



Markethill Primary School *Tomorrow's Success Begins Today...*

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Rights Respecting Schools Focus – June 2024

Article 15 (Freedom of Association)

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Monthly Award

During May our monthly value was **Be Well Mannered**. Well done to everyone who received monthly awards.

Classes	Endeavour Award	Be Well Mannered
P1KG	Dzulija Ruska	Maisie McIlwaine
P1/P2SB	Olivia Law	Ada Scott
P2LM	Ted Martin	Austin McNiece
P3KT	Sophie Gillespie	Lily Casey
P4RC	Bella Martin	Jacob Andrews
P4EG	Charlie McGaughey	Callie-Rose Moore
P5HS&SM	Daniela Sjomkane	Matthew Murphy
P5/P6PMcC	Suzy Holubowicz	Emily Ross
P6AA	Hollie Wilson	Lexi Moore
P7KQ	Kayla Ilgett	Simon McCammon
P7RCh	Tyler Graham	Tillie Allen



Well done to everyone who received an award at our May Celebration Assembly



Monthly Award for June
Be a Good Sport

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Celebration Assembly – Be Well Mannered

Our May monthly class assembly was led by our P1 and P2 boys and girls. Their theme was 'Be Well Mannered' which links to our May monthly value. The P1 boys and girls shared a great assembly about what being well mannered means and how important this is. Well done to Mrs Black's P1 and P2 children for a very enjoyable assembly. Thank you to Mrs Black, Mrs Milne and Mrs Davidson for leading the assembly with the children.



Eco Schools Award

We are delighted to announce that Markethill Primary School has been successful in being awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag. The Eco-School's team were very impressed with our school's work and the amazing outside space that we have. A big congratulations to all concerned especially our Eco Coordinator, Mrs Black, and Eco-committee, who have helped the school in achieving its environmental targets. We will hold the flag for two years and will be reapplying again in March 2026 to be awarded in June 2026. Our Eco Coordinator, Mrs Black, has been nominated for Eco Teacher of the year. Very well done to her for receiving this nomination.



Green Day

Celebrating MPS achievements in Eco Flag, also Silver RRS, Silver Sustrans and becoming an accredited Forest School on Monday 24 June 2024. Children can come to school dressed in an item of green clothing or a complete green outfit. A special treat is being provided by The Hub, so something to look forward to.

Positive Playgrounds

Our loose parts area of the playground is open again for the summer term. Thank you to everyone who donated various items for our play zones. There are a few items that would need to be replenished and if you have any of the below, we would be grateful if you could send them into school.

- Small bricks, bedding stones, (tuft tray – to put stones into), plastic pipes, rope, cable reels
- Carpet squares
- Plastic sheeting / tarpaulin
- Duvet covers / sheets
- High vis vests / hard hats
- Small cars / trucks / diggers
- Pots, pans, baking trays, plastic bowls, jugs, sieves, utensils, basins
- Dressing up clothes



Walking Bus Day Wednesday 5 June 2024

Meeting point
The Old Train Station Car Park
(back of Hunters)



Staff will meet the children at
8.45am to supervise them on their journey to school.

The Walking Bus will provide a valuable opportunity to reinforce the importance of road safety. We ask that children do not bring scooters or bicycles as the emphasis is on walking to school.

Parents / carers are welcome to walk with the children to school.

If you are late and miss the Walking Bus, it is the parent's/carers' responsibility to ensure children arrive at school safely.

Dog Fouling in Markethill

The ABC Council has contacted the school regarding dog fouling in the local area. If anyone knows someone who does not clean up after their dog or sees someone committing this offence, they can give a statement to the PSNI and a fixed penalty will be issued of **between £80 - £120**.



Nut Free School and Birthday Cakes /Treats

Please remember that Markethill PS strives to be a NUT FREE ZONE. We are very grateful for your support in helping us keep our children safe and well. **Should your child have an Epipen for an allergy, please keep a note of the expiry date so that a replacement can be obtained from your G.P. and sent into school.** Due to some children having nut and gluten allergies, cakes, buns and biscuits are not permitted in school to celebrate birthdays or special events.

