

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Ashgrove Art Exhibition

An exhibition of artwork by every child in the school will be on show in the school hall this Thursday, 21 April. Each picture costs £6 including frame.

Duplicate prints are available on request.

Please come along between 2pm and 7pm to view the works, to encourage your child and to boost school funds.

Bicycles

We have recently fitted bicycle racks at the back of the school.

Unfortunately the racks are not big enough to facilitate every child who might like to bring a bicycle to school and so their use has been restricted to those children who are working towards their Cycling Proficiency Tests.

Please note that children are expected to walk with their bicycles between the racks and the front gate.

Summer Dress Now Part of Uniform

We have decided to add summer dresses to our list of uniform items as another option during the summer term. Although likely to be popular with younger girls they may be worn by any age group.

In order to ensure uniformity we would ask that they be bought from Tesco where they will be available in all primary sizes from now until September at a very reasonable £5.

The dresses are in green and white gingham check with a white collar and matching scrunchie.

An example is available for inspection in the secretary's office.

Choir of the Year

The first round of UTV Choir of the Year competition was held in the Whitla Hall, Queen's University on Monday 14 March.

Congratulations to all the children and staff on the excellent performances.

Crumlin Wildlife Centre

It's not everyday that children get to meet wild animals but the staff of Crumlin Wildlife Centre visited school recently with a hedgehog, two owls and a fox. There was great excitement when the younger children had an opportunity to see the animals at close range.

After School Activities

Please note that, with brighter evenings now coming in, the after-school activities have finished for the year.

News From The Kitchen

NEELB has raised the cost of a school meal to £2.10 with effect from 18 April. From time to time there are also increases to individual cafeteria items.

Traditionally Wednesday is the day for healthy eating in Ashgrove and the canteen now continues the theme into lunchtime. A balanced range of set meals will still be available for P1 and P2 every day and the usual healthy options will of course be available for P3 to P7 but from this week there will be no fried food provided on Wednesdays.

The kitchen has also extended its daily sandwich-making service to include wholemeal biscuits (30p), shortbread (30p), scones (35p), pancakes (35p), fruit (average price 40p), fruit juice (45p) and flavoured waters (50p). These may be purchased before school starts and kept to break.

P7 Trip to Manchester

The annual P7 trip will take place between Tuesday 26 April and Friday 29 April.

Activities will focus around Manchester and will include the Science Museum, Old Trafford, a theatre production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie", and Debdale Outdoor Centre.

The trip promises to be great fun and an educational visit that the children will remember for the rest of their lives.

Football

The school football team recently played a match in the Under 10s Cup. The final score was:

Ashgrove 2:4 St Bernard's
(Jamie Moore, Ross Cleland)

Tokens For Schools

Once again we are collecting the Tesco tokens. This is always a worthwhile venture and in the past we have exchanged tokens for a range of items including a digital camera, a data projector and a television.

Please keep those pink tokens coming in – we have over 16,000 so far.

Parent Teacher Association

Advance notice: a treasure hunt will be held at 7pm on Friday 27 May.