



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

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Award

During June our monthly value was **Be a Good Sport.**

Classes	Endeavour Award	Be a Good Sport	Handwriting Award
P1KG	Georgia McCall	Zach Diffin	Paige Dawson
P1/P2SB	Martha McClure	Freddie Morrow	Rhys Crozier
P2KS	Ada Scott	Millie McRoberts	Heidi Kilpatrick
P3KT	Jennq Parr	Maverick Ferguson	Adam Murphy
P3RC	Kyla McStay	Lucy Fiddis	Matthew Weller
P4EG	Sammy Davis & Jonah Graham	Harry McKinney-Drewett	Georgia Scott & Isla Dougan
P5HS&SM	Riley Henning	Joey Cain	Charlie McGaughey
P5/P6PMcC	Eliana McCall	Jack Irvine	Jessica Kirkland
P6AA/LP	Freya Black	Gracie Dickson	Sam McMullan
P6/P7KQ	Ollie Dickson	Suzy Holubowicz	Paige Alexander
P7RCh	Paige Nesbitt	James Maguire	Hollie Wilson

Monthly Award for June - **Be a Good Sport**



to everyone who received an Endeavour, Be a Good Sport or Handwriting Award at our June Celebration Assembly



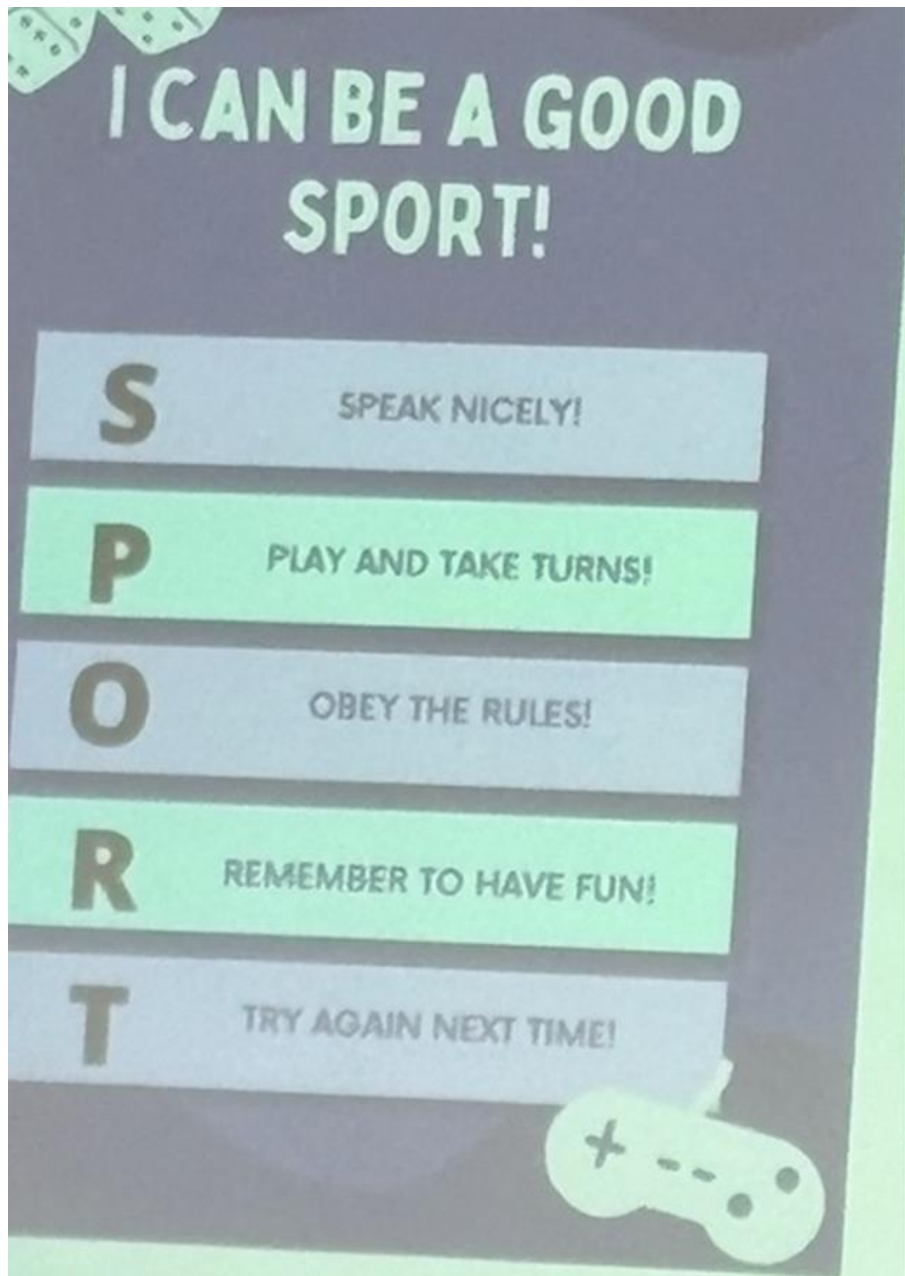
During 2024 – 2025 we are focusing on handwriting across the school. We have purchased new resources to help with this. We have added a handwriting award to our monthly celebration assembly. Top marks to our Handwriting Award winners.



Celebration Assembly

Our June monthly class assembly was led by Mrs Atkinson and her P6 class. Their theme was 'Be which links to a Good Sport' our June monthly value. The 6 boys and girls shared a great assembly about what being a good sport means. Thank you to Mrs Atkinson and Mrs McKelvey for leading the assembly with the children.





