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Monday 13th November 2023

REF: Cross-Country Competition for P5-P7 pupils

Dear Parent

I would be very grateful if you would consider entering your child into the Irwin Speirs Memorial XC Acorns Athletics Club competition to be held at the MUSA on Saturday 9th December 2023. The Under 10 race will take place at 10.40am followed by the Under 12 race at 11.10am.

Please note, the link containing more details and entry information can be found at https://athleticsni.org/Fixtures/Irwin-Speirs-Memorial-XC-Acorns-AC. Click 'Online Entry' followed by 'Enter Here' in the next page. At this stage you will need to register with the OpenTrack Race Management System before you can enter your child to Irwin Speirs Memorial XC event. Once you have registered, you will be able to enter your child into future races and meets using the same OpenTrack details.

I have a number of Donaghey PS race tops. These will be distributed to the pupils on Friday 8th December. The races will take place on grass. Most XC runners wear running spikes due to the soft running ground, however children entering the sport for the first time will tend to wear football boots to give them a little more grip. Old trainers will suffice.

In the meantime, please complete the slip below if your child intends to run at the event and please follow the instructions above to register your child with OpenTrack before entering your child. The entry fee is £4.00.

Cross-Country training in school will commence on Tuesday 14^{th} November (1.45pm - 2.45pm) for the P6/P7 class. Pupils from Mr Ferguson's class who would like to train will have the opportunity to join us from Tuesday 21^{st} November.

I will be in contact with those parents who have expressed an interest in the event during the coming weeks. Parents should stay on the at the event on the day to help supervise their child.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Harrison

Irwin Speirs Memorial XC Acorns Athletics Club competition – Saturday 9 th December
Pupil Name & Class:
My child will be competing in the above event. Parent Signature:
Please return this slip to school by Tuesday 21 st November and enter your child. Entries close at the end of November.