the 2-3 Club. It is for children in who are P1, P2 and P3. When the bell rings at 2.00pm we go to the Play Based Learning Centre. Mrs Hall and Mrs Todd organise games for us to play. Sometimes we play a game called matching pairs where we have to find two pictures that are the same. If the weather is good we go outside where we can play football in the school garden or go on the climbing frame. When it is time to go home we get our coats and go to the P1-P2 door where we are collected by our parents. On Fridays we are given a sweet as a special treat. Lily and Naomi P3

P5/6W Physical Education



In P5/6 this year, in line with our Rugby World Cup theme, we have enjoyed devising and performing our own Haka in dance. We created our Hakas in small groups and then recorded our performances using the iPads. Finally, we evaluated our Hakas and tried to improve our performance. We also enjoyed a number of Tag Rugby sessions with Ulster coach Sam McBurney. The children enjoyed evasion and passing drills as well as some small-sided games. We learnt important lessons about fair play and the importance of always respecting the referee. During the last few weeks we have been enjoying educational gymnastics. Our theme is 'transference of weight'. We are really enjoying putting together short sequences of movement and balances. M Willis

Afternoon Club

**2.50pm - 4.00pm
and
4.00pm to 5.00pm**
for P1-P7 children

**£4 per for each session
£2 reduction when your child is attending an after school activity.**

We both go to the Afternoon Club. Children can stay there until 4.00pm or 5.00pm. Sometimes we are given pancakes, toast or yoghurt to eat. We play board games such as Frustration and Connect 4. Once, we made a scarecrow using old wallpaper. A few weeks ago we did some baking. We made lovely top hats and rice krispie buns. If it is a nice day we go outside and have fun in the play park.

Chloe P2 and Nadia P4

Christmas Activity Morning

**Saturday 5 December
10.00am - 12.30pm**
Everyone welcome - it's free!



Primary 3 Model Volcanoes



Primary 3 are busy learning about their new topic of 'Dinosaurs'. The children worked together in groups to build model volcanoes. They used scrap materials. We re-use materials when at all possible. They had great enjoyment watching their volcanoes erupt. We did this by causing a chemical reaction involving vinegar and baking soda! Next, we will be making dinosaur ice-eggs and looking at the effects of ice on the environment.

S McCleery

Lisnasharragh Sports Park

Monday Tuesday Wednesday
£30 per hour with floodlights
Telephone - 028 90 401211



Lisnasharragh Sports Park (our own Multi Use Games Area) is now available for hire by groups within the community at a cost of £30 per hour. The MUGA is the size of two tennis courts with a rubberised polymeric surface. Please contact Mrs J Childs for details.



Primary 7 Junior Entrepreneur Programme 'Healthy Tuck Shop'

After Christmas we will be taking part in the Primary 7 Junior Entrepreneur Programme. Last year Mr Houston's class decided to run a 'Healthy Tuck Shop' for a few weeks. They started off by dividing up into groups and thinking of some different business ideas. Each group designed a giant poster and made a PowerPoint presentation about their proposal. Then the groups presented their ideas to some business owners in the 'Dragon's Den'. The four dragons decided that the best idea was a 'Healthy Tuck Shop'. After that the whole class became involved in setting up the 'Healthy Tuck Shop' as a real business. They had to decide which products they were going to sell and most importantly what the prices were going to be. Children and adults were invited to invest in the new company and at the end everyone made a profit on their investment! The current P7 children are really excited about starting their own business. *Lucy and Ryan P7*



Rugby World Cup Project and visit to the Kingspan Stadium



During the Rugby World Cup we studied the countries that were taking part. We discovered information about the capital city, population, language, currency and whether or not the country had a monarchy. Some pairs presented the information on boards, others used the computer. We enjoyed watching the matches and also learning lots of new geography! Once again, the Rugby World Cup was won by New Zealand. Congratulations! *Courtney and Mia P7*



When we visited the Kingspan Stadium we learnt that it has a capacity of 18,196. We were given a tour of the Nevin Spence Centre and players' gymnasium where we saw Rory Best who is Ulster's hooker. He also played for Ireland in the World Cup. We also visited the players' changing rooms where we saw the showers and ice-bath. It takes two hours to fill the ice bath and the players have to climb up steps to get into it. We also saw the Memorial Arch that was built in 1928. We also ran down the players' tunnel and sat in the dugout. Upstairs, there were some interactive games including kicking the ball over the bar and tackling players who were trying to run past you. Famous players had signed their name on the wall. We saw where the players are interviewed. We were really excited about going to the home of Ulster Rugby and would love to go there to see Ulster playing a big match!

