



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018

Its Official... UNICEF Rights Respecting School GOLD AWARD

We have been informed by UNICEF this week that following our assessment in October, Ashgrove Primary has now been awarded the UNICEF RRSA Gold Standard Award. We are the FIRST AND ONLY school in Newtownabbey to be given this award. This is a huge achievement and a marvelous accolade for the school and a testament to the hard work and dedication of pupils, staff, Governors and parents.

SEE BELOW SOME QUOTES FROM OUR REPORT...

"The school is outstanding..."

"The children are articulate and confident"

"Strong leadership and support from staff, parents and governors"

"An inclusive ethos and strong ambassadorial role with the community and other schools."

"The parental support for the school and the work of their PTA is another important feature"

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Christmas Dinner in school...

Christmas Dinner for our pupils is on **Wednesday 5th December**. As per all school meals, the Christmas Dinner should be booked and paid for online via SchoolMoney.

School Nativity- A Midwife Crisis!

Primaries 1-4 have started to learn songs for our upcoming Nativity- A Midwife Crisis! As per last year we plan to hold three performances of our Nativity. This promises to be another fantastic event in the life of our school. Dates and times are as follows...

Thursday 13th December, 9.30am and 11.15am

Friday 14th December, 9.30am

Tickets will go on sale at the end of November & should be bought online via SchoolMoney

Christmas Carol Service- Wednesday 19th December

This year we are once again holding a traditional Carol Service in Ashgrove Primary- this will be an opportunity for parents in our senior classes to enjoy our wonderful Junior and Senior Choirs. Our Carol Service will be held on **Wednesday 19th December**. This is also our School Council Christmas Jumper Day in school. As space in the Hall is limited, restricted numbers of tickets will be available.

Primary 1 enrolment update

The Education Authority will now accept paper form applications for enrolment for Primary 1 for September 2019 as well as online applications. **Both the paper forms and online portal will be available from 02.01.19.** Paper application forms will not be shared via the EA website, instead they will be available from school from 02.01.19.

Help with both paper and online applications will be available during our **Open Morning on Monday 7th January 2019**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Remember to bring:

- ✓ Your child's Birth Certificate (We require this as to process the application).



After School Clubs w/c 19th November 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Badminton Orchestra	After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Yoga Tag Rugby Scripture Union Coding Club	After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Le Club Francais Playsport Dance starting 14.11.18
Thursday	Friday	Please remember to Book places at our After School Club online via SchoolMoney.
After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Hockey Library	After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm	
Breakfast Club is also available every day from 7.45 – 8.40am, please book online via SchoolMoney!		

Thank you to those of you who booked online and made use of our extended After School Club provision to 5.30pm this week. To book a place simply login to your SchoolMoney account & select one of the following options each day from the dropdown menu:

Option 1: 2.00 – 3.00pm
 Option 2: 2.00 – 4.00pm
 Option 3: 2.00 – 5.00pm
 Option 4: 2.00 – 5.30pm

Available to all P1-4 pupils

Option 5: 3.00 – 4.00pm
 Option 6: 3.00 – 5.00pm
 Option 7: 3.00 – 5.30pm

Available to all P5-7 pupils

Option 8: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Available to pupils in a teacher club from
3.00 – 3.45pm



