

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 10th January 2025



Happy New Year!

The New Year seems like a lifetime ago already! We trust everyone had a joyful and happy Christmas break. This term promises to be a busy one as we move out of Winter into Spring and hopefully better weather!

After School Clubs for Term 2

These clubs will begin on Monday (13th January). Booking is available on the school website:

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

School Development Parent Surveys

We value the views of parents, staff and pupils. These surveys will be used by school leadership to inform our school development plan over the next 3 years. We are committed to developing and improving our school and our children's education.



Completing this survey is of great importance to this process. The survey will take around 10-15 minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/w4BoTREwmcwgrvu4A>

Thank you in advance.

SEAG

For those pupils who sat the SEAG transfer test, results will be issued on Saturday 25th January 2025. You will be able to access your child's results in the 'Statements of Outcomes' from a secure area on the SEAG website.

Parent/Teacher Meetings (P1 to P7)

As usual, our parent teacher meetings this year are just before the February half-term break. School will close at 12:30pm for P1 to P7 to facilitate these consultations. There will be no school dinners this week. If you have not already done so please complete the booking form as soon as possible via the link below:

<https://maghaberryyps.com/parent-consultations/>

Nursery will operate as normal. Information about Nursery parent consultations will be sent out later this term.

Transitioning to Post-Primary School

This month many post-primary schools will be holding their open days for prospective pupils. We have already sent P6 and P7 parents a list of dates and times for local post-primary schools. We would advise you and your child visit several post primary open days/nights. These are a great way to experience their potential future 'big school' and get a feel for its culture, ethos, subjects and what they have to offer.

PTA

The next meeting of our PTA will take place this Monday evening (Monday 13th January 2025) at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in joining us would be very welcome to come along and find out more!

DIARY DATES

Mon 13 January
After school activities begin this week

Sat 25 January
SEAG results issued to parents

Mon 3 February
Parent interviews - school closes 12:30 all week - no school dinners

Wed 5 to Fri 7 Feb
Book Fair in school. More info to follow.

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

Mon 17 February
School reopens after half term

Wed 19 February
Cash for Clobber collection

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

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.

<https://maghaberryyps.com/admissions/>

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

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.

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 advice 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>

Online Safety Advice

In school, we educate pupils about the safe and responsible use of the technology, through our ICT and PDMU curriculum, assemblies and Internet Safety Day to name a few. We aim to teach pupils how to use technology in a safe, respectful and responsible way and we talk to them about how to protect themselves online. Some of the key messages commonly shared with parents are highlighted below:

- The most important thing is to have conversations with your children - talk to them about the benefits and dangers of the internet so that you can empower them to use the internet safely.
- Cultivate an interest in their online activities - their favourite websites, online games and interests and keep an eye on what they are doing online.
- Do not be afraid to ask your children who they are talking to online and what they are talking about and remind them how important it is to tell a trusted adult if something happens online that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried because there are people who can help.
- Consider the age requirements of various apps before allowing your child to set up accounts/profiles or access their content e.g. WhatsApp, TikTok etc. (see below)
- Have regular access to your child's devices and knowledge of their passwords so that you have an awareness of the apps accessed, membership of groups, their contacts and their content of their posts.
- Supervise the use of the internet/mobile technologies to ensure that your child is not exposed to language and content that is inappropriate and likewise to ensure that their child is using respectful language and has gained the necessary permissions of others when posting and creating 'groups'.

For further information and advice, visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Age Restrictions on Social Media

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Facebook
Twitter
Instagram
Snapchat
TikTok
Kik
Ask.fm
Houseparty
Periscope

Tumblr
Pinterest
Reddit



13+

YouTube
WeChat
Whisper
Yubo



(13+ means with parental consent)

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LinkedIn
Whatsapp



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Tinder
Bumble
Hinge



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A Safer Internet Day!**

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Maghaberry Primary School AND NURSERY UNIT

Now taking bookings for school tours in December and January
Please contact the school office to make a booking.

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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