Joanna, Romy, Andrew, Carter J, Lena B P5/6

Fundraising for Charity



In September 2015 some of my friends and I held a collection for 'Friends of the Cancer Centre'. When we added all of the contributions we had a total of £101.68. During 2015 Lismasharragh Primary School has also raised money for 'Marie Curie Cancer Care', 'Cancer Focus NI', 'Children in Need' and the 'Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund'.
Mckenzie P6



Our First Term in Primary 1

Our P1 children have had a busy first term. These photographs show just some of their learning activities. Much of the P1 work during the Autumn term is linked to the topic 'Fruit'.



The children in P1 are sound seekers! We use 'Jolly Phonics' and the 'Sounds Write Scheme' in a fun, hands-on way to understand that words are made up of sounds and syllables.



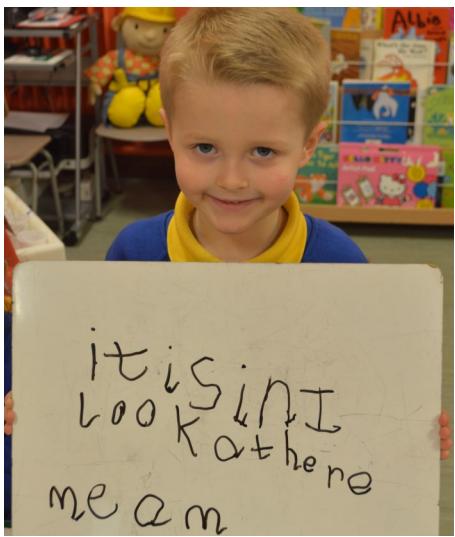
We all have fun with 'Number Nick' and his counting stick. We are ordering our numbers and make sets to match each numeral.



During the 'Fruit' topic we read a story called 'Handa's Surprise'. After making animal masks we had a think about what each animal would say and with the help of the teacher we had a go at recording this in a speech bubble.



During play time we often use the interactive whiteboard to develop our ICT skills as well as consolidating our Numeracy and Literacy skills. We really enjoy using our big hand pointers.



Dry wipe boards are used to help us practise recording sounds and some words. This is done both formally and informally. The children love the 'look, say, wipe away' system that we use in Primary 1 and beam with pride when praised for all their efforts. Their writing is amazing!



The children in P1 love doing construction work. They use a variety of resources during our play time which are themed to our topic.



Count your pennies! We have been using real pennies in our shop and have been counting pennies on our interactive whiteboard.



P1 enjoy working with malleable materials especially Play Doh with which they make things related to our topics. The children also roll out and mould sounds and numbers.



The children love to handle real fruit in the fruit shop. They collect fruit from the snack counter and then they serve each other.

What I like about Primary 1

- I like making biscuits out of Play-Doh. Eva
- I like playing with the Play-Doh. Lauren
- I like being out in the playground. Lily
- I love playing with my friends. Lucy
- I love playing with the skipping ropes. Megan
- I love when we do number work. Sofiya
- I love going to the 'Birthday' corner. Martha
- I love drawing animals. Emily
- I like snack time eating apples. Alexus
- I love play time because we move around to all the different toys. Ellie
- I like learning new words. Lucy
- I really like snack time. My favourite fruit is a banana. Daisy
- I love going to the 2-3 Club. Amber
- I like going to dinners. Sara
- I like seeing my best friend Lauren. Lily
- I like playing in the Birthday Party corner. Lea
- I really like number time when we do our sorting. Mollymae
- I love having lunch at school. Charlie
- I like playing with the Lego. Zach
- I like reading with Mrs Hall. Cain
- I love playing outside and having lunch. Ethan
- I like writing on the whiteboards. Bradley
- I like playing on the interactive whiteboard with Ethan. Joshua
- I like learning new words. Rylee
- I love writing my sounds. George
- I like playing number games. Junior
- I love playing in the house. Kaelin
- I like reading my school reading book with daddy. Dion
- I like learning our numbers. Scott
- I like big sound letters. Emily
- I like having dinners. Lewis
- Making sounds with felt tips. Eve
- I like to go to 2-3 Club. Lexie
- I like my snack time. Brooklyn
- I like counting with the number stick. Thea
- I like reading big books. Leah
- I love to go in the playroom. Katie
- I like doing numbers. Elizabeth
- I like lunchtime playing with P2. Rebecca
- I like doing PE. Zac
- I just like outside play park. Ewen
- I like counting. Zara
- I like birthdays. Denis
- I like my packed lunch. Jude
- I like the soft play area. Jack
- I like the hot toast. Juliet
- I like playtime. Evie
- I like the birthday topic. Cameron
- I love to write. Kacey
- I like reading. Mia
- I like doing my homework. Kaiden
- I like soft play. Ethan
- I love writing on my big dry white board. Kyle
- I like to go to soft play. Sofia
- I like playing outside with chalk. Macie
- I like to play outside. Reece
- I like playing games on the big interactive whiteboard. Sasha

