

Ballymagee Newsletter

November 2025



"Learning Today to Discover Tomorrow"

Key Dates

Friday 14th November

Children in Need Day

Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November

Odd Sock Day

Friday 14th November

Friendship Week

Saturday 15th & Saturday 22nd November

SEAG 1 & 2

Monday 1st December

FAB Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 3rd December 9.30am & 11am & Thursday 4th December 9.30am

Nativity

Monday 15th December

P5/P6 Christmas Concert 10.15am & 1.15pm

School Values

FRIENDSHIP



In November, our School Value focus will be 'Friendship'. Mrs Beattie will introduce this value during assembly. Throughout the month, children will engage in many activities that encourage them to consider how they can be a good friend within our community.

SEAG



Good Luck to all our P7 children who will be taking SEAG transfer tests on Saturday 15th and Saturday 22nd November. Stay positive and try your best; we are very proud of you all!

Message from Mr Totton

Welcome back to the second half of term one. I trust that you all had a refreshing half term break.

We have another busy month ahead of us as we get ready for our Christmas activities. FAB are busy planning for the Christmas Fair, Christmas shopping event and disco. Your help at various stalls at our Christmas Fair would be very much appreciated.

Rehearsals for the Nursery Christmas Sing Along, Foundation Stage Nativity and P5 and P6 Christmas Concert are starting this week. We look forward to seeing you at those events.

We are already thinking ahead to Nursery and P1 for the next academic year. Our Open Day and Night will be on Wednesday 10th December. Prospective parents can book on to a tour by contacting the school office. You will see all of this advertised on our social media and I would appreciate it if you could onward share this.

The number of staff we have has grown again. Just before half term we welcomed Mrs Pritchard who is working in P1 and P7 as a Special Needs Classroom Assistant and Mrs Cheptene who is working in P7 as a Special Needs Classroom Assistant. We wish both of them well as they join our team.

Best wishes

P Totton



**Mrs
Cheptene**

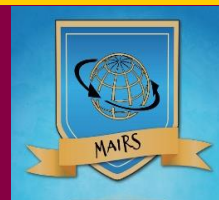
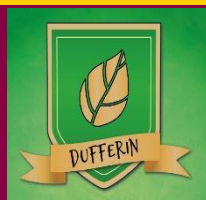
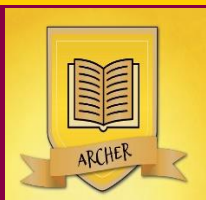


**Mrs
Pritchard**

Anti Bullying Week



As part of our preventative education, we will be running our annual Anti-Bullying Week from Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November. Our theme will be 'POWER FOR GOOD' where we will empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. Children are asked to wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November.



FAB News

FAB held their AGM meeting on Wednesday 1st October. We would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their commitment and hard work during 2024/25. They raised £14,000 which went towards replacing children's desks in the classroom. This year we will replace ICT equipment and build a new outdoor play area with funds we raise. Welcome to our new committee for 2025/26.

Chairperson – Ryan Paden

Treasurer – Joanne McConnell

Secretary – Amber Miskimmin

Vice Chairperson – Catherine McCready



Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11th November at 1pm. Everyone is welcome and we would be delighted to invite new members to help organise events for our school families to enjoy. We are well underway with organising the Christmas Fair, if you would like to get involved and help spread some festive cheer, please leave your name with the school office.

School House Captains 2025-2026



Children in Need



Children in Need Day will be celebrated in Ballymagee on **Friday 14th November**. This will be a non-uniform day, and children can come to school dressed in a SPOTacular way! Keep an eye out on Dojo for more details.

Operation Christmas Child



Please return shoe boxes to your child's class teacher this week. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Nursery & P1 Open Day



We will be having an Open Day and Night for Nursery and P1 on Wednesday 10th December. This tour of the school is for parents only at this stage and specifically for parents who are new to the school. If you know someone with a child due to start P1 or Nursery in September, ask them to email info@ballymagee.org.uk or call the school office on 02891472324 to make an appointment for a tour.

Key Contacts

Principal Mr P Totton

Vice Principal Mr G McCrea

SENCO Mrs L Welsh

Designated Teacher Miss V Bell

Deputy Designated Teachers

Mrs L Welsh Mr G McCrea

Head of Early Years Mrs S Hanna

Head of Key Stage One Miss V Bell

Head of Key Stage Two Mrs V Purce

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