



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 20 (children unable to live with their family)

"If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the Government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child has alternative care that is continuous."

In school we have a very clear Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy. We actively promote safeguarding messages throughout the school in a language which child can understand. Safeguarding our pupils is of paramount concern to us in school.

Reading Week...

Next week is READING WEEK in school! On Friday 22nd March the children from P4-P7 are going to be taking part in a sponsored **Read-A-Thon**, which will raise money to buy new class library books to boost our Accelerated Reader programme.

What to do...

- Children can ask family or friends to sponsor their reading goals for the day.
- Children can complete the sponsorship form sent home and any money raised should be brought to school by Wednesday 27th March.
- Alternatively, sponsors can pay directly through school money – to also be paid by Wednesday 27th March.

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Debbie Do Little to visit Primary 1

On **WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH**, Debbie Do little is visiting Primary 1.

Mobile Phones in school...

We discourage children bringing mobile phones to school. If you need to contact your child during the school day this should be done via the Office. If they must bring a mobile phone to school these must stay **SWITCHED OFF** during school (including break and lunchtimes). Children using mobile phones during school time will have them removed.

Updating contact details...

It is very important that we have the most up-to-date contact details for parents and carers especially if we need to contact you during the school day.

If you have changed you mobile number, email address or home address we ask that you email Kerrie or Tracey on the Office with your correct contact information... please email them on klamont306@c2kni.net. Please remember to add the name of your child, year group and teacher.

Ashgrove School App

Have you downloaded our Ashgrove School App? This is available from itunes or googleplay (free of charge). We use this communicate with parents and send notifications about what's happening in our busy school.

Primary 2 Assembly

Primary 2 are holding their class Assembly on **TUESDAY 19TH MARCH, 9.15AM**. Parents are carers of P2 children are welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there!

Head lice

Please be vigilant with regularly checking your child's hair for head lice. If you do find eggs, don't panic – You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies and some supermarkets. Your GP may also be able to help.

(There is no need to keep your child off school if you find head lice, simply administer the treatment and come to school as usual).



PTA Break the Rules Day!

Today in school a few of our School Rules were broken- but all for a worthy cause! Pupils had the chance to break one or more of the following Rules...

1. Healthy Break- Eat what you like for break!
2. School Uniform- Wear your own clothes to school!
3. Friday Test- NO Friday test!
4. Move seats- sit where you like in class!

We have included some photographs of the day below...



Anti-Bullying Mascot &
Slogan designed by Evan
Mayes, P6E



Ashgrove Anti-Bullying Ambassadors...
(ABBA's)

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY!

WHEN? FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

HOW? Do something kind for
others... e.g. give a complement, help
a friend, give a gift, tell someone why
they're great, give encouragement,
make someone smile! 😊

"Be strong & soar above bullying. Keep an eagle eye out for others"



Ashgrove's Production of



AUDITIONS

Who? – Primary 7

When? – Monday 18th March
@ 2.00 pm

Where? – Mrs Douglas' room

Come and join the fun!



School Meals

As a reminder, both FREE and PAID School Meals should be booked by parents online via SchoolMoney each Sunday for the week ahead. This booking system has been in use in our school now for quite some time. Booking school meals allows the Kitchen to prepare the correct amount of food. It is also time consuming for the Office staff to add on additional free school meals each day – we thank you for your help with this.

Science Week

Miss McDowell (World Around us & Science Leader) is organising a **Science Week** w/c Monday 1st April 2019.

*During this week there will be lots of exciting science activities in school focused on practical Science and STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Maths). This is part of our work towards gaining our **Primary Science Quality Mark**.*

SCIENCE FACTOR COMPETITION

During Science Week P4-7 pupils will take part in our **SCIENCE FACTOR COMPETITION!** Pupils should bring in from home a Science experiment to share with their class. Children should bring their experiments on **Monday 1st April**. These will be shared with classmates throughout the week with the top experiments going forward to our Science Factor Finals on **Friday 5th April**.

This is a great opportunity to work with your child to find a simple, fun experiment to share with classmates... for straightforward ideas check Pinterest or Dadlab... get creative and help to inspire our girls and boys to love Science.

Social Media, Children's Commissioner, Life in Likes Report

The Children's Commissioner has published a research based document "Life in Likes". The report highlights that while social media can be a positive tool for young people there can be negative impacts on mental health & well-being.

Most social media platforms have a minimum age of 13, but research shows that an increasing number of children under 13 are using social media with 75% of children aged 10-12 having their own accounts.

For more information about the Report google Life in Likes or find the document on our website.



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Monday 18th March

Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips,
Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce

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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 19th March

Buffet...

2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon,
1 Pizza, Carrot sticks, salad

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Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Wednesday 20th March

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard

Thursday 21st March

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed
Vegetables

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Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 22nd March

Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &
Mashed Potatoes

or

Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

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Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK

30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

Safeguarding Reminders

Designated Teacher:	Mrs Luney, P5	} Safeguarding Team
Deputy Designated Teacher:	Mrs Coulter, P1	
Principal:	Mr Smith	
Safeguarding Governor:	Mr Edwards	

This year in school we have had a clear focus on raising awareness of online safety with our pupils. Mrs Flaherty has arranged an Online Safety Evening for parents on **Monday 8th April**... we will share with you safer internet tips and strategies to help keep your child safe online.

Nearer the time we will send home more information about the evening, but for now, keep the date in your diary.