P2 Toytime with Nanny

I liked the ballerina best because she twisted round. Nanny Audrey had a rag doll. When we turned her upside down she changed from Little Red Riding Hood's granny to the Big Bad Wolf. Katie P2

The nanny at Mount Stewart looked after Lady Mary when she was a little girl. The Jack-in-the-Box was really noisy and the monkey jumped out with a big bang. I was very good at using the yo-yo. Rhys P2

I liked the old Teddy because he was so sweet. He had no fur because he was old. I also liked playing with the acrobat. The best thing was that we got to play with the toys. Freddie P2



After School Activities Programme

Autumn Term (2015-16)

Monday

- Lego Club (P4)**
- School Council (P5-P7)**
- Hockey (P6-P7)**

Tuesday

- Scripture Union (P3-P4)**
- Football (P4-P5)**
- Good News Club (P5-P7)**

Wednesday

- Eco Committee (P4-P7)**
- Netball (P6-P7)**
- Cookery (P6-P7)**

Thursday

- Soft Play Club (P2)**
- Drama Club (P3)**

Choir (P5-P7) - please see photo above

Friday

- Football (P6-P7)**

All After School Activities at Lisnasharragh Primary School are free!

We attended cookery lessons on Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Crawford who is a great cook! In the first week we made 'Mars Bar Scones'. They were relatively easy to make and they tasted absolutely delicious! In Week 2 we made toasties using a range of different fillings. In the final week we made oatmeal biscuits. The best part of cookery was that we were able to eat the items that we made. Our favourites were the scones! We are looking forward to trying some more cookery as part of Home Economics when we move to our new school in September. *Madison and Rachel P7*



At our School Council meetings after school we discuss things that could be improved. Last week we went to Mr Monks to ask him if it would be possible to have the children's water cooler fixed. *Andrew and David P6*

On Fridays we go to football with Mr Houston and Miss Carson. We practise our skills and then play some matches. *Henrik and Kenzie P6*



On Wednesday afternoons we go to netball practice with Mrs Hewitt and Miss Herron. We have been learning the different positions and where each player is allowed to go. There are seven players on a team and the positions include Goal Defence, Centre, Goal Attack and Goal Shooter. The skills that we are developing include catching the ball safely, passing quickly from one player to another and how to move our feet correctly. Eventually, we will be able to play some matches against other schools. We are really looking forward to representing our school at netball! *Emma C and Caitlin P7*

Primary 6 Visit to Seaboard Outdoor Education Centre, Killyleagh



In October the Primary 6 classes took a trip to the Seaboard Outdoor Centre in Killyleagh. When we arrived we were given a tour of the centre. Then we found our dormitories and made our beds. Before the first activity we received our red wetsuits and yellow helmets. Then we went by mini-bus to Tollymore Forest Park for an adventure walk. We crawled 'army style' under some benches then split into two teams. We climbed trees and had a race to see who could roll down a hill the fastest. Then we all went through a tunnel, even Mrs Todd went through it! Next we walked through a shallow river and under a bridge with deep water. We all had to waddle on our haunches to avoid getting too wet. When we climbed out of the river Joanne told us to find a stick and hold it above our heads, trying not to get it wet as we waded across a pond. By this time our feet were already quite wet so Joanne told us to walk through a river that was quite deep and to go under the waterfall. After all that we were quite wet, however, we really enjoyed it.

