



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 13

"Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, so long as it is within the law"

In school we encourage our children to develop inquisitive minds, to explore and question. We seek the views and opinions of our pupils on matters which impact on them e.g. School & Class Council.

Visit by Permanent Secretary – Mr Derek Baker

On **Monday 22nd January** the Permanent Secretary (in place of the Minister for Education) is visiting school via invitation of the School Council.

The School Council wish to ask him about the proposals for our school extension. Well done the School Councillors, it is – great that the voice of the child at the core of our school developments.

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School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who observes our School Uniform Policy so carefully. Our boys and girls look smart when they are dressed in the appropriate uniform- this demonstrates a sense of pride and belonging to Ashgrove Primary.

As a reminder, children must not wear trainers to school as part of their uniform, both boys and girls must wear **black shoes only**. Trainers may only be worn as part of a sports activity.

During PE, as in our Prospectus and clearly mentioned on our website, children should wear the following:

Primary 1-3	Primary 4-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• slip on/velcro plimsolls in a strong named slipper bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• plain white T-shirt• navy/black track suit bottoms or shorts• plimsolls or trainers

(Please make sure you label all items of clothing)

By having a clear and simple PE kit we aim to remove the pressure on parents and pupils of buying expensive labels. Next week, we will award House Points to those pupils who observe the correct PE kit.

Thank you for refocusing on this and for your continued support.

School Development Planning

<p><i>Literacy</i></p> <p>Focus on the development of Reading through the development of early Reading in Foundation Stage, Guided Reading and Reciprocal Reading.</p>	<p><i>Numeracy</i></p> <p>Embed the ethos is investigative & problem solving approaches. Continue to develop Mental Maths throughout the school.</p>
<p><i>Pastoral Care</i></p> <p>Work towards gaining Rights Respecting Schools Award (level 2) and focusing on learning of the rights of the child in developing countries.</p>	<p><i>Leadership & Management</i></p> <p>Continue to build the leadership capacity of staff at all levels throughout the school.</p>



Primary 1 Places, September 2018

School places for new primary 1 pupils for September 2018 will be allocated in the coming weeks. If you have a child who is due to start their primary school education in September you must leave an application form to the Office as soon as possible. If you require an application form please contact Kerrie or Tracey in the Office who will be happy to help.

Cool for School, Individual Photographs

Earlier this academic year, we unfortunately had to postpone our school photographs. These have now rescheduled for **Monday 29th January**. Class teachers will bring their classes to the Hall. An information leaflet was sent home to all pupils today – please check schoolbags.

AQE Results

The long and anxious wait for our P7 pupils who sat the AQE or GL Assessments is almost over. Results will be posted to your home address, if you have moved house or circumstances have changed since you registered with AQE, you must update this information with them.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Endeavour		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison <i>Lucie Galbriath</i>	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin <i>Scarlett Stevenson</i>	Primary 2 Miss McDowell <i>Josh Sloan</i>
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill <i>Harrison Mairs</i>	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas <i>Kendra Fenton</i>	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion <i>Evie Best</i>
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie <i>Yasmin Sands</i>	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson <i>Jack Winchester</i>	Primary 5 Mrs Luney <i>Aimee Braiden</i>
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry <i>Ellie Couser</i>	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing <i>Zara McGrath</i>	Primary 6 Mr Morrow <i>Erin Symington</i>
Primary 7 Mr Agnew <i>Joshua Braiden</i>	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty <i>Dylan Gormley</i>	Next week our focus is Behaviour



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

Monday 22nd January

Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes &
Tomato Sauce
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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 23rd January

Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potato
or
Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes
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Egg Sponge Flan & Custard

Wednesday 24th January

Roast Pork, Carrot & Parsnip, Oven Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
~
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

Thursday 25th January

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli & Naan
Bread
~
Carrot Cake, Custard

Friday 26th January

Pasta Bolognese, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread
OR
Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread,
~
Rice Pudding & Fruit

HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

Adverse Weather

Thank you for your understanding with our unexpected school closure on Wednesday. The safety of our pupils, parents and staff is paramount. If you did not receive a text informing you of the closure, please contact the Office to check and update your contact details. Please note, a text will only be sent to the first nominated guardian on our system.

In addition to texting, I recommend that all parents follow our Facebook Page and Twitter Accounts. Our School App (which can be downloaded from our website) is used regularly to send messages and reminders.

