

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

June 2008

Best Wishes from Everyone at Ashgrove PS for a Safe, Happy and Relaxing Summer Break

The term will end at 12:30pm on Friday 27 June.

The autumn term will commence at 8:55am on Thursday 28 August 2008. Special arrangements will be in place for our new Primary 1 children with everyone else finishing at 2:00pm on both the Thursday and Friday of that week.



Please note: a packed lunch should be brought on the Thursday and Friday as the cafeteria will not be in operation until 1 September.

I would also ask you to ensure you're your child gets to and from school safely as there will be no school crossing patrol service.

Bike-The-Baltic for Marie Curie



During the summer one of our teachers, Mr Agnew, will be cycling from Warsaw in Poland to Vilnius in Lithuania to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. As an expression of our support as he takes on this epic 621km journey, Tuesday 24 June will be a non-uniform day for every child in school. If you would like to contribute to his sponsorship we would be happy to collect your £1 coins!



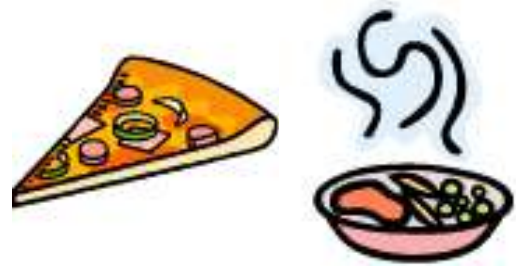
Primary Pupil Profile

This year children in Primary 1 and 5 will receive one of the new Revised Curriculum "Pupil Profiles" instead of our usual report.

Ashgrove is in the group of schools whose move to on-line completion of these pupil profiles was deferred while technical facilities and training were addressed, so don't be alarmed if you hear of a Primary 1 or Primary 5 child in another school presenting parents with a questionnaire relating specifically to the Primary Pupil Profile.

Menu

Next week the kitchen will be offering a broader range of dishes each day in order to survey children's preferences. It is not necessary to choose in advance as there should be plenty of choice for all. The price remains at £2.20.



Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers

One of the many interesting days that the children have had in recent weeks involved a visit from Maurice Cairnduff. During the course of a morning he worked with our Primary 7 classes to make drums.

His hope is that 1000 people will bring and play drums (homemade or commercially manufactured) at a special event run by Newtownabbey Borough Council between 3pm and 5pm on 23 August. Why not join us in the Loughshore Park and add to the noise and fun that Saturday.



The Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers will be providing a dramatic centrepiece to the event.

Questionnaires

Many thanks for your replies. These will be collated in July and the results published in the September newsletter. Any issues to be addressed will be included in our school development plan.

Additional Holiday

NEELB has just announced another holiday for 2008/2009. Please keep the revised list which is attached for reference next year.

Once again this year a number of families chose to take their children out of school during term-time rather than during the school closures. Please note that teachers cannot be expected to provide work for completion during such absences from school.

Uniform

Please note that school uniform should not be worn on Tuesday or Wednesday or Friday next week. However, it is important that children keep their uniforms clean and presentable for the leavers' assembly on Thursday.

Classes for Next Year

Next year's classes will be as follows:

2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009	Room
	Mrs McCoy	P1 Rm 1
	Mrs Adair	P1 Rm 2
Mrs McCoy	→ Mrs McBride	P2 Rm 3
Mrs Adair	→ Mrs Copeland	P2 Rm 6
Mrs McBride	→ Mrs Blair	P3 Rm 4
Mrs Copeland	→ Mrs Torrie	P3 Rm 5
Mrs Torrie	→ Mrs McAllister*	P4 Rm 8
	Mrs Mannion*	
Mrs Blair	→ Miss Wylie	P4 Rm 11
Miss Wylie	→ Mrs Christie*	P5 Rm 7
	Miss Lanigan*	
Mrs McAllister*	→ Mrs Luney	P5 M2
Mrs Mannion*		
Mrs Christie	→ Mrs Quail	P6 Rm 10
Mrs Luney	→ Mr Morrow	P6 Rm 9
Mr Morrow	→ Mr Graham	P7 M4
Miss Quail	→ Mr Agnew	P7 M3

*A letter explaining the job-share arrangements has been given to children who will be in P4M and P5C next year.

Family Fun Night

Many thanks to all those who supported our Family Fun Night by helping with games or stalls or behind the scenes. And a huge thank-you to all who turned up. Despite a cool breeze, the sun shone and the party atmosphere made it one of our most successful to date. Well over £1000 profit was raised for PTA funds.

Free School Meals

Being on the free school meals register does not commit your child to school meals every day but I would encourage you to apply if you think you are eligible. As well as benefiting families **our budget receives additional funding for every child registered.** Please contact the NEELB for details at 028 2565 3333.

Website

The school website has been expanded this year to include a number of picture pages. Recent additions might provide a flavour of the P6 trip, the P7 trip and the production of Hoodwinked.

It is my intention to keep the information on the website up-to-date and to have a photographic record of some of the key events during the year.

In an attempt to respond more quickly to events I intend to change our policy from September. Rather than send home photos for signing and risk having the entire batch held up while waiting for a lost signature, I will upload new images to the web and send a note home to inform families. The images will, of course, appear anonymously, but if any parents are unhappy they can contact me and I will remove the photographs immediately.



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