

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 8th November 2024



P7 SEAG Tests

As our P7 pupils approach the SEAG tests over the next number of weekends, we want to congratulate them on their hard work in preparation for these tests. We wish them the very best of luck and remind them to stay calm and confident - they have worked hard and are very well prepared!!!



Pupil of the Month

Congratulations to our Pupil of the month winners for October (Effort). Well done boys and girls!



The pupil of the month target for November is "Manners".

School Christmas Dinner

This year the School Meals Kitchen will be serving Christmas dinner for the children on Thursday 5 December. If you would like to book a Christmas dinner for your child you need to complete this Google Form (if you have not already done so) -

<https://forms.gle/UmTbPpQv16idMqk97>

Please note the deadline is Friday, 15 November. - we will be unable to take any further orders after this date.

DIARY DATES

Tues 12 November
Family Photo afternoon

Sat 16 November
SEAG Paper 1

Sat 23 November
SEAG Paper 2

Thurs 28 November
Flu Vaccinations

Fri 20 December
School closes at 12noon for Christmas

Mon 6 January 2025
School opens for Spring term

Fri 7 February
School finishes at 12:30pm for half term

Mon 17 February
2025 School reopens after half term

Monday 17 March
School closed - St Patrick's Day

Football News

Our footballers took part in week 3 of the Lisburn Schools Tournament on Thursday. They played some great football and were unlucky not to come away with more points. Results below:

Maghaberry 2 - 1 Riverdale (both goals by Sam K)

Maghaberry 0 - 1 Harmony Hill

Forthill 1 - 0 Maghaberry

Maghaberry 1 - 0

Ballycarrickmaddy (goal by Jayden C).



We have been very proud of how well the boys have represented our school throughout this tournament.

Swimming Badges

Well, done to Mrs. Aiken's P6/7 class who recently completed their swimming sessions for this year. They were awarded their swimming badges at assembly just before the half term break. Well done!



Times Tables Rockstar Winners

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
MVP Winners
(Most Valuable Players!)



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Christmas Events in School

Between now and the Christmas holidays excitement will be growing as we get closer to the festive season. There will be lots of things going on in school for our families from the PTA Christmas Craft Fair to our Christmas performances. More information will follow on these, but see below for basic details and for some dates for your diary:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Wednesday 27th November:	6:30 - 8:30pm	PTA Christmas Fair - more info to follow soon.	PTA Event
Tuesday 10th December:	9:30am	P1 & P2 Christmas Performance (45 mins)	P1 & P2
	10:45am	P3 & P4 Christmas Performance (45 mins)	P3 & P4
	2:00pm	P5, P6 & P7 Christmas Carols (45 mins)	P5, P6 & P7
Thursday 12th December:	9:30am	P1 & P2 Christmas Performance (45 mins)	Nursery
	10:45am	P3 & P4 Christmas Performance (45 mins)	
	2:00pm	P5, P6 & P7 Christmas Carols (45 mins)	
Wednesday 18th December	9:30am	Nursery Performance - AM and PM classes	

Please note that due to limited space, numbers will, initially, be limited to 4 tickets per family to attend our Christmas performances. Further details and booking information will be issued in late November/early December.

Tickets will cost £1 each and the money raised will be used to purchase costumes for this and future performances.

Nursery and P1 Admissions - Tours

Online applications for Nursery and P1 open on 10th January at 12noon on EA website. Applications close on 24th January at 12noon. For anyone who has a child starting Nursery or P1 in September 2025 we will be offering tours of the Nursery and/or school in December and January. See the poster below for details. To book please contact the school office on 02892611529 or email info@maghaberryys.lisburn.ni.sch.uk.

Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in joining our school community.

PTA Information

Annual Voluntary Donation

Each year our PTA ask parents for a small voluntary donation towards PTA funds from our families. As a registered charity our PTA can claim gift aid on any donations! We are asking for £20 per child and £5 per sibling. £5 per nursery child. This can be paid via the School Money App. Nursery parents (with no older siblings in our school) will have to send donations in cash.

Christmas Craft Fair

Christmas Craft Fair - The PTA are planning a Christmas Fair on Wednesday 27th November 2024. Please put this in your diary.

Next PTA meeting will be Monday 11th November at 7:30pm. All welcome!

A festive red poster for a Christmas Fair. The top is decorated with green pine branches, gold and red striped baubles, gold stars, and a gold bauble with a snowflake pattern. The text 'MAGHABERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL' is in white capital letters. Below it, 'Christmas Fair' is written in a large, white, cursive font. A white holly leaf and red berry garland with a red bow is centered below the title. At the bottom, there are three icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin. The calendar icon is next to the date 'WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2024'. The clock icon is next to the time '6.30PM - 8.30PM'. The location pin icon is next to the address 'Maghaberry Primary School, 17B Maghaberry Road, Maghaberry, BT67 0JE'. Below these, it says 'NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR STALLS £25' and 'Please get in touch for more information'.

Helen - 07867471981

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Policy Review

We are currently reviewing our “Digital Device/Mobile Phone Policy” and would welcome any feedback from parents. The draft policy can be viewed on the school website and there is also an area to leave feedback.

<https://maghaberryys.com/policies/>

ASDA - Cashpot - Help our PTA!

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com), between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most, such as updated ICT equipment for the school.

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- 2 Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app
- 3 Shop, scan and we donate

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CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Designated Teacher for Child

Protection:

Mrs R Wilson

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child

Protection:

Mrs J Hamilton

Principal

Mr D Spratt

Governors responsible for Child

Protection:

Mrs J Gilmore, Mr J Watson
and Mr G Ellis

Copies of the Child Protection Policy
are available from the school office



Parent Well

A source of inspiration



Supporting Emotions & Learning to Thrive



Look Familiar?

Small supportive group discussion and information sessions for parents on supporting primary school aged children with big emotions

Two-part workshop:

Book early as places are limited

**Wed 13th Nov & Wed 20th November
10-11.30 am- via zoom**

To book your place call 0808 8020 400