



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 15 (freedom of association)

"Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights."

In school we offer a wide range of Clubs and Associations which our pupils are free to join, these include School Council, RSA Steering Group, After School Clubs etc

PTA News & Events

All parents and Carers are invited to attend the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the PTA on Friday 24th February, 2.15-2.45pm. The Choir will sing at the event, tea & coffee will be provided- come along, show your support & hear what's happening!

PTA Events this Term...

- FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY- School Disco, £3.00 per pupil
- FRIDAY 17TH MARCH- Break the Rules Day! (£1.00 to break 1 rule)

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Half -Term Break!

It is hard to believe that the February Half Term is almost upon us. As a reminder, school will be CLOSED the week beginning Monday 13th February and reopen on Monday 20th February.

AQE & GL Assessment Results

The long wait for AQE & GL Assessment results is now finally over! We achieved an excellent set of results this year which is testament to the hard work of teachers and pupils alike. It was a pleasure meeting the parents of our P7 pupils this week to complete the Post Primary Transfer Forms- thank you all for your kind and supportive comments about the work and life of our school.

PTA Disco- Friday 10th February

The PTA is organising a Disco for pupils on Friday 10th February at the following times:

- P1&2 10.50-11.20am
- P3&4 11.30-12.15pm
- P5-7 1.30-2.30pm

Entrance costs £3.00 per pupil which includes a party bag, children may also wear non-uniform to school. Tickets will not be sold beforehand but entrance may be paid to the class teacher on the day.

Parent Teacher Consultations P1-6

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on **Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th February.** **ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.30PM (LUNCHES WILL STILL BE SERVED).** You will receive an allocated date and time to speak with the teacher. We appreciate and encourage the attendance of all our parents and carers at these important interviews. These interviews are for pupils from P1-6.

Exceptional Closure

Due to the upcoming NI Assembly election on **Thursday 2nd March 2017** school will be **CLOSED** as the building will be used as a Polling Station.

Please put this date in your Diary and make alternative childcare arrangements for this day.



Safer Internet Day...

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland has commissioned a first tour of "In the Net" across Northern Ireland for primary schools. The play puts forward and reinforces key messages about staying safe in the digital world and cyber-bullying. The campaign is supported by the Department of Education and the Education Authority for Northern Ireland.

The Theatre Company Alter Ego Creative Solutions will show a performance of the above play in School on MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY to pupils in P4-7.

The production explores the following issues in an educational and informative way;

- Safe Internet use
- Keeping personal information safe
- The effects of cyber-bullying on others
- What to do if you are being cyber-bullied
- What to do when you get that 'Uh-Oh' feeling
- What to do if you have questions or concerns

In conjunction with Safer Internet Day, the NSPCC is holding a parent/carers Workshop in St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School. Parents of all local primary schools are invited to attend. The workshop will explore what children do online, the risks that they may face and some tools which families can use to stay safe online.

The Workshop is taking place on **TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY, 9.00am**. If you are interested in attending please let us know so we can book you a space.

Primary 4- Mr Hutcheson's Class Assembly

On TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY Mr Hutcheson's Primary 4 will present their Class Assembly based on Rights Respecting Schools. Parents, friends and family members of our school are welcome to come along and see P4H perform, 9.15-9.45am.

Ashgrove PS Football Team...

Well done to our Football Team & Mr Hutcheson for the triumphant win in the Newtownabbey Primary School's Football League on Monday of this week. The total scores were as follows:

Ashgrove Ps 14 goals

Earlview Ps

Ben Harrison scored 5 goals, Nikhil McFall got 4, Callum Gilmore two and one goal each for Max Swain and Joel Clotworthy. They will now play St Bernard's in the second round.



Parent Questionnaire Results

	Question (Please tick ✓ the appropriate box for each statement)	Strongly Agree & Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1.	The school is well led and managed at all levels.	99%	1%		-
2.	My child is safe and well cared for at Ashgrove Primary School.	99.5%	0.5%		-
3.	My child enjoys learning at Ashgrove Primary School.	98.5%	0.5%		1%
4.	The staff in Ashgrove Primary support the care, dignity and well being of my child.	98%	0.5%		1.5%
5.	The staff manage the children's behavior and deal effectively with the related issues.	93%	2.5%		4.5%
6.	The school has informed me about how to report a safeguarding/child protection matter.	97.5%	0.5%		2%
7.	There should be clear and proportionate consequences for inappropriate behaviours.	97.5%	0.5%		2%
8.	Ashgrove Primary has a range of ways in which excellent behaviour and work is celebrated and acknowledged.	98.5%	1%		0.5%
9.	My child/children are happy at school and have friends.	98%	0.5%		1.5%
10.	The school has informed me about how to report any concerns/complaints I may have.	96.5%	1.5%		4%
11.	My concerns are dealt with by the school in a satisfactory manner.	93.5%	1%		5.5%
12.	The staff of Ashgrove Primary School help my child/children to develop his/her personal, social and emotional skills.	97%	1%		2%
13.	The school asks for my views and takes my views into account.	94.5%	1%		4.5%
14.	Ashgrove Primary is well thought of in the community.	96.5%	0.5%		3%
15.	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Ashgrove Primary.	98%	1%		1%



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Monday 6th February

Beef Burger, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes
& Tomato Sauce

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Egg Sponge Flan, Fruit & Custard

Tuesday 7th February

BUFFET

2 Sandwiches, 1 Chicken Goujon, 1 Pizza,
Carrot Sticks & Salad

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Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Wednesday 8th February

Roast Loin of Pork, Cabbage, Oven Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Chocolate Steamed Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Thursday 9th February

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread
& Mixed Vegetables

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Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 10th February

Breaded Salmon Cake, Peas, Sweetcorn & Mashed
Potatoes

OR

Lasagne, Peas, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

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Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

