



We wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. Thank you all for your support over Term 1.

IMPORTANT DATES

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
School will be closed
Tuesday 14 – Friday 17
February 2023 inclusive.

P6 & P7 Secondary School
Open Nights 2023

Magherafelt High School
Wednesday 4 January
2023 @ 7pm

Rainey School Magherafelt
Thursday 19 January 2023

Online Booking for the Rainey Open Night will be available from 10am on Thur 5 Jan 2023 and closes at midnight Thur 12 Jan 2023. Booking online essential.

Sperrin Integrated College
Wednesday 18 Jan and
Thursday 19 January 2023
3.30-7.30pm both dates.

Please telephone the secondary schools or visit their websites for more information.

Competition Success

P6 pupils were delighted to hear that they had won an art competition organised by Henry Brothers Ltd in June 2022 to design an awning for their building site on Rainey Street, Magherafelt. We were so happy to receive a new iPad and Chromebook as a prize for school. Check out our website for more photos and info. Look out for the artwork on Rainey Street!

- 5 Jan New Term commences including Early Bird Club
- 9 Jan After School Clubs P4-7 commence
- 10 Jan P6 & P7 Puberty Talk with 'Love for Life'
- 10 Jan Healthy Kidz in for weekly PE lessons for P1-4 during school & 123 club
- 10 Jan P1 Portal opens for Online applications/Guitar lessons re-commence
- 11 Jan Well-being Wednesday Activities including Healthy Happy Minds Prog.
- 11 Jan P6 & P7 Swimming lessons start for 11 weeks £30.50
- 17 Jan NI Water Assembly Talk for P4-7 pupils@ 9.35am
- 20 Jan Mr Hullabaloo 'Winter Wonderland' Show P1&2 and pre school families
- 23 Jan Kindness Week – Tokens will be given out for acts of kindness in school
- 27 Jan 12 noon Deadline for P1 Applications online

Please keep visiting our school website for all our latest news and to check our school calendar for dates.

Christmas Concerts 2022

I trust that our families enjoyed the Christmas Concerts as much as we enjoyed performing for you all. It was great to get the opportunity to welcome everyone back into school and enjoy a live concert after two years of COVID restrictions. The children were fantastic and demonstrated excellent singing and acting skills. I want to formally congratulate each child who participated and thank the staff of Woods PS for their dedication in preparing the pupils for the shows. Check out more photos of the concerts on the school website.



We raised a wonderful £710 for school funds and £710 for NI Cancer Fund for Children from the proceeds of our Christmas Concerts. This is wonderful fundraising. The school funds will be used to help purchase new ICT equipment for our school as many of our current PCs need updated.

Intergenerational Art Project 22-23

Our P7 Class have completed a Dementia Awareness Course with Lynne from Connecting Generations. To follow on with this work we plan to complete an Art Project with the residents of Ballyronan Care Home in Term 2. The children are learning how to relate to all ages of people and have kindly made Christmas cards for the residents of the Marina Care Home.



	SNACK
Jan	£5.70

HEADLICE

Please check your child's head for head lice. Early detection and treatment is key to reducing the spread.

January 2023 Dinner Menu is on our school website.



Period Dignity and Menstrual Wellbeing

Please be aware that we make available free sanitary products in school for girls who need them. This is a DE initiative to help break the stigma surrounding periods and tackle period poverty. The Period products are available in the adult disabled toilets, from office staff or from each classroom teacher in school. If your child starts to have a period, please do make Mrs White or Mrs Milliken aware so that they can support them and provide useful information in school.



We want to thank all our families for the staff cards and gifts. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by everyone.

**After School Clubs Term 2 January- February 2023
(5-week block)**

Monday	9 Jan	P5-7 HOCKEY	FREE
Tuesday	10 Jan	P4-6 Healthy Kidz(PE activities)	£10
Wednesday	11 Jan	P4-7 IFA Football Coach	£7.50
Thursday	12 Jan	P5-7 Netball with Lisa	£10

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN HOCKEY MUST HAVE SHIN GUARDS AND MOUTH GUARDS. SCHOOL HAS HOCKEY STICKS THAT CAN BE BORROWED, IF NEEDED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHILDREN WILL BE TRAINING FOR TOURNAMENTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 2023.

P1 Admissions

Online applications can be made for a place in P1 in September 2023. Click on the link below:-

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place>

Applications should be made before 12 noon on 27 January 2023. If you need assistance with this process, please telephone the school (02879418415)



Special Invitation to all prospective P1 families

Please join us for a special afternoon with Mr Hullabaloo

At WOODS PS

On FRIDAY 20 January 2023

At 12.45-1.45pm

Please email school on info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk

to reserve free seats at the show.