P7 Leavers' Assembly

Our P7 boys and girls put on a wonderful performance for their parents on Tuesday 24 June 2025 at their Leavers' Assembly. 'Robin Hood and The Sherwood Hoddies' was a big hit with the parents, staff and pupils of MPS. Thank you to our children for working so hard to make this performance so successful. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for leading this and to Mr Qua for supporting Mrs Chapman and organising the sound system. Thanks also to the Year 6 and Year 7 classroom assistants and indeed all the staff in the school for helping with the costumes, props, make up, dance routines, programmes and much much more. A great team effort by everyone!

The performance can be viewed on Youtube.

Whole School Day Trip to Gosford Forest Park

Everyone had a super day at Gosford on Wednesday 25 June. A lovely way to end the term!

Please take a look at our Facebook page and school website for photographs.

Rights Respecting School Gold Award

An assessment of evidence relating to RRS took place on 19 May 2025, with the Principal and RRS Lead, Mr Qua, being interviewed, followed by the RRS Steering Pupil Group and staff participating in interviews with the RRS Assessor. The Assessor commented on the work covered within MPS and the knowledge that the children had in relation to Rights Respecting Schools. MPS was awarded the Gold Award. Well done to Mr Qua for leading this and to all the staff and pupils for their contributions to achieving this award.





We say a sad farewell to some MPS staff and pupils.
We will miss our lovely Year 7 boys and girls next year and wish them well as they move to Markethill High School, The Royal School Armagh, The City of Armagh High School and Tandragee Junior High School.



Thank you for your valuable contributions to the life of MPS!



Ms McKinney is leaving us to take up a new job with her family business. We wish her well with this new venture.





Mrs Dougan is leaving us for a short time to welcome a new addition to the Dougan family.



Miss Gilliland



Mrs Black



Mrs Evans

Mrs Nicholson

MPS wishes Miss Gilliland and Mrs Black every blessing for their wedding days in July 2025.



We are looking forward to welcoming our new P1 boys and girls to MPS. Lots of fun times ahead for our 2025 intake.

We also welcome back to the school Mrs R Smyth, who will be teaching P5 on Thursday and Fridays during 2025 – 2026.

School Reopening

School will reopen on Tuesday 26 August 2025. See the table below for details. Children need to bring a snack as the Snack Trolley will not be available until Monday 1 September. There will be no buses or school dinners until Monday 1 September. Please note the finish time for Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 August.

	Bank Holiday School closed	Monday 25 August 2025	
AUTUMN TERM	School starts + Breakfast Club	Tuesday 26 August 2025	P1: 9.10am – 12 noon (1/3 P1 pupils) P2 – P3: pupils finish at 12.50pm P4 – P7: pupils finish at 1.00pm
		Wednesday 27 August 2025	P1: 9.10am – 12 noon (1/3 P1 pupils) P2 – P3: finish at 12.50pm P4 – P7: finish at 1.00pm
		Thursday 28 August 2025	P1: 9.10am – 12 noon (1/3 P1 pupils) P2 – P3: finish at 12.50pm P4 – P7: finish at 1.00pm
		Friday 29 August 2025	All P1: 9.10am – 12 noon P2 – P3: finish at 12.50pm P4 – P7: finish at 1.00pm



Walking Bus Day Wednesday 3 September 2025

Meeting point
Rear entrance to school at
Bunker Hill



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.

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/carer's 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**.



A big thank you to The Hub for their hard work during the year to raise funds for MPS. This year The Hub has contributed to the purchase of a new handwriting scheme for the school. The Hub has also agreed to help fund some new playground markings.

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

JUNE 2025

Mon 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-uniform day (£1.00 per child or £2.00 per family) to support the charity Beyond Skin, who visited the school in May 2025. We encourage you to support this very worthwhile cause. Thank you. School closes for the summer holidays P1 – P3 @ 11.50am P4 – P7 @ 12 noon
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	School closed	Monday 22 September 2025	Staff Development Day
Half-Term	School finishes	Friday 24 October 2024	P1 – P3 pupils finish at 1.50pm P4 – P7 pupils finish at 2.00pm
	School closed	Mon 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	
	School reopens	Monday 3 November 2025	
Christmas	School finishes	Friday 19 December 2025	P1 – P3 pupils finish at 11.30am P4 – P7 pupils finish at 11.40am
	School closed	Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026	

SPRING TERM	School reopens	Monday 5 January 2026	
Half-Term	School finishes	Tuesday 10 February 2026	P1 – P3 pupils finish at 12.50pm P4 – P7 pupils finish at 1.00pm
	School closed	Wed 11 – Friday 13 February 2026	
	School reopens	Monday 16 February 2026	
St Patrick's Day	School closed	Tuesday 17 March 2026	
Easter	School finishes	Friday 27 March 2026	P1 – P3 pupils finish at 11.50am P4 – P7 pupils finish at 12 noon
	School closed	Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026	

SUMMER TERM	School reopens	Monday 13 April 2026	
Bank Holiday 1	School closed	Monday 4 May 2026	
Bank Holiday 2	School finishes	Friday 22 May 2026	P1 – P3 pupils finish at 1.50pm P4 – P7 pupils finish at 2.00pm
	School closed	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2026	
	School reopens	Monday 1 June 2026	
Summer Holidays	School closes	Tuesday 30 June 2026	P1 – P3 pupils finish at 11.50am P4 – P7 pupils finish at 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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