



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

Did you know that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child contains 45 Articles? Each week we will include one of these articles in our Newsletter and explain how we encourage our pupils to enjoy these rights and how they can allow others to access and enjoy these rights too!

### Staff Development Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that school will be **CLOSED to pupils on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Although school will be closed to pupils staff will be here for training and development- there will still be cars in the carpark.

Please remember to check our website, Facebook page and Twitter for reminders of school closures and upcoming events.

### Ashgrove Primary Charity work- ACTION CANCER

Each year the school chooses to support the work of a charity which helps our community and other communities across Northern Ireland. There are many worthwhile causes, however this year we will be supporting **ACTION CANCER**. Unfortunately we have many families, loved ones and staff members in school who have been affected by cancer. We hope this is an opportunity for us to take some positive steps to raise awareness of prevention and early detection of cancer and to raise much needed funds for research.

The proceedings from our Fund Raising and **Harvest Service** this year will go to Action Cancer. Mr Agnew is working with Action Cancer NI to invite a representative to our **Harvest Service on FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**. More information will be sent home very soon about how we can work together to support this cause.

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# Shoebox Appeal...

As part of our work towards Rights Respecting Schools status we are working to help children in other countries access and enjoy their rights too such as Article 24- every child has the right to the best possible health care.

To help with this we are once again taking part in the Blythwood Care Shoebox appeal. This week you should have received a leaflet home explaining how you may donate a gift such as toiletries, stationary and clothes. **We kindly ask that you shoeboxes we sent to Miss McDowell (Primary 2 teacher) by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

We are having a special Shoebox Assembly to raise awareness on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### DONATE A GIFT

- Find a shoebox. Decide who to fill it for; a child, a teenager, a man or a woman.
- Wrap your box and lid separately so that the lid can be removed without tearing the paper.
- Gather the items and pack them into the box.
- On the Checklist, tick the items you have put in your shoebox and note any that are not on the list.
- Secure the ticked checklist to the outside of the shoebox lid using sticky tape. Detach the donation envelope as instructed and place with your donation inside your shoebox.
- Secure the lid with rubber bands. Custom regulations require Blythwood Care to check the contents of your box.
- Deliver your box to your local collection point.

**For Christmas delivery your shoebox should be at your church, school or other collection point by Friday 4 November.**

- \* Remember that any goods disallowed by customs will be removed. No foods are permitted apart from sweets (but no loose sweets or lollies are allowed or individually purchased sweets made up into little bags).
- \* 'Best Before' date no earlier than March 2017

### CHECKLIST 2016

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid. **SUGGESTED ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW):**  
Please do try to include the following items highlighted in the top box.

☐ Toothbrush and Toothpaste

☐ Hat/scarf/gloves

☐ Soap

☐ Small Toy for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls

☐ Sweets (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best Before' date March 2017. No loose sweets, lollies or unstated bags of sweets.

<p><b>Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Face cloth/ Moist wipes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Moisturising Cream</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Products</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shaving foam/Razors</p> <p><b>Clothes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/Socks/Tights</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Make-up.....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Equipment.....</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Household Candles</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Screwdrivers/Pliers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Utensils</p> <p><b>Stationery</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pens/Pencils/Sharpener</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notebooks/Colouring books</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rulers/Rubbers</p> <p><b>Other Items</b></p> <p>(T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/Shirts) etc</p>
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**PLEASE TICK THE BOX NEXT TO WHO THE BOX IS FOR**

Please specify the age of the girl or boy you have filled this box for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Man
<input type="checkbox"/> Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Teenage Boy - age .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Teenage Girl - age .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy - age .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl - age .....	

### SHOE BOX APPEAL COSTS DONATION FORM

Here is my gift of  £

I have: ☐ Placed my donation inside the envelope (Please make cheques payable to Blythwood Care)

☐ Donated online at [shoeboxappeal.org/donate](http://shoeboxappeal.org/donate) (Minimum on line donation of £5)

**MAKE YOUR GIFT WORTH MORE**

If you're a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donations to Blythwood Care making them worth 25 percent more to us at no extra cost to you.

**Please note:**

- As your declaration covers donations you will make in the future:
  - Please notify us if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force.
  - You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying us - it will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
- You must have paid enough Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover the amount that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that you donate to will reclaim for that tax year (6 April to 5 April). Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.
- The charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you have given on or after 6 April 2012.
- If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration. (See note 1).

**YOUR DETAILS \*Essential**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - AND IN CAPITALS**

\*Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, Other

\*First Name .....

\*Surname .....

\*Address 1 .....

Address 2 .....

\*Town .....

County .....

Country .....

\*Postcode: .....

Signature .....

Date .....

☐ Please add me to your mailing list

## Flu Vaccinations- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October

All pupils will have received a letter and a form home to let them know that the flu nasal spray vaccinations will take place in school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. We have had these in school each year for P1-7.

No parents are needed or expected to attend. Each child will be accompanied by their teacher and it is a 'sniff' vaccination - no needles! **The closing date for the return of forms is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.** Please note, the Community Nurse cannot administer the vaccination unless the forms have been returned.

Please take note that we cannot accept forms after Monday morning & the nurse will not be able to administer the vaccination- parents will then have to arrange this with your GP.

## SEN Policy Consultation from Parents & Carers

We have added a draft Special Educational Needs Policy to our website for your consultation, to find this go to ABOUT US → POLICIES. **The consultation period will last for 1 week ending on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.** If you wish to comment on the policy or have any suggestions please email them to [info@ashgrovepsnewtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashgrovepsnewtownabbey.ni.sch.uk). Please note it is not always possible to include all wishes or suggestions from parents or carers but where reasonably possible we will give them all due consideration.





