



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 2

"The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language abilities or any other status."

In school we promote the mutual respect of all children, regardless of background, heritage or any other status. Our School Code of Conduct outlines our expectations.

CAN YOU HELP THE PTA?

THE PTA ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS AND HELPERS to assist with PTA activities and events in school. Mrs Flaherty will send home a note and reply slip next week for you to complete if you would can volunteer.

The main aim of the PTA is to help raise funds for school to buy extra resources, for example, in previous years the PTA have bought new interactive whiteboards, ipads and treats for our pupils.

If you can volunteer some time or expertise, please complete the reply slip on the note sent home and return to school. (You don't have to volunteer for every event- but some time is much appreciated).

Thank you!

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OPEN NIGHT FOR NEW PRIMARY 1 PUPILS & PARENTS

Open Night for new Primary 1 pupils & parents is on **THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 6.30 PM**. If you have a child due to start P1 please complete our P1 Pre Enrolment Form & return to Mrs Lamont or Mrs O'Donnell in the Office.

PARENT & CARER CONTACT INFORMATION

There are occasions in which we need to contact parents or carers during the school day or to share information with you such as notes, newsletters and appointments. It is very important we have the correct contact details for you. **Please ensure we have your correct mobile number and email address.**

If you need to update this, you should inform the school Office by emailing klamont306@c2kni.net Thank you for your help with this.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Teacher Consultations are due to be held in school on **Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October**. (As a reminder, all children will go home at the earlier time of **12.30pm** after lunches have been served).

Yesterday, you should have received an email (and or text) inviting you to select a date and time to attend a Consultation with your child(s) teacher. The purpose of the consultation is to discuss the progress your child is making in school. It is also a good opportunity to share important information from home.

I strongly encourage you to select your interview date and time promptly as these are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I remind parents that there will be NO TEACHER LED after school activities the week commencing Monday 21st October.

AS PER PREVIOUS YEARS, TO ACCOMMODATE WORKING PARENTS WE ARE EXTENDING THE HOURS OF OUR AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION CLUB WHICH WILL START AT 12.30PM – THIS SHOULD BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE ONLINE VIA SCHOOLMONEY.

Please note, uncollected children will be brought to the After School Club where supervision is provided, there is a charge for the use of this service.



RECOGNISE & REMOVE CONCUSSION

The Department of Education has shared with parents information on recognising the signs of concussion. These may include:

- A headache
- Feeling dazed or drowsy or sleepy
- Feeling sick
- Feeling irritable
- Having difficulty remembering things
- Any other change in normal behaviour

More information is available on the DENI website.

BOOK FAIR

I would like to thank our parent volunteers who helped this week at our Book Fair and indeed all the parents and carers who came along with children to buy books.

An amazing total of £1,458 was raised and we will be able to buy additional books for our class library stock.

TEACHER LED CLUBS

Due to Staff Development there will be **NO Teacher led Clubs on Tuesday 8th October.** These will resume as per usual on Tuesday 15th October.

Our After School Supervision Club will be available to book online for Tuesday 8th October if required.

CHARITY WORK- ABAANA

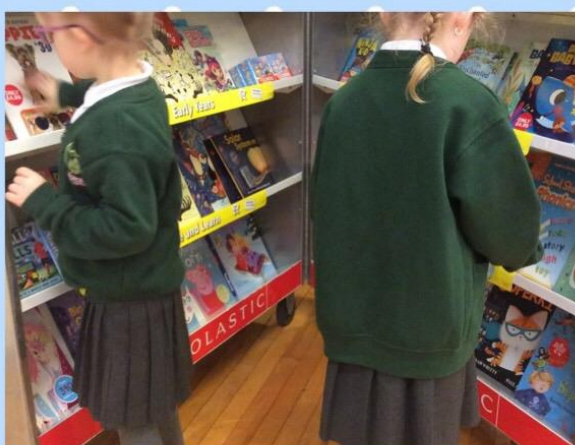
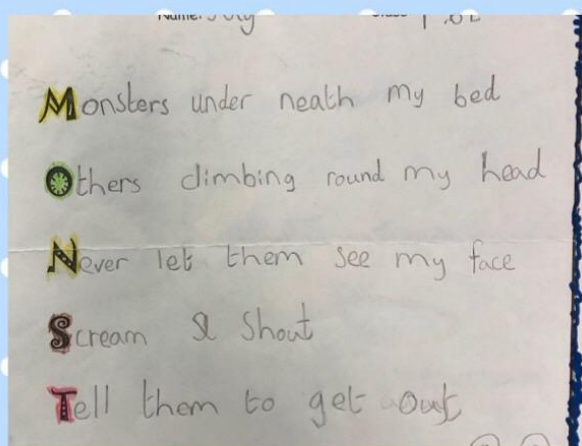
This week, you should have received a note home about our nominated charity this year – Abaana. Abaana is a charity which invests in children in Africa helping them to escape poverty. Mrs Flaherty is organising a Wacky Hair Day & Sponsored Walk on **FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER.**

