

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Interactive Whiteboards

Last year the school purchased two new interactive whiteboards. Very popular with both children and staff they offer huge potential for learning and so we aim to have one board per year group installed before long.

Rather than ask for contributions to the school fund this year we ran the Energy Fitness Day before half-term and raised a tremendous £3000+ but we still have a long way to go. If you would like more information about these amazing tools or if you would like to make a donation towards our whiteboards or indeed, if you know of any company that might be prepared to sponsor a board, please contact the school.



After-School Clubs

All clubs have now ended for this term. They will resume after Christmas.

Energy Fitness Day



There was great excitement when Freddie Kinnersley led a day of dance, aerobics and fitness fun for all the children in the hall. Not every event needed a prize but one particular favourite was the limbo competition. Good man James!

Nativity Services

I hope many parents and friends will be able to join us for this year's nativity services on 11 and 12 December. Full details about tickets, times, classes, etc. will be issued in a separate letter.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

When the spring finally arrives look out for a new "Field of Hope" on the Ballyclare Road. A number of our Primary 7 children assisted the council with the planting of 5000 daffodil bulbs. Only another 45000 to go apparently!



Internet Security

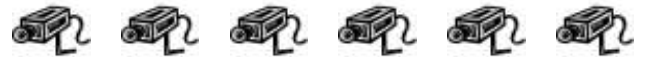
This month's PTA event was a useful meeting of parents from Ashgrove and St Mary's at which Constable Brian Herron outlined some of the risks to children and associated precautions that might be taken in relation to the internet.

Book Fair

Many thanks to all those who supported our book fair by buying books for their children or by helping with the selling.

CCTV

The school's security system has now been upgraded. Six CCTV cameras are in operation to monitor and record any activity outside the building.



Christmas Fair

Don't forget to come along to our Christmas fair between 6:30 and 8:30pm on Thursday 4 December.

Please make a big effort to sell the ballot tickets and return money to school ASAP.

In order to set up for this important fundraising and fun event school will close at 2pm for all pupils that day.

Nia Through to All-Ireland Finals

One of our Primary 3 girls, Nia McVicker, has qualified to represent the Northern Region at the all-Ireland gymnastic finals in Co Kerry in December. **Good luck Nia!**

School Choir

Every year our choir is invited to sing at more venues than we can manage, however this year Mr Agnew will be leading the carollers to the Glebe and Dunanney Residential Homes, as well as Carnmoney Presbyterian Church.



Football

Ballyhenry 2 : 9 Ashgrove

Goal scorers:

Chris Hughes 3
Philip Abernethy 2
Zak McWilliams 2
Cameron Brady 1
Kyle Bainbridge 1