

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 24th January 2025



We hope that everyone is staying safe and warm inside during Storm Éowyn today. Thank you for your understanding with regard to the Education Authority's closure of schools at such short notice. The safety of our children and staff is paramount.

P7 SEAG Results

Tomorrow we will be thinking of our P7 pupils who sat the SEAG assessments in November and we wish them every success. It is especially important to remember that whilst many of our children will be delighted with the result, there may be some that will be disappointed. We want our children to remember they are more than just a number and will have skills and talents that cannot be measured by a test, or have skills and talents that they have yet to discover! Every one of our pupils is of massive value and has huge potential and we cherish all of them equally.

Parents will receive quite a bit of data in the SEAG results. As a very basic guide for SEAG parents tomorrow, the Total Standardised Age Score (TSAS) is the English and Maths (standardised) scores added together. 200 is the average score, so if your child's TSAS is over 200 it is considered above average.

No matter what the results bring we are very proud of our Primary 7s! P7 parents will be able to discuss results and school choices at parent consultations during the week beginning Monday 3rd February.

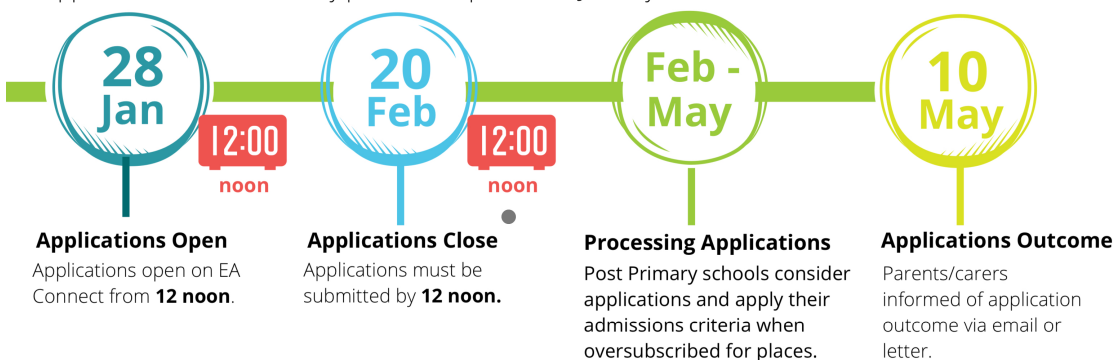
Applications for Post-Primary School (Year 8)

The EA Admissions portal goes "live" from 28th January until 20th February 2025 -

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

SEAG results will be issued to parents on Saturday 25th January 2025. Any parents who wish to discuss school choices will have the opportunity during the week of parent consultations for the whole school (see below).

Applications for Post Primary places will open on 28 January 2025.



Parent Teacher Consultations

REMINDER - school will close at 12:30pm from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February 2025 in order to facilitate parent teacher meetings - remember there will be no school dinners or packed lunches all week.

Following the online booking last week, we will be sending home dates and times for meetings this coming Monday (27th January 2025).

Nursery will operate as normal that week. Nursery parent/teacher meetings will take place after half term - more information will be sent out in the near future.

DIARY DATES

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

Girls Football News

On Wednesday, our girls made the short journey to Hillsborough Boys' Football Factory to take part in this year's Girls' Cup Competition.

This was our first outing and our first competitive matches and not only did we give an outstanding account of ourselves and won the group, taking 12 points from a possible 15, to secure our place in the finals in mid-March.

We played matches against Ballymacash (2-1 W), Riverdale (3-1 L), Brownlee (4-0 W), Killowen (1-0 W) and St. Colman's (4-0 W).

Well done to the girls who played fantastically well and showed great courage and desire throughout the matches.



Ulster Rugby Guest

Ulster Rugby player, and Maghaberry PS past pupil, Scott Wilson came in to talk to our P6 and P7 pupils on Thursday. He talked to the children about his time at MPS and his journey from playing rugby at school to regularly playing for Ulster! The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed hearing about Scott's success - it was certainly an inspiring morning. A massive thank you to Scott and Ulster Rugby.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school (assembly hall) on the following dates:

Wednesday 5th February to Friday 7th February

BOOK FAIR OPENING TIMES	
Before school	8:30am - 8:50am
After school	12:30pm - 1:00pm

Parents are welcome to come in to the assembly hall during opening times to browse and buy books for their children. The pupils are always excited by this and it can help promote and foster a love for reading. The school makes a small commission on sales which we invest back into our reading book stock for the pupils.

PTA Upcoming events

BREAK THE RULES DAY - Friday 7th February 2025

There are 5 rules that can be broken on this day (£1 per rule):

- ✓ Don't wear school uniform
- ✓ Bring an unhealthy break
- ✓ Silly hair or hat
- ✓ Don't listen to the bell at breaktime
- ✓ Bring a small toy to school

A form will be sent home next week. Please tick the rules you want to break, return the form to school and pay £1 per rule on the School Money App. Thank you!

ADULT TABLE QUIZ (Community Centre)

More information coming very soon!



Safer Schools App

Over the Christmas period many of our children got new 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://maghaberry.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Safer-Schools-letter-to-parents-13-dec-2024.pdf>

Our school code: 0504



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