The money we raise will go towards building a school in Uganda. This supports the UNICEF Rights Respecting work we do in school as all children around the world have the right to an education.





BOOK FAIR COMPETITION WINNERS



SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

HIGH IMPORTANCE

Ashgrove Primary School has a very clear and comprehensive suite of Safeguarding Policies which not only outline the steps we will take if concerns are raised but they also share the preventative measures taken to safeguard all children in our care.

Staff in school work hard to safeguard our pupils, but parents and carers also have responsibility to safeguard the children in our school. As a general reminder, I draw your attention to the following:

- The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Luney, P5 and the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Coulter, P1. Posters are displayed prominently in and about school showing the Safeguarding Team.
- Children should arrive to school on time (this ensures supervision). Late children should come to Reception where a member of staff will escort junior pupils to classrooms and senior pupils may walk themselves to class. Outside adults are not permitted to walk children to classrooms.
- Medication will not be administered in school unless parents/carers complete the appropriate consent forms and these have been signed by the Principal.
- Parents/adults entering the school building are asked to report to Reception and sign-in. From there, Kerrie & Tracey in the Office will be happy to help you.
- Outside adults should not use the toilets in school without prior consent.
- We have some children in school who can not have their photographs taken or shared in social media – we ask that parents and carers respect this when visiting school e.g. Assemblies.
- If using social media, please do not share pictures from see-saw or mention pupils by name.
- For the safety of everyone, adults should observe the speed limit in the carpark and park with care. It is the responsibility of drivers to put safety first.
- Please remember to send a healthy break or snack to with your child to school – it's difficult to concentrate with a hungry tummy!

THANK YOU!



LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST...

Last week, one of our P6 pupils donated some of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. As this was such a kind gesture we are giving this a mention in our Newsletter this week. Below is a paragraph written by Molly...

"Hi, I'm Molly and I have donated seven inches of my hair to the Little Princess Trust. This donation will help to make wigs for children who are having treatment because of cancer. My hair will be given to a boy named Abraham – he is a boy with hair loss. Through doing this I have also raised over £500. I am grateful to have done something to help others. If I keep growing my hair, I will do it all over again!"



SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

(refer to week 2 menu on website)

Monday 7th October

Fish Fingers, Baked Beans & Chips
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Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Tuesday 8th October

Steak Burger in a Bap, Salad, Coleslaw
& Spiced Cubed Potatoes **OR** Chilli
Chicken Pasta, Salad & Wheaten Bread
~
Chocolate & Pear Sponge & Chocolate
Sauce

Wednesday 9th October

Roast Chicken, Stiffing, Diced Carrots &
Parsnip, Mashed & Oven Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Thursday 10th October

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed
Vegetables
~
Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 11th October

Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &
Mashed Potatoes
or
Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread
~
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery
Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

SCHOOL PROMOTIONAL VIDEO!

Yesterday we sent home a note to P1&2 explaining that a camera crew will be visiting Ashgrove on **Monday 14th October**

A number of activities will be filmed to reflect the life and working of our wonderful school in P1&2... I'm sure the children will enjoy sharing their learning & experiences and this should capture something special.

Please inform us by **Thursday 9th October** if you do NOT wish your child to take part.

THANK YOU

