



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 13 "Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, so long as it is within the law"

In school we encourage our children to develop inquisitive minds, to explore and question. We seek the views and opinions of our pupils on matters which impact on them e.g. School & Class Council.

Ashgrove PS Numeracy Week...

Next week, we are holding our Numeracy Week in school. Children will take part in various activities focusing on Numicon, Handling Data and Financial Capabilities.

Take some time next week to ask your child what they have been doing for Numeracy Week!

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School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who observes our School Uniform Policy so carefully. Our boys and girls look smart when they are dressed in the appropriate uniform- this demonstrates a sense of pride and belonging to Ashgrove Primary.

As a reminder, children must not wear trainers to school as part of their uniform, both boys and girls must wear **black shoes only**. Trainers may only be worn as part of a sports activity.

During PE, as in our Prospectus and clearly mentioned on our website, children should wear the following:

Primary 1-3	Primary 4-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• slip on/velcro plimsolls in a strong named slipper bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• plain white T-shirt• navy/black track suit bottoms or shorts• plimsolls or trainers

(Please make sure you label all items of clothing)

Thank you for refocusing on this and for your continued support.

School Development Planning

<p>Literacy</p> <p>Focus on the development of Reading through the development of early Reading in Foundation Stage, Guided Reading and Reciprocal Reading. Introduce Accelerated Reader.</p>	<p>Numeracy</p> <p>Embed the ethos is investigative & problem solving approaches. Introduce Maths Stations in Key Stage 2 and Numicon in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.</p>
<p>Pastoral Care</p> <p>Gain Rights Respecting Schools Award (Gold Standard) and focusing on learning of the rights of the child in developing countries. Develop the role of P7 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.</p>	<p>Leadership & Management</p> <p>Continue to build the leadership capacity of staff at all levels throughout the school.</p>



Primary 1 Applications for September 2019

There are still a couple of weeks left to apply for a Primary 1 place for September 2019. Applications must be received by 31st January with supporting documentation given to us by Friday 8th February.

If any parent missed our Open Night and would like to see our school in action, just get in touch and we will be happy to show you around!

AQE Results & P7 Transfer Interviews

The long wait for our P7 pupils who sat the AQE or GL Assessments is almost over. Results will be posted to your home address on Saturday 26th January. If you have moved house or circumstances have changed since you registered with AQE, you must update this information with them.

Last week, we sent a text to P7 parents prompting them to select a day and time to come to school to complete the Post Primary School Application form. There is no obligation to attend, however Mrs Flaherty and I will be on hand to help with the completion of the forms and offer any advice.

NI Children's Commissioner to school

On **Tuesday 22nd January** the NI Children's Commissioner, Koulla Yiasouma, is visiting Ashgrove Primary to acknowledge and celebrate our very significant achievement of attaining UNICEF, Rights Respecting School's Award, Gold Standard. Ashgrove PS is one of only a few schools in Northern Ireland to gain this prestigious standard and is a testament to the high standards of our pupils and quality of our staff.

We will share photographs of the Commissioners visit on our website and social media accounts.

Science in Ashgrove

One of our priorities in our School Development Plan this year is to gain the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). All our classes have been engaging in exciting science experiments. Have a look the Science section on our website to read our Science Ethos and Science Mission Statement.



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

Monday 21st January

Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes &
Tomato Sauce
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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 22nd January

Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potato
or
Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes
~
Egg Sponge Flan & Custard

Wednesday 23rd January

Roast Pork, Carrot & Parsnip, Oven Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
~
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

Thursday 24th January

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli & Naan
Bread
~
Carrot Cake, Custard

Friday 25th January

Pasta Bolognese, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread
OR
Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread,
~
Rice Pudding & Fruit

HEALTHY BREAK

30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

Adverse Weather

According to the forecast we are due for some unsettled weather next week with the potential for snow. It is only in exceptional circumstances will we take the decision to close the school and this will be primarily for the safety of pupils, staff and guests in school.

In these circumstances we aim to give you as much notice as possible. In the event of a closure (or early closure) we will inform you via:

- ✓ School website
- ✓ Social Media Accounts i.e. Facebook & Twitter
- ✓ Texting Service
- ✓ Notification on our school App

To help us keep you informed, please ensure we have your most up to date contact information.

