

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 26th September 2025



Eat Smart Week

Next week, EA Catering have organised "Eat Smart Week", focusing on introducing new foods and the importance of a nutritious diet. This special week will be running in around 650 schools across the province.

A special menu will run for this week only. There will be a choice of two main meals with the addition of a "taster pot". New foods include: hummus, cous-cous, frittata, homemade lentil soup, belgian waffles and garlic and pesto chicken pasta.

As usual, dinners should be booked and paid for via the School Money App. You can view next weeks menu by clicking on the link below:

<https://maghaberryps.com/dinner-menu/>

EAT SMART WEEK with the Lunch Bunch

29 September – 3 October

DIARY DATES

Week beg 20 Oct
Parent Interview week. More info to follow soon.

Wed 22 October
PTA Half-Term
Hoolie Fancy Dress
Disco - See poster below.

Wed 22 October
Cash for Clobber
Collection

Fri 24 October
School finishes at
12:30pm for
Halloween half term
break

Mon 3 November
School reopens after
Halloween

**Tues 11 and Wed 19
November**
Family Photo
afternoon - more info
soon

Sat 15 November
SEAG Paper 1

Sat 22 November
SEAG Paper 2

Fri 19 December
School closes at
12noon for
Christmas

Tues 6 January 2026
School opens for
Spring term

Fri 6 February
School finishes at
12:30pm for half
term

Pupil of The Month - Kindness

At the end of September we awarded our first "Pupil of The Month" Awards this year for **KINDNESS**. This was not easy as our children are all kind in many ways. Therefore, winners have displayed exceptional kindness in school.



Reading Success!



Football News

Our footballers took part in the first matches of the Lisburn District seven-a-side league this week. They played four matches against St. Colmans PS, Riverdale PS, Ballinderry PS and Finaghy PS.

They played some very strong football against tough competition and won their first game 3:0, they drew 2 games and only conceded 1 goal during the afternoon. A fabulous start to the season ! Well done boys! Mr Duddy is very proud!



Declan Carville - Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome back Declan Carville, a local children's author, who has written books such as "The Fairy Glen" and "A Day To Remember At The Giant's Causeway". He spoke to our P3 and P5 children about writing and certainly proved to be interesting and an inspiration for the children. The writing workshops were linked to his book "The Magic Harp". This was organised in collaboration with the AMMA Centre in Armagh.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see how impressive the children have been looking this year in their school uniforms. Below is a reminder of our school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Policy Reviews

We are currently reviewing the following policies:

Complaints Procedure/Policy

Attendance Policy

As part of the review process we are offering the opportunity for parents to comment on these policy updates. This can be done via the school website:

<https://maghaberryys.com/policies/>

School Uniform

Nursery to Primary 2



White polo shirt with logo

Navy jogging bottoms

Jade sweatshirt with logo

Black trainers (not shoes)

Wellies (to be kept in school)

Jade gingham dress - summer term

Primary 3 to Primary 7



White polo shirt with logo

Navy jogging bottoms

Jade sweatshirt with logo

Black shoes (not trainers)

Grey school trousers/shorts

Grey skirt/pinafore with grey tights or white socks

Jade gingham dress - summer term

SCHOOL P.E. KIT (this is worn to school on P.E. days in P3 to P7)

P.E. T-shirt (jade or white), Navy tracksuit bottoms/Navy shorts or skirt, Navy tracksuit top with logo, white socks and trainers.

Don't forget to read the PTA Newsletter below!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Parent LineNI
0808 8020 400

PARENT WORKSHOP

Worry to Wonder

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 10AM-11.30AM
ONLINE VIA ZOOM

A workshop for parents of primary school aged children exploring why our children worry and ways we can support them.

