



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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ASHGROVE ART EXHIBITION...

All children in school over recent weeks have been busy creating beautiful works of Art inspired by local artists and settings. The standard of their work and creativity is truly outstanding.

Each year group have looked at the following artists for inspiration...

• P1... Eoin O'Connor - Cows	• P2... Steven Brown – Wildlife
• P3... Michelle Carling - Beach	• P4... JP Rooney - Landscapes
• P5... Thomas Joseph - Sheep	• P6... Jason Millar, Self Portraits
• P7... Sharon Millar - Seascapes	

Mrs Torrie and a team of helpers have been working to create an online Art Gallery for our families to view. Under normal circumstances, we would of course have our families in school to see these creations, but under present circumstances, we have developed an online gallery instead. All pieces of art have been framed and wrapped – they really are something special.

As you realise, at this time of year we would usually have a Summer Fair to help raise funds for our school. Once again this year, this has not been possible. Instead we have adapted and we are asking our families to support school by purchasing a piece of bespoke art which you can keep for years to come.

Our pieces of Art will be available to buy from next week... a note with more information (and a reply slip) will be sent home on Monday

On Monday, we will also email you a link to the Class Gallery to view all of these wonderful masterpieces. We will also share the Gallery links on our social media accounts – we hope you will enjoy!

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SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR...

As we approach the end of this academic year and start to think ahead to September I would like to remind parents and carers of what they need to gather for School Uniform items over the Summer months. **Please make sure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Our uniform is available to buy from the Jeanery and Cartmills in Glengormley – we do not sell uniform items through school. Standard items such as skirts, trousers, white shirts etc may be bought from supermarkets at reasonable prices.

P1-P3 Uniform

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt with School Crest • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey trousers • Black shoes • Black socks (Trainers must not be worn) • In the Summer Term boys may wear black/grey school shorts <p>PE Uniform Slip-on or Velcro plimsolls in a named slipper bag</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt with School Crest • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey skirt or pinafore • Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn) • White knee length socks • Grey or black tights • In the Summer Term girls may wear a green gingham dress <p>PE Uniform Slip-on or Velcro plimsolls in a named slipper bag</p>

P4-7 Uniform

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White long sleeve shirt • Red & green school tie • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey trousers • Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn apart from PE) • Black socks • In the Summer Term boys may wear black/grey school shorts <p>PE Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white t-shirt • Black or grey jogging bottoms or shorts • Trainers or plimsolls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White long sleeve shirt • Red & green school tie • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey skirt or pinafore • Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn apart from PE) • White knee length socks • Grey or black tights <p>PE Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white t-shirt • Black or grey jogging bottoms or shorts • Trainers or plimsolls

Please remember, if you receive to **Free School Meals (FSM)** you are entitled to a **Uniform Grant** to help cover this cost. **IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY RECEIVES FSM, THE EDUCATION AUTHORITY WILL POST YOU AN APPLICATION FORM TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS.** Alternatively, you may apply online for FSM and Uniform Grants.



ASHGROVE SUMMER SCHEME, JULY 2021

Thank you all for your expressions of interest in our Summer Scheme commencing on Monday 5th July. Demand for the places has been high and all spaces have been allocated. We are operating a waiting list for spaces if these become available. Mr Kelly (P6) is in charge of the Summer Scheme, Mr Kelly and I will write you next week with more details.

COVID RISK MITIGATION MEASURES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We are hopeful that the school experience for our children will resemble a return to pre-covid days in the new academic year and disruption will become less frequent as we continue to move forward. It is however important that we are prepared and ready to adapt as the situation evolves. In this light, there may still be some risk mitigation measures in place come September. I'm sure you appreciate it is too early to outline what these may be. The Department of Education and EA will issue guidance to schools in mid August, once we have received this, I will then give you more clarity.

I would like to thank all our parents and guests to school for your support and words of appreciation as we have navigated the challenges over the past 15 months.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

School finishes for the Summer Holidays on **Wednesday 30th June, Half Day, staggered departure times will apply as outlined below.**

Arrival Time	Departure Time
8.40am	11.40am
8.55am	11.50am
9.10am	12.00pm

School recommences for pupils on Wednesday 26th August. **All children will go home at 12.00 pm (Half Day) on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th & Friday 28th August.** We have once again included the holiday list for next year in this newsletter on the next page. The 2021/22 Holiday List is also available to download on our website.