After dinner Kieran explained how to use a GPS to find our way around. We went outside at 7.30pm and using the GPS we had to find little pieces of paper which had the names of the islands in Strangford Lough. This was a fun activity which involved using our torches and running around the grounds of the centre to find the names. We stopped the activity when one of the groups had found all of the names of the islands. We came back inside the centre, had supper and then went to bed.

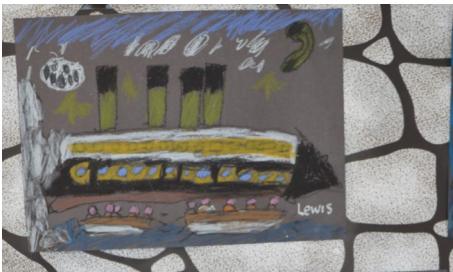


On Thursday morning we put on our wetsuits, yellow helmets and life jackets. We split into two groups and got into the speedboats. First we went to the shipwreck and then we visited Salt Island where we learned about St Patrick and how the Strangford Lough area was used for training in WW2. We really enjoyed being out on the speedboats. Later, at Downpatrick Museum we dressed up as Vikings. We made clay necklaces and carved our names on them in Viking writing. We saw the prison cells in the Museum, as it had been a prison a long time ago. That night we watched 'Horrid Henry the Movie' and ate popcorn. Next morning we went to the River Quoile for an 'un-natural walk'. We had a really good time at Killyleagh and learnt lots of things about our environment as well as trying many activities that we had not done before. It was great! *Shannon and Ross P6*



Our topic in P5 this term is learning about the Titanic. It is very interesting but also very sad that so many people died. The Titanic was built in Belfast's Harland and Wolff shipyard. It was meant to be unsinkable and it was to be the biggest and most luxurious ship that had ever been built. The company who built it was called The White Star Line. They wanted their ship to make the fastest journey across the Atlantic so everyone would want to sail with them. The richest people in the world were on the Titanic and lots of them drowned. The Titanic had a swimming pool, a gym, lots of restaurants, a telegram room, a grand staircase and even an electric lift on board. There were first, second and third class passengers and they had their own separate quarters and decks. When the Titanic hit an iceberg the passengers did not really believe that it would sink and went on enjoying themselves or sleeping. Once they realised it was really sinking there was panic.

There were not enough lifeboats and many of the lifeboats were not full when they were launched. The new distress signal SOS was used for the first time by the Titanic. There was a ship close enough to save everyone but they had switched off their radio for the night! The Carpathia rescued the people who had got into the lifeboats and brought them to the city of New York in the United States of America.



We used books, the internet and video clips to learn lots of amazing information about the Titanic. We are all really looking forward to our visit to the Titanic Quarter in Belfast. **P5N**

Musical Production of 'Pirates of the Currybean'

In May 2015 we took part in the production of 'Pirates of the Currybean'. P6 and P7 had to audition for their roles. It was embarrassing but well worth it in the end. We got the parts of two health and safety officers, Arthur Wally (A Wally) and Albert Pratt (A Pratt). The show was obviously a comedy! We rehearsed most days to make our performances perfect. On the night of the show we had butterflies in our stomachs but once we got on the stage it was so much fun! Our best part was the applause and cheers at the end! **Kirsten and Emma P7**



In the photograph above I am using my 'smart brailler'. I use this to write. In the photograph below I am using the 'light table' to help me see an x-ray of a bone. **Sala-Joy P3**



Lisnasharragh Primary School Parent and Toddlers Group

Our Parent and Toddlers Group continues to meet every Wednesday morning between 9.45am and 11.30am. Weekly activities include a visit to the soft play room, craft and singing. So far this term we have made hedgehogs, monster puppets and dinosaur masks. We have also enjoyed a visit from 'Jump, Jiggle and Jive'. Our final meeting before Christmas is on 9 December when we are expecting a visit from Santa! Many thanks to our very dedicated volunteers who all help to make our group such a success. **S Monks (Group Leader)**



We asked some of the children who transferred from Lisnasharragh in June 2015 to tell us about their experiences at their new school.