CALL NOW TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE
0808 8020 400

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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 and Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mr D Spratt

Governors responsible for Child

Protection:

Mr J Watson
and Mr K McCarthy

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



MAGHABERRY PS PTA

Who's who in the PTA



Name: Helen Gray

Children: Emily (P5), Jacob (14), Isaac (12)

Role: Chairperson - responsible for delegating tasks, keeping meetings on track, liaising with school leadership, frequently asking people for their time and money!

Most used phrase: - "It always works out in the end".

Where I can often be found: At the "wee" park, Church on the Hill, annoying Mrs Magwood!

Likes: Coffee, reading, talking, exercising, organising.

Dislikes: Spiders, swimming, people who don't listen, rainy days, staying in the house all day.

sign up for our Half-Term Hoolie

Put Wednesday 22nd October in your diaries - all of the children are invited to a disco where they can dance, sing and enjoy some snacks. Fancy dress optional!

Payment can be made through the SchoolMoney App.



School Fund

Each year, the PTA request a **voluntary donation** from parents in order to enhance our children's learning by providing them with digital resources, reading books, play equipment and donations towards school trips.

It is suggested that a donation of £20 for the eldest child plus £5 for subsequent children be donated, however, **any donation, big or small, is very gratefully received.**

You will receive a slip sent home with children explaining, in detail, the School Fund along with a slip to return if you wish for the school to claim Gift Aid. Gift Aid can make a huge difference so please consider giving permission to claim it.

Payment will be available to make through the SchoolMoney App in the next week or two.

Pumpkin carving Competition

Get creative and carve a pumpkin! Put your creative skills to the test and see what masterpiece you can make.

Prizes to be won!

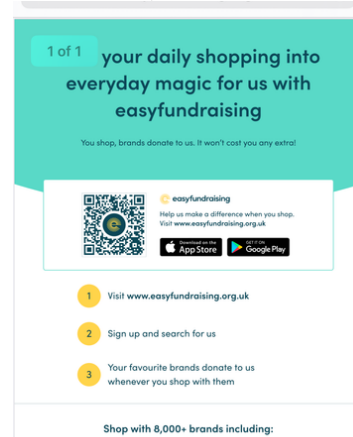
£1 per entry.

Winners will be announced at the Half Term Hoolie.



Easy fundraising

Have you heard of Easyfundraising? This is a great way to raise funds for your school when you purchase from a huge variety of shops online.





HALF TERM

Hoolie

**WEDNESDAY 22ND
OCTOBER 2025**

P1-P3 6.30PM - 7.15PM

P4-P7 7.30PM - 8.30PM

**SPOOKY SNACKS,
TREATS, AND MUSIC!**

**COSTUME CONTESTS,
PUMPKIN CARVING,
PRIZE WINNERS, AND
MORE!**

**£3 PER CHILD
(INCLUDES SNACK AND
DRINK)**



PUMPKIN

£1 per entry



CARVING



CARVE THE BEST PUMPKIN

WIN A PRIZE!

CONTEST

Bring pumpkin entries to school on Tuesday 21st or
Wednesday 22nd October.

Prize winners announced at the disco on Wednesday!

1ST MAGHABERRY cubs JOIN US



1st Maghaberry Cubs currently have spaces for Young People in P5 and P6 age groups.

We meet on Thursday from 7.15 to 8.30pm in Maghaberry Community Centre.

Why not come along and enjoy the fun!

Contact our Cub Lead Volunteer, Gary on 07881 786535





GALAXY HALLOWEEN HALF-TERM
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

<u>Victoria College</u> <u>Belfast</u> Netball Hockey 8 years-14 years 9am-3pm (early drop 8am-9am)	<u>Hillsborough</u> <u>Village Centre</u> Sports 4 years- 12 years 9am-3pm (early drop 8am-9am)
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**£125 per week
£30 per day**

www.galaxycoaching.com

**FAITH
& FASHION**

Fashion show from
Melanie Bond Boutique

Followed by supper with
clothing, accessories and
jewellery for sale

Friday 3rd Oct @ 7:30pm

Maghaberry Community
Centre

All welcome!




MAZE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH