



# 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.

### Action Cancer- Charity Appeal

As per our note home earlier this week, we have chosen to support the Charity ACTION CANCER during our Harvest Service.

On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, a representative from Action Cancer will visit school to help raise awareness of healthy lifestyle choices for our pupils and to appeal to our families to help raise funds. We have sent home a sponsorship form with our pupils for a sponsored Healthy Activity Day in school on **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**. Please share this with friends and family and encourage them to give generously.

### Class Assembly- P6, Mrs Ewing

On **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**, Mrs Ewing's Primary 6 class will be presenting their own Assembly based on our work in school on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The **Assmebly will begin at 9.15am** and all parents and carers from P6E are welcome to come along- please return your reply slip so we may reserve a seat for you.



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## School Council to London!

On **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** our School Councillors are visiting the Houses of Parliament in London. We hope this will be an amazing experience for our pupils who can see first-hand how democracy works and how their important role as a School Councillor is valued in Ashgrove Primary.

## Poetry Competition & Jim MacCool...

We had a visit in school today from a professional author and poet-Jim MacCool. Jim held a number of workshops for our boys and girls- it is super to develop and support our pupils love of writing in this way.

Thank you to everyone who entered a Poem to our House Competition. Please see below a sample of poems.

### Autumn is Here!

The nights are getting dark  
Chilly walks in the park  
Leaves turning yellow and red  
Frost in the morn  
Now summer is gone  
And kids go early to bed

Halloween is nearly here  
With lots of spooks and fear  
Time for a trick or a treat  
Dressing up as a ghost  
Who can scare the most  
And have candy apples to eat

School starting back  
Kids and teachers in a flap  
Packed lunches and homework to do  
The wind swirls and sways  
Christmas is on it's way  
Let's hope for no sneezes, achoo!

By Jack Richardson, P5L

### Autumn

When its Autumn the leaves fall down,  
And it always makes the trees frown.  
The night gets dark and the weather gets cold,  
During Halloween scary stories are told.  
All the boys and girls go bonkers for conkers  
And all the mums and dads let them eat  
sweets and treats!

Reuben Gilliland, Primary 4

Conkers and leaves fall from the trees as  
we skip along in the gentle breeze.

Yellow, orange and red- lets collect them  
like mum said.

A pretty picture we shall make, lets  
draw trees beside the lake.

When this picture all done we'll head  
outside and have more fun!

Conker fights the boys will play... I  
wonder who will win today?

Darcey Ferris, P4H



## Autumn

Say goodbye to the Summer breeze,  
Say Hello to the autumn leaves,  
They fall gently to the ground,  
Without ever making a sound!

It's such a beautiful time of year,  
All the colours make me cheer,  
The rustling of the leaves make me  
smile,  
If only autumn could stay a while.

Sadly autumn must go,  
And next there may be snow,  
Winter comes with so much fun,  
But autumn is my favourite one!

Níkhíl McFaul, P6 Mr Morrow

## Autumn Time

Autumn is the time when leaves fall  
off the trees

Autumn is the time when cold and  
dark do not please

Autumn is that time that the farmer  
stores his hay

Autumn is the time when ghosts  
come out to play!

Ethan Sands, P5 Mrs Carberry

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews are due to be held in school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Interview letters and times will be sent to you next week.** Where possible we endeavor to accommodate the needs of working parents, but this is not always possible and we truly appreciate parents taking the time to come to school.

These meetings are a chance to discuss how your child has settled in to their new class and of the progress made to date. At times we may share areas for development- this is not a criticism but a focus for improvement.

As per last year, we will share with parents a copy of our Safeguarding procedures.

During these days all children will go home at 1.00pm after lunches have been served.

## Recognise & Remove Concussion

The Department of Education is sharing with Primary 6 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.

## School Uniform, lost property

A number of items of school uniform have made their way to lost property. We also have a collection of items unclaimed from last year.

If your child has lost any items of clothing please check here next week. Items which remain unclaimed after Halloween will be donated to charity.

To help us, please label all items of clothing so we can return them to their owner!



# Photographs from Jim MacCool Poetry Day...



## School Dinner Menu

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

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

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Egg Sponge Flan, Fruit & Custard

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

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

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Chocolate Steamed Sponge, Custard & Fruit

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Breaded Salmon Cake, Peas, Sweetcorn & Mashed  
Potatoes

OR

Lasagne, Peas, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

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Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

#### **BUFFET**

2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken goujon, 1 pizza, carrot sticks &  
Salad

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Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread  
& Mixed Vegetables

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Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

## **HEALTHY BREAK** **P1-4, 30p per day**

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

