

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 11th April 2025



Happy Easter

Hard to believe the Summer Term is just around the corner. We hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter break with plenty of chocolate and time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing the boys and girls on Monday 28th April at the usual times.

Action Cancer Easter Egg Winners

Thank you to all those who entered. We raised £396 for Action Cancer. The winners are Evie (P5), Reuben (P4) and Zach (Nursery). Well done - don't eat them all at once!



Nursery Easter Parade

Earlier this week, our little ones in nursery had an Easter Parade for mums, dads, grannies and grandads in our assembly hall. This was thoroughly enjoyable and they looked fabulous in their decorated Easter bonnets and hats! Well done, boys and girls.



Colour Run

On the PTA newsletter below you will see details about an exciting event we will be running in June. We will be holding a sponsored colour run in school for the boys and girls. The colour run sponsorship money raised will be used to install an outdoor classroom in memory of our much beloved James Collins. More details, including sponsorship forms will be issued to the children in the third term. We are hoping to raise in the region of £12,000 to help complete the project. We look forward to your support in creating a lasting memorial for James.



Donation to School

It is very rare that schools receive anonymous donations, but that is exactly what has happened here in the last few weeks. Someone, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a donation of £15,000 to the school and they have asked that the money be spent on ICT equipment. This is a wonderful and almost unbelievable occurrence.

DIARY DATES

Fri 11 April

School closes at 12:00 noon for Easter Holidays

Mon 28 April

School reopens for the summer term

Mon 5 May

Bank Holiday - school closed

Wed 7 & Thurs 8 May

School Photos - registration available via the School App

Mon 12-Tues 13 May

P7 Residential Trip to Lorne House

Mon 26 & Tues 27 May

Bank Holiday weekend - school closed both days

Mon 30 June

School closes at 12 noon for the summer holidays

We are absolutely delighted and will be looking at how best we can use this money to enhance our ICT curriculum for the boys and girls at our school, who will ultimately benefit from this investment. We will keep you posted on what we purchase in the months ahead. The donation was made via the PTA to allow gift aid to be claimed, bringing the total to over £18,750. Wow!

Times Tables Rockstars

There were loads of celebrations for Time Tables Rock Stars today! Well done to everyone below!



CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Designated Teacher for Child

Protection:
Mrs R Wilson

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child

Protection:
Mrs J Hamilton

Principal and Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mr D Spratt

Governors responsible for Child

Protection:

Dr A Curry, Mr J Watson
and Mr K McCarthy

Copies of the Child Protection Policy
are available from the school website.

P4 World War Topic

P4 welcomed Mark from the NI War Museum this week, he spoke to the P4s about their WW2 theme and brought lots of interesting items to look at and discuss. Mrs Millar's class put on a WW2 march and show at their assembly and ended the week with a VE Day celebration.



SU Easter Fun

Our SU club finished this term off with lots of Easter fun in the sun. Thanks to Mrs Millar, Mrs Holmes and Dr Curry for their help. Also a thank you to Sarah for making lovely buns for everyone!



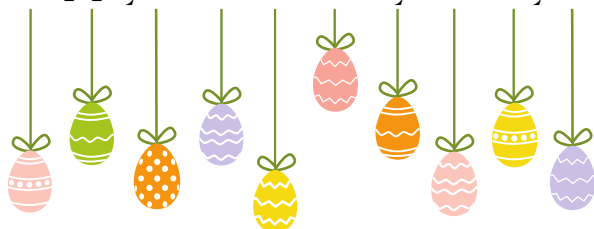
Don't forget to read the PTA Newsletter below!





MAGHABERRY PS PTA

Hoppy Easter every bunny



The PTA would like to wish all the children and parents of Maghaberry Primary School a very happy Easter.

Have you met our PTA Secretary?



Name: Rachel Blair

Member of PTA since: 2022

Children: Chloe (P4), Freya (P1).