Health

If your child displays COVID symptoms or is generally unwell, please do not send your child to school to help ease the spread of infection. If a child has been ill during the night, it is in the child's best interest to stay at home. Children should remain at home for 48 hours (PHA) following the last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea. If your child requires medication during the school day, the form *Procedure for the Administration of Medication* **must** be completed by the parent/guardian. **Please note, medication e.g. antibiotics, cough bottles etc will not be given to your child unless this form has been completed.** Forms can be obtained at the School Office. Inhalers and all medication must be clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child is absent from school, a note must be sent to the teacher when he/she returns. It is also essential that you inform the school beforehand if a child has to leave school early or may be in late due to attendance at medical or other appointment.



Early Bird Club and 123 Club

Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am in the School Hall and costs £2.00 for supervision and breakfast.

Parents should collect their child / children from the 123 Room. Please wait outside the room and Mrs Whiteside will meet you at the door.



PLEASE NOTE: CANCELLING A SESSION AT 123 CLUB MUST BE DONE THE DAY BEFORE IN ORDER TO GET A REFUND.

Parents are required to book places for these clubs on the school app. **Children should not attend these clubs without pre booking on the school app or contacting the secretary to enquire if spaces are available.** Breakfast Club and 123 Club places for the week must be booked by 9.00am the Friday before. Please note that after the Friday 9.00am deadline, no further bookings can be accepted for the incoming week. If you require a place during the week you must contact the school office to check for availability. Spaces are limited so we advise booking early.

Thank you to our breakfast and 123 club staff, Mrs McKelvey, Miss Stewart, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Whiteside.

Child Protection / Safeguarding

If you have concerns regarding Child Protection, please contact Mrs McCool or a member of the Safeguarding Team. Children are made aware that there is always an adult in MPS who will listen to any worries they may have. Please remind your child of this. We are here to help and the sooner we know about a problem the sooner we can resolve this.

MPS CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING TEAM

DESIGNATED TEACHER

Mrs Pamela McCool

DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHERS

Mr Kenny Qua and Mrs Sandra Black

GOVERNOR

Mr Timothy Wilson

PRINCIPAL

Dr Helen McLernon



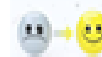
If you need to talk to someone you can talk to...

Mrs McCool

Mr Qua

Mrs Black

Dr McLernon





Important Dates

MAY 2024	
Fri 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● HOME-TIME P1 – P3: 1.50pm P4 – P7: 2.00pm School buses and 123 Club will not be available.
Mon 27 – Fri 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● May Bank Holiday
JUNE 2024	
Mon 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● School closed due to non-teaching unions engaging in strike action● P7 Trip to London
Tue 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Please note arrangements due to strike action by non-teaching staff<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ No Breakfast Club➢ No snack trolley – children to bring own snacks➢ No lunches – all children to bring a packed lunch➢ No buses➢ No 3.15pm crossing patrol – parents should collect children from the school gates➢ 123 Club is available
Wed 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Walking Bus @ 8.45am
Thur 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● P7 pupils return from London
Fri 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All P7 pupils start school at 10.45am – lining up in playground as normal. Pupils should not be in school prior to this time as there is no supervision until 10.45am.
Thur 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thrive Academy P5 pupils
Friday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● P5 – P7 Sports Day TBC
Fri 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● P7 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am in the Hall
Mon 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Green Day to celebrate achieving the Green Eco Schools Flag, Forest School Award, RRS - Silver● Pupil Annual Reports sent home to parents + Education Plans and pupil Targets
Tue 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Whole school trip to Gosford Forest Park. Farewell picnic for the P7 boys and girls.● P7 – final day
Thur 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Moving On Morning 9.30 – 11.30am - pupils will be visiting their new classroom and meeting their new teacher
Fri 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Non-uniform day (£1.00 per child or £2.00 per family for school funds.● School closes for the summer holidays● P1 – P3 @ 11.50am● P4 – P7 @ 12 noon

If you require any information or would like clarification on any issue, please contact me via email or phone.

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