



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE: 10

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying week (Monday 15th – Friday 19th November). This year's theme as set by the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum is **"One Kind Word"**.

Pupils will take part in a range of lessons throughout the week and discuss various types of bullying and what is the difference between bullying and unacceptable behaviour.

On Friday 26th November we are having an NSPCC "Speak out, Stay Safe" virtual Assembly. I wrote to you last week to give an overview of the content of the Assembly.



One kind Word...

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 15th - Friday 19th November

ASHGROVE ROAD, NEWTOWNABBAY, CO ANTRIM, BT36 6LJ

T: 028 9084 8734

E: INFO@ASHGROVEPS.NEWTOWNABBAY.NI.SCH.UK

WWW.ASHGROVEPRIMARY.COM

Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

ASHGROVE OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW P1 PUPILS



<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/open-house-for-new-p1-pupils/>

It is with excitement that we launch our Open House page on our school's website for prospective Primary 1 pupils for September 2022. On this page you will find lots of great information about Ashgrove and what as a school we have to offer.

We do realise and appreciate that new parents like to visit us to get a 'feel' for the school and to ask questions. On our website, parents can book a guided tour of the school, the form is available on our homepage and on the Open House section of our website.

PRIMARY 1 PRE-ENROLMENT FORM



<https://forms.gle/EvECkt3JKcCRN9bh7>

AQE & GL ASSESSMENTS

The first AQE assessment is due to take place on **Saturday 20th November and the first GL Assessment is tomorrow (Saturday 13th November).** We wish all our P7's the very best of luck! The second AQE assessment is on Saturday 27th November and the final test on Saturday 4th December.



DOODLE MATHS...

In Ashgrove we are once again purchasing for each child an individual online maths programme via Doodle Maths. Many of our children should already be familiar with this and using it regularly as part of homework or extra maths support. This is a significant investment on the part of the school therefore we would like to see it being used by everyone.

I encourage you to download the Doodle Maths (and Doodle Tables) app to your digital devices. Teachers may set Doodle Maths as a homework task... **We encourage all our children to login every day and spend 10-15 minutes on their assigned tasks.**

The tasks set are individualised for each child meaning that work is pitched to each child's particular level. The programme will identify what your child already knows and will then set new learning tasks to help move them on with their learning.

As parents, you have a vital role to play in encouraging your child to engage effectively with this. If you would like to find out more about Doodle Maths please follow this link...

<https://www.doodlemaths.com/parent-resources/>



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 Carberry- 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

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 15th November</u></p> <p>Fish Fingers, Beans & Mashed Potatoes ~ Chocolate Sponge, Pears & Custard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 16th November</u></p> <p>Pasta Bolognese, Carrots & Crusty Bread ~ Yoghurt & Trio of Fruit</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 17th November</u></p> <p>Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Carrots, Parsnip, Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Yoghurt & Summer Fruits</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 18th November</u></p> <p>Steak Burger in a Bap, Salad, Coleslaw & Spiced Cubed Potatoes ~ Strawberry & Shortbread</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 19th November</u></p> <p>Gourmet Homemade Pizza with Chicken & Tomato Topping, Side Salad, Coleslaw & Chips ~ Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt</p>	<p>School Meals are now available to all families. These MUST be booked online in advance via SchoolMoney.</p>

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

If your child is absent for any reason please complete our online form giving a reason for non-attendance on the first day of absence, please follow this up with a brief email on their return.

The online form can be found on the Parents Area of our website along with other online forms.

<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/parent-area/online-forms/>

This is for the Education Welfare Service. Thank you to those who already do so. We understand this year is particularly challenging for our families in maintaining excellent attendance, however we use a particular code on the register for children absent because of COVID meaning we can take this into consideration when monitoring attendance.

Lateness is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer so please endeavour to get your child in to school by their allocated staggered time.



Report an Absence from School



