

Newsletter November 2022



Welcome to our November Newsletter. Here you will find lots of information about what was happening through the month of November and you will also find some important information about things that will be happening in December and beyond.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by emailing info@magherafeltsps.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk or by phoning the school office on 02879632822



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations to our poppy appeal. We raised an amazing £446.41

At 11am on Friday 11 November, we held a Remembrance Service. Mrs Doherty informed the boys and girls about the importance of Remembrance and we held a minute's silence

'We will Remember.'



Open Night December 2022

OPEN DAY
2022

For Prospective P1 Pupils and their Parents

Monday 5th December 5:30pm-7:00pm
Tel: 028 7963 2822

We look forward to welcoming you!

www.magherafeltps.com

The poster features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top, the words 'OPEN DAY' are written in large, white, bold letters, with '2022' below them. On either side of the text are cartoon illustrations of a girl and a boy in school uniforms. Below the text is a circular logo for 'MAGHERAFELT PRIMARY SCHOOL' with a shield emblem and the motto 'LEARN ENJOY ASPIRE'. Several small photographs of children are arranged around the logo. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'For Prospective P1 Pupils and their Parents'. Below this, the date and time of the event are listed, followed by the school's telephone number. A handwritten-style message 'We look forward to welcoming you!' is written below the phone number. The website address 'www.magherafeltps.com' is displayed in a blue box at the very bottom.

- Parents of prospective P1 pupils are invited to our Open Night on Monday 5 December (5.30pm - 7.30pm).
- **The doors will open at 5:15pm**
- Please ensure you have informed the school office if you have a child due to start school in September 2023.
- **School will finish at 2pm on this day to allow for Open Night Preparations**
- The School bus will be running on this day
- Ruby Roos will not be available
- If you wish to receive information about the new application process for P1 and also receive information about why you should choose MPS for your child, please fill in the form at the link below:
- [Magherafelt PS Pre Enrolment Form 2023/24](#)

Christmas Fun Day

Christmas Jumpers

Wednesday 7 December is going to have a special Christmas focus in school.

Children will have the opportunity to wear their own Christmas Jumper and they will engage in classroom activities with a Christmas focus.

Christmas Dinner

We will conclude our Christmas Fun Day with a Christmas Dinner provided by the School Meals Kitchen staff.

Menu

ROAST TURKEY, STUFFING, COCKTAIL SAUSAGES, PEAS,

baton CARROTS,

MASHED & oven baked ROAST POTATOES & turkey GRAVY

(SPECIAL DIETS WILL BE CATERED FOR)

Dessert: Choc Ice

CARTON OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE



Christmas Performances

The Christmas Productions will be held in school on Thursday 15 December (P1-P3), Friday 16 December (P4-P7) commencing at 10.00am.

We will shortly be sending a letter home from school regarding this which will have enclosed two tickets per family. If you require extra tickets please complete and return the pro-forma attached to the letter and your name will be placed on a waiting list.

If you are unable to attend, and therefore do not require your two allocated tickets, **please return these to school for re-allocation.**

There will be a retiring collection for school funds.



Easy Fundraising



If you are planning to shop on line this Christmas, please help our school raise much needed funds by using the Easy fundraising app.

A link can be found on the school website and we would love for you to join us in this venture.

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's – **it doesn't cost you a penny extra!**

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/magherafeltprimaryschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Magherafelt Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Dates For the Diary

Please see some important dates for the months November and December 2022.



Wraparound Care



RUBY ROOS

We have both a breakfast club and after school care facilities on offer again in school this year.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club will be operated by our own school staff

- It will run every morning **7:45am until 8:30am**
- The reduced **cost for the month of October** is **£1.50 per session** which includes a selection of cereal, fruit, yoghurts, toast and a drink.
- Booking will operate through our new online payment and booking system the same as last year. Details of this will follow shortly.
- ***Our Breakfast club ends strictly at 08.30am. The children who attend Breakfast Club will then move to the front playground for Morning Supervision before class starts at 8.50am***

Afterschool Care

The pricing structure is below:

- 2 - 4pm£10.00
- 2 - 5pm.....£13.00
- 2 - 6pm.....£15.00
- 3 - 5pm.....£10.00
- 3-6pm.....£13.00
- During Ruby Roos, the children complete their homework, have a snack, take part in some games, arts & crafts activities, sports and above all have some fun. If you haven't used these facilities to date, I would encourage you to give them a go. The children who attend really enjoy it.
- Make your booking at the following link:

<https://mr-sports.co.uk/index.php/ruby-roos-childcare/>

Healthy Break Policy



As a school we believe strongly in the benefits of our children being provided with a healthy break. This discipline can help to establish good eating and drinking habits for your child's future health, enabling them to make healthier choices for themselves. A healthy break can also help pupils sustain good concentration and behaviour for longer periods in the classroom.

Healthy break options which are recommended include:

unflavoured water or milk

fresh fruit and/or vegetables

Bread-based products, for example white or wholemeal bread, rolls or baguettes, toast, plain bagels, wheaten, soda, pitta bread, plain bread sticks or crackers. Please provide fresh sugar-free fillings, avoiding sugary spreads.

We would be very grateful for your support in this important area. It can become very difficult for children who have been provided with a healthy snack to observe other children in their class having a less healthy option (e.g. chocolate bars, biscuits or crisps).

Please remember we are a nut free school!

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Any concerns regarding Child Protection matters should be reported to Mrs D Doherty (Designated teacher for Child Protection) or Mrs E Hutchison (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection).

The Designated Governor for Child Protection is Mr S Hudson

A recently **updated (March 2022) copy of the Child Protection Policy** can be viewed on the school website or obtained from the school office.



If you are concerned about the welfare of a child you can speak to anyone on this team.
 Contact with the Chair of the Governors should be through 02879632822
 Contact may also be made through the Principal or the Vice-principal.

Duty Social Work Gateway Team
 Tel: 0300 1234 333
 PSNI Public Protection Unit
 0845 600 8000

School Calendar 2022/2023

A calendar for the school year has been attached and updated on the website. You will find it at the link below.

[School Calendar 2022/2023](#)

You will also find some important dates on the calendar on our school website:

[Website Calendar](#)



Medication Policy

Throughout the school year we ask all parents to complete and return to school a completed medication form if medication is to be administered to your child. This is of particular relevance for children with asthma, allergies or long term medical conditions.



Nut Allergies – Nut Free Zone

There are a number of children in school who have an allergy to nuts/peanuts.

To minimise the risk of children taking severe anaphylactic reactions to nuts/peanuts we would ask that **NO CHILD** consumes any nut products in school. Please help us make Magherafelt Primary School a **Nut Free Zone**.



Website and Social Media

Please remember to access our school website regularly during the year:

<https://www.magherafelts.com/>

The website will be updated regularly with, important information and also with work from our pupils.

Another useful point of contact is our FB and Twitter pages. Please give us a like and subscribe at the links below:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MagherafeltPS>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/MagherafeltPS/>

These pages will be updated with relevant information throughout the year as well.

Due to the rising popularity these social networking sites, staff and Governors have agreed that they will be setting a good example to the children in our school when using these sites.

We also invite parents and guardians of the children in our school to do the same.

The school's Online Safety Policy outlines the conduct expected of staff, parents and pupils.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns, issues or comments about school, the staff and I are available to speak to you. Such matters should not be discussed on social media sites.

Thank you for your continued support.

