



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 16 (right to privacy) "Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect every child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation."

HALF TERM HOLIDAY...

Please remember school is closed for Half Term the week commencing Monday 12th February. School will reopen at the usual time on Monday 19th February.

16 HABITS OF MIND INSPIRING WONDERMENT & AWE

In Ashgrove we are working with our children to develop 16 Habits of Mind... these are a set of skills and dispositions which research has shown are key qualities in effective learning and life long development. We have already looked at Persisting, Striving for Accuracy, Managing Impulsivity, Questioning & Problem Posing... The most recent Habit of Mind we have looked at is Responding with Wonderment & Awe!

Some pupils may have already brought home certificates for this Habit of Mind which means that they have demonstrated some or all of the following qualities:

- Be curious and want to find out more
- Find subject or fact fascinating!
- Be excited to learn!
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DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

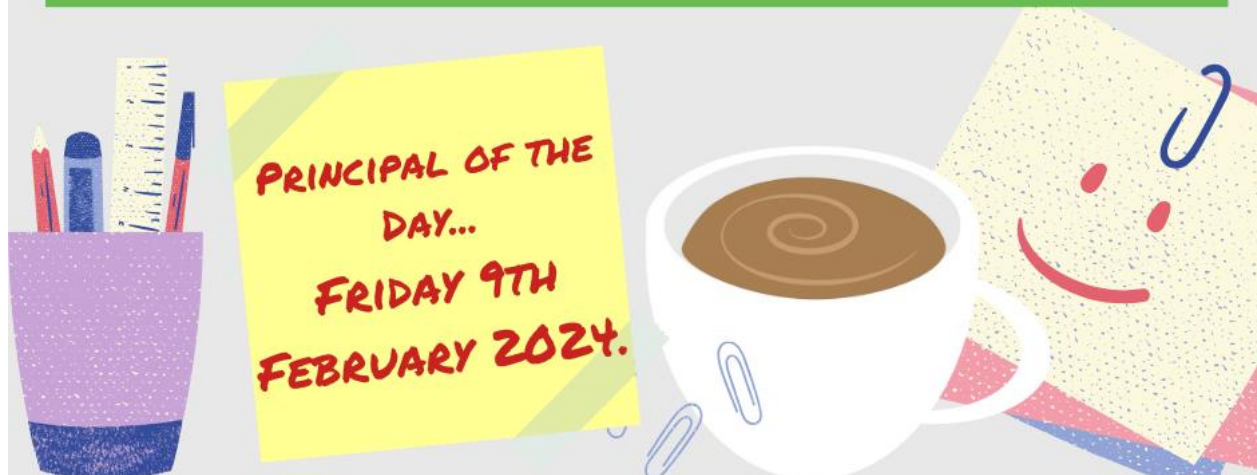
DATE	EVENT
Week commencing Monday 5 th February	Safer Internet Week
Monday 5 th February	P7McComb Swimming (every Monday)
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day! P5 Mrs Carberry's Class Egyptian's Day! P7Warke Swimming (every Tuesday)
Wednesday 7 th February	P5 Mrs Luney's Class Egyptian's Day!
Friday 9 th February	Cool for School, Group photographs – P1 classes, Choir, Football & Sports.
Friday 9 th February	Principal for the Day competition!
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	School Closed for Half Term!
Monday 19 th February	School resumes at the usual time

P1-7 COMPETITION...



Would you like to be Principal of Ashgrove PS for the day?

To apply, complete a Thinking Frame of your choice and give to your teacher by Tuesday 6th February!



PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for indicating your preferences for dates and times for our upcoming Parent Teacher Consultations in February 2024. As a reminder, the meetings will take place **MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY- THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY.**

By now, you should have received a note from your child's teacher(s) informing you of the dates and time of your appointment(s). If you have not yet received this, or your child has been absent from school, please contact the class teacher.

During the days of the consultations (26th – 29th February inclusive) all children will go home at earlier staggered home times as follows:

- P1&2 pupils 11.40am
- P3&4 pupils 11.50am
- P5-7 pupils 12.00pm

We have staggered home times to help reduce congestion in the carpark and turning circle. Please do be patient during these busy days.

We have arranged for the After School Club to be extended to start at 12.00pm to help accommodate working parents – please book spaces at this in advance online using SchoolMoney. The Office may not be able to book this for you on the day as spaces may be filled.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2024

On Monday 18th March pupils will go home at earlier staggered times as follows:

P1&2	12.00 pm
P3&4	12.10 pm
P5-7	12.20 pm

School Meals are NOT available on Monday 18th March.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TO STORMONT

Today, our School Councillors visited Stormont and had a tour of the building and chambers. The School Councillors had a debate in the Assembly and even met some local MLA's.

P1 HEALTH APPRAISALS

The community nurse will conduct health appraisals in school for P1 pupils on the following dates: Monday 4th March, Monday 11th March and Thursday 14th March. The Nurse will contact parents directly to arrange a time and date.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Thank you for continuing to communicate with us about absence from school. We are required to monitor levels of attendance throughout the year. Mrs Carberry is the teacher in charge of monitoring attendance and she has recently made contact with parents with children whose attendance is a concern. We do hope to see a significant improvement in attendance where we have contacted parents.

If your child is absent from school it is important you continue to communicate with us. To help with this, we have an online reporting system – Googleform.



NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Thank you all for your efforts and contributions with our NSPCC Number Day in school today.
This has been the culmination of Maths Week!



NSPCC DIGIT DAY!



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 6th February**. The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is **“Inspiring change. Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.”**

Our #SaferInternetDay Top Tips

Question the source

Consider where your online information has come from and if you know the person sharing it



saferinternetday.org.uk

#AnInternetWeTrust



SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

(VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE – REFER TO WEBSITE)

Monday 5th February

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers, Baked Beans/Coleslaw with Chips/Mashed Potato

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Arctic Roll with Peaches & Pears

Tuesday 6th February

Italian Beef with Crusty Roll & Garden Peas

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Fresh Fruit Pot

Wednesday 7th February

Roast Beef, Carrot & Parsnip/Cauliflower Cheese with Mashed Potato/Oven Roast Potato

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Melon Wedge

Thursday 8th February

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Mini Corn-on-the-cob

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Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard

Friday 9th February

Pork Sausages with Tomato Ketchup/Gravy with Peas/Spaghetti Hoops with Chips or Mashed Potato

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Decorated Fairy Cake

Please book both free and paid school meals online for the week ahead via SchoolMoney...