We are currently in Year 8 at Grosvenor. We both really love our new school although there are things we miss about Lisnasharragh such as being the oldest children! In P7 Mr Houston helped to prepare us for our new challenge and also taught us how to become independent learners. We have more freedom to move about on our own and our teachers are really nice. It has been great trying interesting new subjects like German and Home Economics. We also like the food in the canteen and being the only year group to be allowed to go in the Memorial Garden. Hopefully, lots of this year's P7s will join us in 2016!

Kaci and Charlie



Hello! Last year I was in P7 at Lisnasharragh Primary School. In September I started Year 8 at Strathearn Grammar School. The transition from primary school to secondary school was surprisingly easy. I expected it to be quite frightening and even overwhelming but I seem to be doing fine. My day begins with a visit to my locker where I collect my books for periods one to three. We have nine periods each day, each lasting for thirty five minutes. Each day, classes can be single, double or triple periods. One difference from primary school is that at break and lunch we can walk about inside the school building. I have made lots of new friends and acquaintances. There is a wide range of new subjects to learn and exciting activities to experience.

Julia



I moved from Lisnasharragh Primary School to Year 8 in Bloomfield Collegiate Grammar School which is in Ballyhackamore, Belfast. So far, my favourite subjects are English and Art. I am also enjoying learning to speak German and French. German is quite an easy language to learn. In Home Economics we have made apple and cinnamon buns and some tasty brownies. When the food is ready we can either eat it or take it home. After school I attend netball practices and go to the Drama Club where we do some different role play activities. Everyone in Year 8 is given a locker. This is really useful although unfortunately it is not large enough for me to fit my hockey stick inside! One of the best things about moving to a new school is that you have the opportunity to meet lots of new people. My new friends include girls who attended primary schools in Holywood and Ballywalter.

Mia

Stranmillis University College Programmes

Teaching Practice Placements starting in January 2016



Two student teachers from Stranmillis will be teaching at Lisnasharragh in the Spring Term.

Spanish Lessons with Primary 4, 5 and 6



We have been learning how to say the names of animals in Spanish with Mr Fleming. Aaron



Miss Coll told us the famous story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' - in Spanish!

Playful Technology Project (Primary 5/6W)



Miss Hudson gave us batteries, wires and bulbs. We used these to make an electrical circuit. Our bulbs lit up! Daniel and Bradley P6

Assembly Talks and Lessons for Primary 3



Zara told us the story of The Good Samaritan. She said we can help others by sharing and saying nice things.

Jake and Julia P3

Stretching our Sentences (P3)



We were given a partner and together we made up some sentences.

Julia P3

We used the five Ws to make our sentences much more interesting.

Jack T P3

We started off with a short sentence and after we put in each new word the sentence started getting bigger and bigger.

Katie P3

Ewan and I started with, 'My cute puppy' and finished with 'My cute puppy is sleeping at midday in the attic because he stayed up to 1.00am!'

Coby P3

We had lots of fun improving our sentences. It works with any sentence!

Naomi P3

We are now going to use the five Ws - 'who', 'what', 'when', 'where' and 'why' - in our stories to make them more exciting to read.

Matthew

P4M

Primary 4 Topics



In P4 our topic is Early Man. I enjoyed the topic so much that I went to Castle Espie with my family to learn more. I found a house which was like the one Early Man would have built to live in. It was made from straw, mud and wood. I also saw axe heads and special stones used to light fires. I came back to school and told the class all about it. Mrs Mayne put my photographs up on the Early Man topic board.

Abbie P4

I am really enjoying the Early Man topic, it is very interesting. At home I made my own Early Man book. I found information from a website and from a book I had at home. I wrote about the first fish, the first girls' lives and cave homes. I brought it into school and showed it to the rest of my class and Mrs Mayne. I really love this topic.

Emily P4



The children in Mrs Crawford's P4 class have been busy this term! Recently, we have been learning about Early Man. We did some great cave art using charcoal. We love stories and we are currently enjoying one about 'Little Nose the Cave Boy'. We are very speedy with our number facts and play lots of games like 'Ping Pong' and 'Sudden Death!' Our football skills are improving as we have a special IFA coach called Miss Carson coming in to school to teach us on Friday afternoons. We have been thinking about how we can make our writing more interesting. What do you think?

Walking - that's boring!

I zoomed to the park.

I sprinted to the roundabout.

