

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 9th May 2025



Key Dates for May/June 2025

The next couple of months is going to be very busy indeed in school. Click the link below for a list of key dates and events:

https://maghaberryyps.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Diary-dates-MAY_JUNE-2025.pdf

Sports Day IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our sports days are taking place (weather permitting) on:

Thursday 29th May.

Follow this link for full information:

<https://maghaberryyps.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/SPORTS-DAY-2025.pdf>

IMPORTANT - please let us know if your child will not be attending, so that we can factor this in too our teams for P1 to P4 sports day.

NURSERY SPORTS DAY - WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY - more information from Mrs Hamilton in due course!

Football News

Thursday (01.05.25) our boys travelled to Crewe for the now annual Rowendale IPS football tournament. After some exciting group games against St Brendan's, (3-2 W) Bridge (3-2 L) and Ballycarrickmaddy (2-1 W) we progressed as runners up in the group to meet Moira in the semi final of the plate. After a tense game we ended up in a dreaded penalty shootout and unfortunately came out on the losing side.

The boys rallied and played a fantastic final game v Carrick and eventually ended the day with a 3-0 victory. As usual, the boys gave a fantastic account of themselves both on and off the pitch and were commended for their continued attempts to play football the Maghaberry way even under pressure. Special mention to Jayden who scored an impressive 6 goals on the day. Thank you to Mrs Craigan and Mrs Cargill for assisting with lifts and to Rowendale for another great day out. Well done!



P7 Post Primary School Placements

The Education Authority will issue an email to Parents on the morning of Saturday 10 May 2025 (tomorrow) notifying them of the outcome of their child's application. Parents **DO NOT** need to log in to the online portal on Saturday 10 May to find out the outcome of the application. EA Admissions helpdesk will be open from 9am to 12noon on Saturday 10 May to provide assistance :-

Telephone : 028 9047 0177 or Email : postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

Education Authority Staff will be available to provide support and guidance to parents. Lines are expected to be very busy.

DIARY DATES

Mon 12-Tues 13 May
P7 Residential Trip to Lorne House

Mon 26 & Tues 27 May
Bank Holiday weekend - school closed both days

Wed 28 May
Nursery Sports Day

Thurs 29 May
Sports Day

Wed 4 June
Cash for clobber collection

Wed 5 June
Colour Run fundraising event

Thurs 12 June
PTA Summer Fair 6:30 to 8:30pm

Wed 18 June
PTA Lisburn Fun Run

Fri 27 June
P7 Leavers Assembly and last day

Mon 30 June
School closes at 12 noon for the summer holidays

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Pupils of the Month **HANDWRITING**
P1 to P4 Winners!



Term 3 AR
target achieved!
Already wow!



P1 to P4 Win

Pupils of the Month **HANDWRITING**
P5 to P7 Winners!



AR Stars of the Month
WINNERS - Well done!



AR Word Millionaires!
Amazing reading!

NI Basketball Festival of Fun

12 of our P7 pupils recently were invited to participate in the Basketball Northern Ireland "Festival of Fun" at the University of Ulster Jordanstown Campus. The day was a mixture of basketball matches team-building exercises, basketball skills and even media training. This was all to promote and support basketball development in Northern Ireland. We were among 20 schools involved in the programme this year. Although, only 12 of our pupils were able to attend all of our P7s received coaching sessions in the weeks running up to the event. A big thank you to Basketball NI for providing the coaching for our children and to Mr Duddy for organising.



P7 Trip

Our P7s will be heading off to Lorne House in Holywood for their residential trip on Monday morning. They will be doing lots of outdoor and team building activities such as abseiling, bushcraft, zip-lining to name a few. We will be posting photos on the school website during the 2 day trip - <https://maghaberryyps.com/p7-trip/>



Colour Run

We will be holding a sponsored colour run in school for our pupils next month. The 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 very soon. 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 that will also serve as a positive and stimulating learning environment for our pupils for many years to come.



The colour run is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 5th June.

Granda Tom - Thank you!!!

A massive thank you to Granda Tom who always is very hard at work at this time of year around the school grounds. He has been incredibly busy recently having refreshed and repainted our nursery pirate ship and doing lots of grass cutting/gardening and keeping the grounds looking ship-shape. We are truly grateful for all his time and help!!!!!!



Nurture in 5

At this time of year we review any new initiatives from the previous academic year. Nurture in 5 is an Education Authority health and wellbeing programme, comprising five steps: warm-up, stretching, hands-on activities, breathing exercises, and relaxation. These sessions are designed to help pupils regulate their feelings and develop strategies for maintaining emotional health and wellbeing. By incorporating activities such as movement and relaxation, the programme aims to support pupils in managing stress and anxiety, ultimately



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.

fostering a positive and conducive learning mindset and environment. Each session lasts approximately 20 minutes and is done weekly/fortnightly. Feedback from pupils is very positive. Should you have any questions about the programme, we are offering an opportunity to discuss Nurture in 5 in June. Please complete this form to submit any questions and we will be in touch. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/iubc1GHp8tnmQ4Gt6>

SPRING FAIR

The Ballance House

SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2025, 12-4 PM

Craft Fair
Featuring 'Harmony Too'
Plants & Books for sale
Bouncy Castle & kids crafting
Sausage sizzle & Tea Barn
House & Exhibition tours

Entrance: adults £3,
u14 £1.50, u5 free

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THE RUBIX GROUP



A weekly Youth Club for young people with ASD. A safe space to engage in social / fun activities, meet new people, make friends and become involved in Lisburn YMCA

JUNIORS
MONDAY 6:30 - 8:30pm
Ages 8-13

SENIORS
TUESDAY 6:30 - 8:30pm
Ages 14+

Contact Sharon Dickson for booking your space -
Sharon.d@lisburnymca.com or 07591851766



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HSC South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Learning Disability Group

Lisburn YMCA

Every Monday 3.30pm - 5.30pm

For children aged 6-11yrs

For further information contact - 07591 851766



Don't forget to read the PTA Newsletter below!



NEWS



MAGHABERRY PS PTA

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.

Look out for sponsorship packs which will be sent home with your children next week.



WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2025 AT 6.30PM

LISBURN HALF MARATHON 10K & FUN RUN



LCCC vitality you're welcome TrustFord

We're delighted to see so many families and pupils getting involved in this year's Lisburn Fun Run! It's a brilliant way to promote health, community spirit, and a bit of fun along the way. Whether you're running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, it's wonderful to see our school community coming together to support an active and positive event. Well done to everyone taking part!



Calling all Stallholders

If you, or someone you knows, would like to secure a stall at MPS Summer Fair on Thursday 12th June, please contact Helen - 07867471981





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.

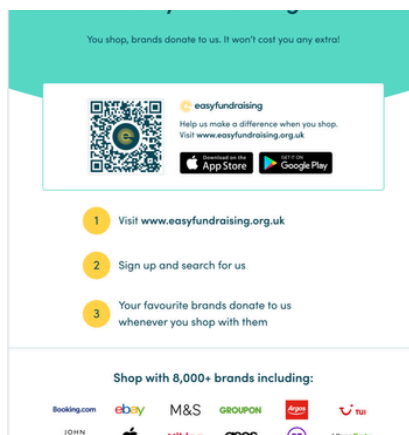
3. Add to Cart: Click "Add to Cart" for each item.

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!



Upcoming events

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

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.

Get in touch

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