## Primary 4 (Mrs Torrie's Class) Assembly

Parents and family members from Mrs Torrie's class are welcome to come along to the Class **Assembly** on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Primary 4 have been busy rehearsing over the past couple of weeks for an Assembly based on Jonah and the Whale- there is some brilliant talent on show.

We have received many reply slips back from parents and we are delighted that you are all so willing to come along and support the children. The Assembly will start at 9.15am and last about 30 minutes.

## Pre-Enrolment Forms

Today we have sent home to our families Pre-Enrolment Forms for new Primary 1 pupils for September 2017. Our spaces for Primary 1 next year are already filling up- some names have been on our list since last year. If you have a child coming to us in Primary 1, please complete and return the pre-enrolment form and we will send you the Education Authority form as soon as they are available.

If you do not have anyone joining us next year, please share this with someone else.

**Our Pre Enrolment Form is also available on the Homepage of our website.**

## House Captains & Vice Captains

This week in school Mrs Carberry and I held the interviews for House Captains and Vice Captains. We were delighted that so many of our P7 pupils put themselves forward to be considered for these positions. All applicants completed an Application Form and shared their personal qualities.

Chestnut	Ash	Oak	Willow
<b>House Captain</b> Taylor Gilliland	<b>House Captain</b> David Clements	<b>House Captain</b> Mia Sittlington	<b>House Captain</b> Dylan Choudary
<b>Vice Captain</b> Sophie Braiden & Bailey Coates	<b>Vice Captain</b> Jake Flanagan Megan McBurney	<b>Vice Captain</b> Jessica Woods Emma Burns	<b>Vice Captain</b> Ellie Davidson Lauren Ferguson

**Congratulations to all our newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains!**

## European Day of Languages

On Monday we are celebrating the European Day of Languages. This is a chance for our pupils to learn of the languages and cultures from other countries in Europe. All classes have been allocated a country which they can research- some pupils have been bringing in wonderful posters and craft activities.



# Primary 5 have a visit from Aunt Sandra's Chocolate Roadshow!





## Smoke Free School & Grounds

Please remember that our school building and school grounds are smoke free zones. This means that all adults must not smoke cigarettes or e-cigarettes anywhere in school. There are obvious health benefits to our pupils if we all abide by this policy but it also means there is less litter and it allows parents and teachers to share the importance healthy lifestyle choices.

### Safeguarding our Children HIGH IMPORTANCE

We like to regularly remind parents of the high priority we place on Safeguarding the children in our care. We are active in promoting Safeguarding messages in school.

If you have a concern about any child in school you must speak with Mrs Luney (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or Miss McLaughlin (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection). Alternatively, if they are not available you may speak with Mr Smith.

Please be aware of the following Safeguarding points:

- ★ All corridors contain posters of our Safeguarding Team
- ★ Our Safeguarding Policy and procedures are readily available at Reception and on our website
- ★ We kindly ask parents not to escort children to their classrooms in the morning- this is mostly unnecessary
- ★ ALL visitors (including parents) are asked to report to Reception. Parents should not go directly to classrooms.

### School Dinner Menu

<u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September</u> <i>European Day of Languages Special</i> Finger Pizza, Sausage, 1 Chicken Nugget, Carrot Sticks & Chips ~ Ice Cream Sliders, Pure Orange Juice & Fruit	<u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</u> Irish Stew & Crusty Bread OR Ham & Cheese Panini, Salad & Coleslaw ~ Apple Crumble & Custard
<u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September</u> Roast Beef, Diced Turnip, Oven Roast + Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Date Krispie, Custard & Fruit	<u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Mixed Vegetables ~ Cupcake, Fruit & Yoghurt
<u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September</u> Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagne, Salad & Crusty Bread ~ Jelly, Fruit & Ice-Cream	<b>HEALTHY BREAK</b> <b>P1-4, 30p per day</b>  Tuesday: Pear & Carrot  Friday: Crusty Bread, Apple & Celery



# Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Endeavour

<b>Primary 1</b> Miss Morrison  	<b>Primary 1</b> Miss McLaughlin  	<b>Primary 2</b> Miss McDowell  <i>Tiarnan Kelly</i>
<b>Primary 2</b> Mrs Copeland/Cartmill  <i>Seth Lucas</i>	<b>Primary 3</b> Mrs Douglas  <i>Ella Sloan</i>	<b>Primary 3</b> Miss Crozier/Manion  <i>Ellie Sloss</i>
<b>Primary 4</b> Mrs Torrie  <i>Jayden McClenaghan</i>	<b>Primary 4</b> Mr Hutcheson  <i>Matilda Magill</i>	<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Luney  <i>Andie Ellis</i>
<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Carberry  <i>Eirynn Stewart</i>	<b>Primary 6</b> Mrs Ewing  <i>Jessica Smith</i>	<b>Primary 6</b> Mr Morrow  <i>Isabella Worthington</i>
<b>Primary 7</b> Mr Agnew  <i>Emma Burns</i>	<b>Primary 7</b> Miss Taylor  <i>Ellie Davidson</i>	Next week our focus is Brilliant Behaviour

## Happy Birthday to...

*Joshua Redfern, Callum Grey, Sophie Millen, Stephen McGaw,  
Marcus Hamilton, Ruby-Rose Ferguson,  
Max Swain & Nikhil McFaul*

## PTA Pudding Party

Please remember the PTA are organising a Pudding Party on  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 6.45-8.00pm.

Bring along your favourite dessert- fake or bake!

