



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 17 (access to information from the media)

"Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from material that could harm them."

SchoolMoney online payments...

Thank you to those of you who have logged in to your SchoolMoney account and made payments or selected days for school meals and other expenses. Please remember to do this for the week ahead – a copy of our school meals menu is available on this newsletter and online when you login to your SchoolMoney account. **As an interim measure, we will continue to accept cash payments for school items until the end of March.** When we return to school after the Easter Holiday's all payments for school items should be made online using SchoolMoney. I hope you find this a convenient way to pay for school items.

If you are having difficulty logging into your account, please come to Reception and Kerrire or Tracey will be happy to guide you through the process.

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Half Term break last week and it is good to see all our pupils safely back to school. For your information I have included important Diary Dates and Events for this Half Term and beyond- please read these and take note of them.

Dates & Events for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 26 th February	Primary 5 to Titanic Belfast P3 payment for Dinosaur Workshop due today
Wednesday 28 th February	Primary 6 deposit for Ganaway due today
Thursday 1 st March	Primary 2 to Glengormley Fire Station
Friday 2 nd March	School Council to Mossley Mill for Kidzconnect Celebrating World Book Day – Dress up as your Favourite book character
Monday 5 th March	Reading Week in School Sustrans Bike Awareness Safety – P6
Tuesday 6 th March	P1 to Glengormley Library P2 to Glengormley Library P5C Assembly, 9.15 am
Wednesday 7 th March	P3 – Shared Education, STEM activity Matatic Maths Games P3-7
Friday 9 th March	Sustrans Walking Bus to School Cancer Focus Workshops Eco Club Assembly School Council to Mossley Mill by invitation of the Mayor P4 deposit for Cultra due today
Monday 12 th February	Fairtrade Assembly P5-7
Tuesday 13 th March	Ashgrove Football Team to Valley Leisure Centre, 1.00 – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 14 th March	Sustrans Bike Doctor Workshop, P6
Thursday 15 th March	Eco Club visitor – Keep NI Beautiful
Friday 16 th March	PTA, Break the Rules Day
Monday 19 th March	Sustrans Bike Safety Training, P6 Swimming payment for P5 due today
Tuesday 20 th March	Sustrans Bike Safety Training, P6
Wednesday 21 st March	Sustrans Bike Safety Training, P6 Instrumental Exams – Mr Agnew will write home to you
Friday 23 rd March	Healthy Activity Day
Tuesday 27 th March	P5 Shared Education to Cultra
Wednesday 28 th March	School closes at 12.00 pm for Easter



Celebrating World Book Day

On **FRIDAY 2ND MARCH** we will celebrate World Book Day in school. All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Book Character. Please remember there is no need to go to the expense of buying a costume especially for this occasion - something you have at home can be used instead. Remember to bring your favourite book with you!

To celebrate our love of Reading in school we are having a **READING WEEK** commencing Monday 5th March... we aim to encourage our boys and girls to share their love of Reading.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to come to school to discuss your child's progress this week. It is invaluable to have good relationships and effective communication between home and school.

If there are any issues or any further questions you may have from meeting your child's teacher I would encourage you to make an appointment to discuss these matters further, alternatively

Primary 2 to Glengormley Fire Station

Primary 2 will visit Glengormely Fire Station on **THURSDAY 1ST MARCH**, this visit is in conjunction with their class topic of People Who Help Us!

School Council News...

Mrs Carberry and I met with our School Councillors yesterday to discuss how we will promote healthy breaks and healthy eating choices in school. Our Councillors have proposed a reward system that gives each child 1 night off written homework when they eat **FRUIT or VEGETABLES** every day for break for two consecutive weeks.

Our School Councillors will design posters to raise awareness.

The Councillors also discussed buying additional playground equipment with the money raised from our Christmas Jumper Day – they overwhelmingly voted to buy basket ball nets, footballs & netballs. These items should arrive in to school soon. We hope to have another fund raising event for the School Council after Easter – thank you all for your support!



Shared Education

Yesterday, our Primary 3 pupils met up with the P3 boys and girls in St Michael's Primary at Queens PEC Belfast. They had a great day getting to know each other and start to develop budding friendships. The children took part in lots of ice-breaker activities including: Yoga, Football &



Walking bus



Friday 9th March



Leaving from Glengormley Park
at 8.15am or hop on along the way

(Carnmoney Road—Glebe Road
W— Liscoole Park— Ashgrove
Road)



~~RIDE~~ STRIDE


sustrans
JOIN THE MOVEMENT



School Dinner Menu (£2.60 per day)

We have introduced a new online payment system for School Meals – simply login to your SchoolMoney Account, select the days your child would like a meal and proceed to payment – there is NO NEED to send money to school with your child.

Monday 26th February

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

Tuesday 27th February

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

Wednesday 28th February

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

Thursday 1st March

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

Friday 2nd March

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

Vegetarian options are available each day – refer to the menu via SchoolMoney.

Dr Bike: Thursday 15th March

As we encourage pupils to travel actively to school, our main priority is ensuring they can do this safely. We are pleased to be able to offer **free** bike safety checks to Key Stage 2 pupils. We hope to run another Dr Bike for the younger pupils next term. This is a brilliant opportunity to get your child's bike safety checked and to get minor adjustments made. This is not a full service; all bikes will be issued with a bike check sheet recording what has been done and if any further repairs are needed.

Beverley Gaston, the school's Active Travel Officer, will be found at the bike parking at each school run time if you would like to talk to her about any problems or questions you have about bikes or cycling.

All you need to do is bring the bike(s) to school on Thursday 15th. Please leave bikes unlocked – if you want them to be secured after they have been checked leave the lock with the bike. Where applicable keys will be left in the office to be collected at home time.



PTA News... Try dodgeball!

The PTA has secured funding from the Everybody Active grants scheme through the Council for a number of afterschool dodgeball sessions during March. Sessions are open to children from P5 to P7 and will run on Thursdays from 3.00 to 4.00 starting on 1st March.

Sessions will be facilitated by coaches from Belfast Community Sports Development Association and aim to give children the chance to try an exciting and growing sport.

There are a limited number of places - to sign your child up please email the **PTA** on ashgrovepta@gmail.com with your child's name and class by Monday 26th February. Should there be more children interested than places available the PTA will draw names from a hat.

