

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Sri Lanka Buy-A-Boat Appeal

Thanks to your generosity the total collected by children, parents, staff and friends has now passed £4000.

We had hoped to raise £1750 to buy one fishing boat for use by three of the many Sri Lankan families that suffered as a result of the tsunami in December. In fact we have now ended our appeal at £4005.

This means that we can hand over a cheque to pay for two boats and a surplus of £505 to be used towards the purchase of a third.

The children have now voted and decided that the boats should be called **The Ashgrove** and **The Ashgrove Phoenix**.

Choir of the Year

Once again Ashgrove has entered the Choir of the Year competition. The first round will be held in Queen's University on Monday 14 March.

PTA Table Quiz

7:30pm

Thursday 24 February

Adults £1
Children 50p
(Primary 4-7 only)

Maximum of 6 players per team

Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets are available from Mr Graham.

Late Arrivals

Since Christmas there has been a marked increase in the number of children arriving at school late. The bell rings at 8:55am and children are expected to be settled in their classes by 9:00am. Any child arriving after 9:15am must be officially recorded as late, which can affect the attendance percentage. I would appreciate your support with punctuality.

Parent Interviews

Parents will soon be invited to a second ten-minute interview with their child's teacher. This will provide an opportunity to discuss progress and any problems that may exist as we enter the second half of the school year.

The interviews are planned for 10 and 17 March. **The children will leave school at 1:00pm on each of these Thursdays.**

Congratulations

Congratulations to the members of our senior netball team for their fine performance in the Newtownabbey Primary Schools Netball Tournament – in particular to P6 pupil, Georgia O'Boyle McDermott, who was awarded player of the tournament.

The junior team has now made a good start by competing well in a mini-league with other primary schools in the area.

Football

The school team has played a number of memorable matches recently:

Ashgrove 1:0 Whiteabbey
(Jamie Moore)

Ashgrove 1:3 Carnmoney
(Jack McWilliams)

Ashgrove 5:2 Rathcoole
(Sandy McDermott (2), Kyle McCreadie, Jonathan Torrens, Jack McWilliams)

www.ashgroveprimary.com

At present our website contains basic information about the school and the complete versions of our policies in downloadable form. You may find it a useful source for an up-to-date holiday list, a prospectus or the Board of Governors' annual report. Over the next few months it will be developed to include children's work.

Road Safety Quiz

Well done! The school team is now through to the next round in Ballymena.

School Visitors

Recent visitors to the school include:

Mr Roy Lindsay who worked with Primary 6 and 7 on drugs education.

The "Magic, Science or Mystery?" and "Move IT!" shows held as part of our cross community programme with St Mary's-On-The-Hill Primary School.

The Fire Brigade made a memorable visit to Primary 1.

Tokens for Schools

We have now received a brand new data projector and digital camera in exchange for the thousands of Tesco tokens that you all collected last year.

Thanks for your help with this event. It will soon be that time of year again!