

## Ashgrove Primary School

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# Newsletter

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## *Hoodwinked*

After weeks of work our production of Hoodwinked, the Robin Hood musical, was presented to packed houses both nights. Many thanks to all children, parents and staff who helped make this not only a great educational experience but a fun event.

## **Hockey Tournament**

The boys hockey team had a great time on Saturday 26 April. Unfortunately Ashgrove didn't bring home a trophy but the boys thoroughly enjoyed the school's first opportunity to take part in the finals at Lisnagarvey Hockey Club near Hillsborough.

## **Sports Day**

By now you will have received a letter about Sports Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.. Key Stage 1 will compete in the morning and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. Please encourage your child to be a good sport and to do his or her very best. It's planned as a fun day for all. Let's hope the glorious May weather continues.

## **PTA Family Fun Night**

Don't forget to keep the evening of 12 June free. Come and join us from 6:30pm. If you can contribute a prize to the ballot, please speak to Mr Graham or the school secretary.

## **Primary Seven Visit**

Once again a large group of Primary 7 children enjoyed a four-day trip to mark the end of their time in Ashgrove. This year's visit was to Manchester with a visit to Old Trafford a topical highlight for many.



## **Questionnaire**

Once again I would invite you to tell us how we can raise standards and meet your needs. Feel free to contribute to our audit and development plan by completing the questionnaire at the back of this newsletter and returning it to school by mid-June.

P1 and P5 successfully introduced the Revised Curriculum during 2007/2008. With training almost completed for P2 and P6, 2008/2009 should be another good year. Information about the curriculum is available by clicking on the curriculum tab at:

[www.ccea.org.uk](http://www.ccea.org.uk)

Information about the role of governors can be found at:

[www.deni.gov.uk/schoolgovernor.pdf](http://www.deni.gov.uk/schoolgovernor.pdf)

## Life Education Centre

At the beginning of 2006/2007 we were fortunate to have a visit from the Life Education Centre. You may remember Martin Moorcroft bringing his bus and health education lessons to all our children (and some parents) during the course of five days.

Well the bus will be back next week and we look forward to hearing what new lessons Mr Moorcroft can teach us.

## Sun Cream

Sports Day is approaching fast and practices are taking place most days. You may wish to apply sun cream to your child's skin before school. You may also wish to send the child to school with a hat.

## PTA Treasure Hunt

The roads of Newtownabbey were rather hectic places to be on Friday last as almost thirty car-loads of friends and families took part in our annual PTA treasure hunt.

I *think* everyone made it back for supper . . .



. . . but was that really Lewis Hamilton tucking into the sausage rolls?

## Photographer



The photographer will be in school on Friday 30 May. As is usual at this time of year he will be photographing teams and the Primary 1 and Primary 7 classes. Children in Primary 1 will have individual portraits taken.

## Primary Six Trip

This year's Primary 6 residential to Crawfordsburn Scout Centre was surely one of our best so far. For three days the children enjoyed a climbing wall, archery, simulated caving, cooking, nature walks, games, etc.

The staff have still not caught up with their sleep!

## Toxic Waste

Recently it has been brought to my attention that some children are bringing sweets to school called Toxic Waste.

It is not for me to ban these sweets but I would ask you to talk to your children and make your own decision. They seem to contain a number of artificial additives and there have been reports of associated hyperactivity.