I skipped to the zip-line.

The queue was long,

So I stomped to the monkey bars.

Mum said, 'Time for tea!'

We dilly dallied home. by P4C



I go to the Lego Club which is taken by Mrs Mayne every Monday afternoon. At the club I made a big robot. I love going because it is great fun making things out of Lego. Rhys P4

Parent Staff Association Events (2015)

Easter Baking Night



Family Bingo Night



P4 at the ICT Suite

P4 love going to the ICT Suite where we use the computers. I know my username, password and how to log on. I really enjoy playing the numeracy games especially 'Billy Bug' and the 'Dart Game'. Sometimes, I play the games with my friends and that is great fun. I really enjoy typing and using the keyboard too.

Kevin P4

I really enjoy going next door to the ICT Suite and working on the computer. I have my own password and username and I know how to log on. On the computer I typed up a poem called 'Autumn Leaves'. We learnt how to highlight words, change the font, change the colour and change the size of the text. Sometimes we play a maths game called 'Billy Bug'. We have to work out where his food is on the one hundred square. It is easy! I really love doing my school work on the computer.

Charlie P4

Sponsored Sports Day



Parent Staff Association Events (2015)

Cyclists' Breakfast



Family Fun Day



P2 Toytime with Nanny



The children had a visit from Nanny Audrey from Mount Stewart who talked about the toys children played with 100 years ago. *See Page 6.*

Nanny Audrey visited our classroom and told us about a little girl called Mairi, who lived in a really big house at a place called Mount Stewart. The house had twenty five bedrooms. *Chloe A*

The nanny came from the National Trust. *Abbie*
The nanny who came to our room was wearing clothes from a long, long, time ago. *Rose*

Mairi's teacher lived in her house. She did not go to school. *Alex*

Blake

Mairi was very rich. *Ruby*

Mairi had a pet goat called Patty. The goat pulled a carriage. *Chloe R*

Mairi learnt to fly an aeroplane when she was thirteen years old. *Basia*

Nanny Audrey showed us lots of old toys. *Edina*
I really liked the china doll that Mairi played with. She was wearing a pink dress and little brown shoes. *Ruby*

My favourite toy was the wooden spinning top. I had to work out how to make it spin. *Logan*

I liked the Jack-in-the-Box because it had a monkey inside. *Matthew*

Nanny Audrey showed us an old teddy bear. It felt hard because it had straw in it. *Ben*

We got to play with lots of toys. I liked the wooden yo-yo. *Aimee*

I loved the woodpecker. He was made from metal. *Tyler*

I liked the nanny and finding out about all the toys. *Mia*



Sports Day



House Captains (2015-16)

Slemish



Cavehill



Design a Christmas Card Competition Winner



Donard



Scabo



Each year I take part in the 'Design a Christmas Card Competition' at Lisnasharragh. This year my picture is of Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. I put 'Let it Snow' because I really want it to snow this Christmas!" Lucy P5

Staff Portraits and Interviews by Primary 3

Mr Monks



"I really enjoy getting to know all the boys and girls from P1 to P7. I don't like having to spend so much time working at my computer. I love it when the school introduces something new for the children do!"

Mrs McCleery



"I enjoy managing the Eco Schools Project in school. During the last few months we have been awarded with our Green Flag. We also introduce the 'Wheelie Big Challenge'. However, I hate paperwork!"

Miss Herron



"I like teaching the Primary 1 children lots of new things, even including some words in French! I enjoy seeing their happy, smiling faces. Some mornings I don't like having to get up early and come to school!"

Mrs Welsh



"I love to see the big smile on my children's faces when they are finished what we have been learning. I don't like getting up early in the morning!"

Mrs Graham



"I love seeing the children bright and early at the Breakfast Club and hearing about all of the exciting things that they have done at the weekend. I don't like wet breaks and lunchtimes - children in Primary 1 know." I like to get outside!"

Miss Brown



"I love working with the children, the teachers and other staff aren't too bad either! I don't like having to take books home to mark!"

Miss Cupples



"I like working with the children in school. I also enjoy working with the lovely staff. I don't like getting up early - I am not very good at this!"

Mrs McAvoy



"I like meeting new people and cleaning in the Summer. I don't like cleaning up after lazy people. I love working with children and watching them grow and develop."