Why did you join the PTA: I joined the PTA to connect with other parents (making some new friends along the way) and teachers. I also felt like I was supporting my children and the school community by helping to raise much needed funds for their education.

Favourite fundraiser: Christmas Fair – I love seeing all the children's faces lighting up when they head into Santa's grotto to see Santa and the overall buzz around the school.

Role in the PTA: This is my first year as secretary and there is quite a bit involved (more than I thought lol). My roles include taking minutes at the PTA meetings, issuing letters to businesses looking donations, sending thank you letters to businesses. I have also become very adept at making hampers for the raffles.

Colour Run 2025



On Thursday 5th June 2025, Maghaberry Primary School will be holding it's first ever colour run.

Pupils will be asking their parents, family and friends to sponsor them to complete the course.



The sponsorship raised will be used to create an outdoor classroom which will be erected in memory of James Collins, who was a much-loved pupil at our school and a much-loved young man in the village.

We thank you all in anticipation of your support in raising the funds needed to create a lovely outdoor space for our pupils and thank the businesses who have sponsored the costs of running the colour run.

A Word of Thanks

The PTA have recently received a very generous donation from an anonymous donor. This money is going to be used to enhance the ICT facilities in the school.

We cannot express just how very much appreciated this kind gesture is. The school will be looking at ways to further the ICT provision in the school in the near future.





Summer Fair

This year's summer fair will be held on Thursday 12th June at 6.30pm.

It promises to be a fun night for the whole family

with games, bouncy castles, BBQ, tombola, raffle, archery and much more.

In order to make this a successful event to end the school year and to raise much-needed funds to further enhance your children's education, we are asking for volunteers who could give an hour of their time to come along and help supervise games, BBQ, raffle and other activities.

Without your help, we will be unable to facilitate many of the fun activities we have organised for the fair.

IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME ON THURSDAY 12TH JUNE FROM 6.15pm OR IF YOU ARE A KEEN BAKER, PLEASE CONTACT HELEN ON 07867471981.

Amazon Wish List

The PTA has created an Amazon Wishlist to make it easy for families and supporters to donate items for our upcoming events.



Your contributions will help ensure that these events are a success and provide a great experience for all involved!

To buy from an Amazon UK wishlist:

1. Get the Link: Open the shared wishlist link. To access the link, find it on the PTA Facebook page or there will be a link sent out after Easter in the School messages App.
2. Browse: Select the items you want to buy.
3. Add to Cart: Click "Add to Cart" for each item.
4. Checkout: Go to your cart, sign in, and enter delivery and payment details.
5. Complete: Confirm your purchase and the items will be sent directly.

Easyfundraising – Easy ways to make money for your school

Easyfundraising is a simple way to raise money for your school while shopping online. By signing up and choosing your school as the cause, you can shop at over 8,000 retailers who will donate a percentage of your purchase to your school—at no extra cost to you! It's an easy way for families, friends, and supporters to help fundraise while doing their regular shopping. Every little bit adds up to support your school!



Your support is important to us!



Our PTA can't run without YOU. Every event, every fundraiser, every effort to improve our school relies on your support. It's easy to assume someone else will step up, but that's not how it works. If we want to make a difference for our kids, we need everyone involved, whether it's volunteering, donating, or simply showing up.

Upcoming events

- 12 May 2025 - PTA Meeting
- 5 June 2025 - Colour Run
- 12th June 2025 - Summer Fair
- 18th June 2025 - Lisburn Fun Run

Get in touch

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MUNCHKINS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

✓ **Breakfast Club** 🍎

A great start to the day!

✓ **Afterschool Care** 🎨

Fun Activities & homework support!

✓ **Holiday Club**

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PICKUPS AVAILABLE FROM:

- ✓ MAGHABERRY PRIMARY
- ✓ ROWANDALE PRIMARY

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Safe & Fun
Environment

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now OPEN
for September!

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