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Newsletter

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School Council

Alderman Nigel Hamilton was in school last week to launch our school council election. As a past mayor Mr Hamilton was careful to avoid party politics but told the children that democracy is a privilege and a responsibility. With three hundred of the school's pupils listening carefully he explained the thinking behind manifestos, candidates, voting and ballot papers then went on to take questions from the floor.



The current Mayor of Newtownabbey will visit school on 23 April to oversee the elections and the count, and to declare which sixteen children have been elected to sit on the school council.

But first come those tricky matters of whether to stand for election, how to build support and...just where to find the best spin doctor for the job!

Eggs

Thanks to all those members of the PTA, staff and parents, who helped with our Easter Egg event. The raffle was won by Corey Stewart (P2C), Katie Finlay (P2M) and Tony Lewis (P4M), all of whom headed off on their Easter holiday armed with a luxury Thornton egg.



General Election Polling Day

Meanwhile in the general election...

Please note that Ashgrove Primary School will be closed on Thursday 6 May for use as a polling station.

Fitness Freddie

Thanks to the many parents, friends and children who supported this year's fitness day. Total sponsorship was in excess of £2500 – almost enough to pay an interactive white board in one go.

Prizes were given to the top fund-raisers, with Juma MacMillan bringing in a magnificent £100.

No Second Fiddles!

Congratulations to Jessica McGookin and Katy Thompson who recently achieved a merit in their Grade 1 Violin exams and to Jordan Peoples who achieved a distinction, also at Grade 1. All those hours of practice have paid off!



A Good Spring Clean

Don't forget to bring your old clothes to our fabric recycling bin and help us make a bit of "Cash for Clobber"...or do we expect tartan parallels to come back?

Easter Chicks

Many thanks to Linda Robinson of Age Concern for providing Easter chicks for our Primary One children's eggs.

New Primary One Pupils

I have received a number of late applications for next year's Primary One.

If you know of any parents wishing to start their children in Ashgrove next year, please encourage them to contact our secretary, Mrs McDonald, or myself as soon as possible.

This Month's Kitchen Special

Homemade biscuits and cakes will be available from the canteen at lunchtime for one week only - from Monday 19 April to Friday 23 April:

Chocolate chip cookies	30p each
Mars bar squares	30p each
Chocolate muffins	30p each
Chocolate cake	30p each
Iced cake	30p each
Top hats	20p each

Ski Trip

Many thanks to Mr Agnew, Dr Carlisle, Mr Graham, Mrs Morris and Mrs Smyth for ensuring that the ski trip to Ehrwald in Austria was a major success. Winter Olympics team 2014?



School Library

New paint, carpet, and shelves have all helped brighten up our school library this year. Many thanks to those people who gave their time and energy to some part of this big job.

