

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 13th December 2024



Pupil of the Month - MANNERS

Well done to all the winners of Pupil of the Month for December- the target was "Manners".



The target for December has been "Participation".

Christmas Performances

Our wonderful Christmas performances took place this week. The children were amazing and did us all proud! There was certainly some Christmas magic in the air. It was super to see so many parents and grandparents here to see the boys and girls perform. We hope you enjoyed the shows. Thank you to the PTA for providing tea/coffee and treats!

DIARY DATES

Fri 20 December
School closes at 12noon for Christmas

Mon 6 January 2025
School opens for Spring term

Mon 13 January
After school activities begin this week

Mon 3 February
Parent interviews - school closes 12:30 all week

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

Mon 17 February
2025 School reopens after half term

Mon 17 March
School closed - St Patrick's Day - EA non-operational day

Fri 11 April
School closes at 12:00 noon for Easter Holidays

Mon 28 April
School reopens for the summer term





Christmas Assembly

CEF will be taking a Christmas assembly for P1 to P3 and P4 to P7 on Thursday 19th December 2024. This short session will involve the Christmas story, games, songs and quizzes and should be a lot of fun for the children at the end of term. If you would prefer your child not attend please let the class teacher know.

Charity Collection - Cancer Fund for Children

After the school performances this year our parents and families made very generous donations for our charity, "The NI Cancer Fund for Children" - TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS AN INCREDIBLE £1230!!!!!!



Thank you.

PTA Update

A massive thank you to the community for supporting our recent PTA Christmas Fair. As usual there was a super turn out. We hope the children enjoyed everything that was on offer from seeing Santa to the games and activities. The total raised was £2448.21. Fantastic!

Credit must be given to the members of the PTA, who are a small but dynamic team, for making it all happen! A huge amount of work and effort goes into the planning of PTA events from which all the children benefit!

If you would like to help, even in a small way, please feel free to attend the next meeting in January. Keep an eye on the school app for more details in the New Year.

Next term the PTA are planning to have a "Break the Rules Day!" in school! More details in the New Year.

After School Clubs for Term 2

It is anticipated that these clubs will begin the week beginning Monday 13th January 2025 (second week back).

Booking information available on the school website :

<https://maghaberryps.com/after-school-activities/>

Safer Schools App

Over the Christmas period many of our children will be getting devices (smart watches, electronic toys, Nintendo switches, PlayStations etc.) which connect to the internet. We would strongly advise parents to download the SAFER SCHOOLS APP from the App Store and register for our school using the code 0504. For more information and instructions, follow the link below :

<https://maghaberryyps.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Safer-Schools-letter-to-parents-13-dec-2024.pdf>



Smart Watches

It is important to note that smart watches are not permitted in school. Very simple "Fitbit" type watches with basic step counters are OK, but anything with a screen is not allowed. Please discuss this with your child, especially if they get a smart watch for Christmas.

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 January. See the poster below for details. To book please contact the school office on 02892611529 or email info@maghaberryyps.lisburn.ni.sch.uk .

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

A recruitment poster for Maghaberry Primary School and Nursery Unit. It features a collage of photos of children in school uniforms. The school logo is in the center, showing a tree with children's hands as leaves. Text on the poster includes: 'Now taking bookings for school tours in December and January', 'Please contact the school office to make a booking.', '028 92 611 529', 'info@maghaberryyps.lisburn.ni.sch.uk', and 'www.maghaberryyps.com'.

A poster for the Child Protection and Safeguarding Team. It has a red border and a red circle with two figures at the top. The text lists the team members: Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mrs R Wilson; Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mrs J Hamilton; Principal: Mr D Spratt; and Governors responsible for Child Protection: Mrs J Gilmore, Mr J Watson, and Mr G Ellis. At the bottom, it says 'Copies of the Child Protection Policy are available from the school office'.