LOST PROPERTY...

Has your child lost any school items this year? We have gathered up quite a collection of unlabeled uniform items. Remember to ask your child to check our Lost Property storage. Items which are not reclaimed by the end of June will be sent to charity.

To help return items to their owners, please label all items of uniform and clothing in the new academic year.

ANNUAL PUPIL REPORTS

Pupil reports will be posted home to you during the last week of term. If you have changed your address please make sure you have updated this with school. Thank you to those parents who have requested copies be sent to two legal parental addresses. If your circumstances have changed throughout the year it is important you keep us updated.



HOLIDAY LIST, 2021-2022



AUTUMN TERM, 2021

School commences:

Thursday 26 th August	(Half Day)*
Friday 27 th August	(Half Day)*
Tuesday 31 st August	(Half Day)*

Bank Holiday:	Monday 30 th August	(School closed)
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School Development Day 1:	Friday 1 st October	(School closed to pupils)
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School Development Day 2:	Monday 25 th October	(School closed to pupils)
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HALLOWEEN:	Tues 26 th Oct - Fri 29 th Oct	(inclusive)
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<u>School recommences:</u>	Monday 1 st November
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CHRISTMAS:	Tuesday 21 st December	(Half Day)*
	Wed 22 nd Dec - Tues 4 th Jan	(School Closed)

School Development Day 3:	Wed 5 th January 2022	(School closed to pupils)
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SPRING TERM, 2022

<u>School recommences:</u>	Thursday 6 th January 2022
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School Development Day 4:	Monday 14 th February	(School closed to pupils)
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HALF TERM:	Tuesday 15 th Feb - Fri 18 th Feb	(inclusive)
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St Patrick's Day:	Thursday 17 th March	(Half Day)*
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EASTER:	Wednesday 13 th April	(Half Day)*
	Thurs 14 th April - Tues 26 th April	(inclusive)

SUMMER TERM, 2022

<u>School recommences:</u>	Wednesday 27 th April
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MAY DAY HOLIDAY:	Monday 2 nd May
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Non Operational Day:	Thurs 2 nd & Fri 3 rd June	(inclusive)
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School Development Day 5:	Mon 6 th June	(School closed to pupils)
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End of School year:	Thursday 30 th June	(Half Day)*
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*Half Day- School closes at 12.00 pm. The above holiday dates are all inclusive.



SCHOOL MEALS MENU

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 21st June</u></p> <p>Oven Baked Breaded Whiting, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Crusty Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Forest Fruits & Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 22nd June</u></p> <p>Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Batons & Crusty Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Strawberry Swiss Roll & Custard</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 23rd June</u></p> <p>Roast Beef, Stuffing, Cabbage, Carrot & Parsnip, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Summer Fruits & Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 24th June</u></p> <p>Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie, Chunk of Banana & Milkshake</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 25th June</u></p> <p>Hotdog, Sweetcorn & Chips</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Fresh Pineapple Ring & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Please remember to login to your SchoolMoney account to book meals for your child for the week ahead.</p> <p>Both PAID and FREE school meals should be booked online before midnight of the day ahead!</p>

P7 PUPILS LAST DAY...

P7 pupils last day in Ashgrove is on **Friday 25th June at the end of the usual school day** i.e. normal home times apply. P7 pupils are having their own special Amazing Academy Awards on **Thursday 24th June 6.00-8.30pm** (details have already been sent home by email). This will be a special treat and time to remember for our P7 children.

Due to COVID we are not having a traditional Leavers Assembly with parents invited, but Miss McConvey & Mr Morrow's classes are making a farewell video to share with you all at home.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM IN ASHGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**If you have any worries or concerns about any child in school you
can speak to the following members of staff...**

Mrs Luney (Primary 5 Teacher) - Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mrs Carberry (P5) – Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mr Smith – Principal Mr Edwards – Safeguarding Governor