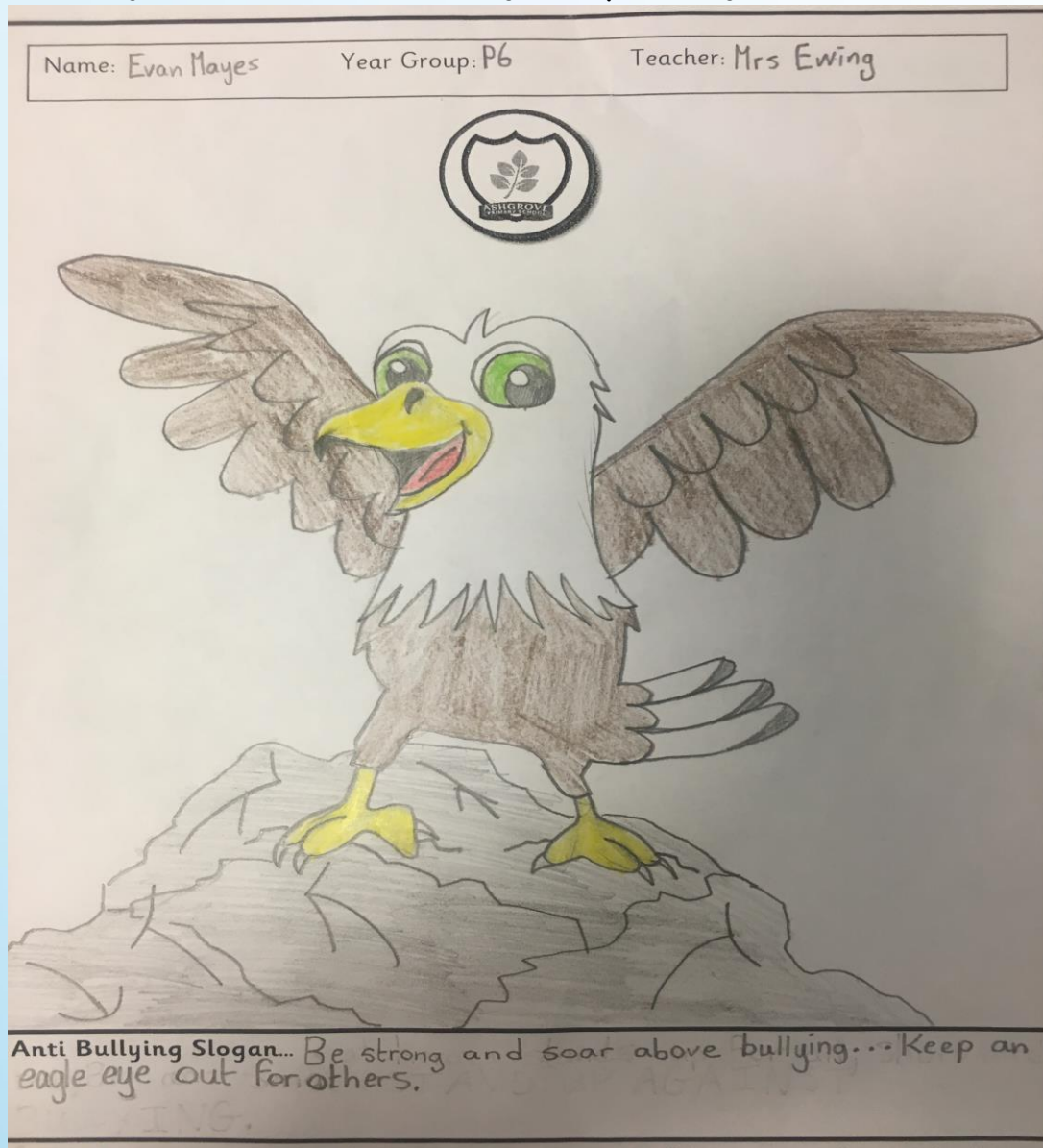
Anti-Bullying Week

This week in Ashgrove Primary we have been raising awareness of Anti-Bullying. Classes have been discussing what makes a good friend, what to do if you are the target of bullying behaviours and what to do if you think someone else is being picked on... Mrs Luney's class held an Anti-Bullying Assembly and shared some very important, key messages...

Before Half Term, we held a House Competition for pupils to design an Anti-Bullying Mascot and Slogan... We had hundreds of entrants and it was so difficult to choose a winner. However, the winning Mascot was designed by Evan Mayes in Primary 6E – he received 100 House Points for the Blue House!

Evan's Anti-Bullying Slogan is...

"Be strong and soar above bullying... keep an eagle eye out for others!"



Autumn Active Challenge

19th — 23rd November



**Walk,
cycle
or
scoot
to
school**



**Get
active
all week
to enter
the
prize
draw**



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JOIN THE MOVEMENT



Autumn Active Challenge

19th — 23rd November



**Walk, cycle or scoot
to school**



**Make 7 active journeys
to enter the prize draw**



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Literacy		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison Ethan Hide	Primary 1 Mrs Coulter Joshua Peacock	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Molly McKenna
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Blake Randell	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas Bobby Lucas	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion Bella Craig
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Seth Lucas	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Sophie McGuire	Primary 5 Mrs Luney Yazmin McNamee
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Phoebe Martin	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Matthew Weir	Primary 6 Mr Morrow Marcus Watson
Primary 7 Mr Agnew Jude Craig	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty Niamh Keenan	<i>Next week our focus is ENDEAVOUR</i>

Safeguarding in Ashgrove Primary ...

In Ashgrove Primary we have a Safeguarding Team. If you have any worries or concerns please speak with one of the following people:

- Mrs Luney- Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Mrs Coulter- Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Mr Smith- Principal
- Mr Edwards- Designated Governor for Safeguarding

In Ashgrove PS our School Council has defined Bullying as...

“Bullying is behaviour which is done on purpose and happens over and over. It can make people feel hurt and upset. It can be verbal, social, physical, emotional or aggressive behaviour which is caused repeatedly by a person or a group of people.

It can mean that someone is picked on or made fun of almost every day and they cannot stop it happening. Not all nasty behaviour is bullying behaviour. Some bad behaviour may have been done only once or by an accident, but bullying is planned and keeps happening.”



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<u>Monday 19th November</u> Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<u>Tuesday 20th November</u> Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potato OR Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes ~ Egg Sponge Flan & Custard
<u>Wednesday 21st November</u> Roast Pork, Carrot & Parsnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake	<u>Thursday 22nd November</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli & Naan Bread ~ Carrot Cake & Custard
<u>Friday 23rd November</u> 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

Attendance & Punctuality Reminders

If your child is absent for any reason a note must be sent in to the class teacher, giving a reason for the absence, on their return. This is for the Education Welfare Service. Thank you to all those who already do so. Lateness is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer so please endeavour to get your child into school before the 8.55am bell.

Please bring a coat to school

Even though this past week has been relatively mild it can still be cold in our Playground. Please ensure your child brings a coat with them to school during the winter months.

Our new School App...

Thank you to those of you who have downloaded our new school App. This is available to download from the Apple Store or Googleplay – a link to the app is available on the homepage of our website. The App is free to download & has lots of important information to keep you up-to-date with all that's happening in our busy school.

