



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

*Article 4 "Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights."*

In school we actively promote an awareness of the rights of our children, this include the right to an education, health care and to be kept safe and free from harm.

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY...

School is **CLOSED** next week for the Half Term Break. We reopen to pupils on **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at the usual time.** We wish all our pupils and families a safe and enjoyable Half Term Break.

### ONLINE FORMS

Thank you for using our online forms to inform us of an absence from school, request administration of medication or to change your contact details. These forms are available under the "**PARENT AREA**" of our website. Simply click on the required form and it will open automatically for you.

We encourage parents to use this online facility as the phones in the Office can be very busy, especially in the morning or collection times.

In addition, if you have changed your contact details e.g. mobile number or address, please use the online form to keep us up-to-date so we can amend our records in school.

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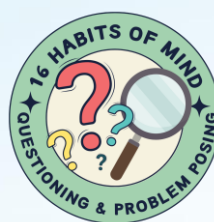
## 16 HABITS OF MIND – QUESTIONING & PROBLEM POSING

In Ashgrove we are working with our children to develop 16 Habits of Mind... these are a set of skills and dispositions which research has shown are key qualities in effective learning and life long development. In school we have already looked at Persisting, Striving for Accuracy, Thinking & Communicating with Clarity & Precision and Managing Impulsivity.

Pupils may have brought home certificates to congratulate them on demonstrating these qualities.

This Half Term in school we have looked at Questioning & Problem Posing. We have encourage our pupils to ask really good questions about what they are learning and pose problems to investigate... This Habit of Mind also develops the following qualities:

- Pride in their work;
- Taking time to check over;
- Focus;
- Accomplishing a task;
- Correcting mistakes or inaccuracies



## NEUROSCIENCE WEEK!

This week in Ashgrove we held Neuroscience Week... we learned all about how to keep our brains happy and healthy. P5-7 pupils also had SENTIUS workshops looking at coding and robotics.

P2 held a wonderful Assembly on Wednesday to share with parents and carers about healthy brain foods!





## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS SICK OR UNWELL?

At this time of year it is common for children or household members to feel unwell. The PHA have shared useful information with parents and schools about when to keep children at home or indeed send them to school.

Keeping pupils at home when they are unwell helps to prevent the spread of illness amongst peers and members of staff.

While we do not encourage sporadic unnecessary absence from school, it is recommended to keep children who are unwell at home until they have recovered.

**HSC** Public Health Agency

# Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp;/or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.






For Primary 1 pupils for September 2024, and all prospective pupils.



Scan the QR code to  
**BOOK A TOUR**  
or go to  
**ashgroveprimary.com**

 Tours of Ashgrove available  
in December and January!  
Just book online!



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**School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day**  
**VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY**

<p><b><u>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips or Mashed Potato</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Arctic Roll with Peached &amp; Pears</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Italian Beef Curry, Crusty Roll &amp; Peas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Pot</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Roast Beef, Carrots &amp; Parsnip, Cauliflower Cheese, Roast Potatoes &amp; Mash</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Melon Wedge</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Chicken Curry &amp; Naan Bread. Mini Corn-on-the-Cob! Steamed Rice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Lemon Drizzle Cake &amp; Custard</p>
<p><b><u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Pork Sausages with Tomato Ketchup or Gravy, Peas/Spaghetti Hoops, Chips or Mash.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Decorated Fairy Cake</p>	<p><b>PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK BOTH FREE AND PAID SCHOOL MEALS ONLINE VIA SCHOOLMONEY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>thank you!</i></p>

DID YOU KNOW WE ARE THE ONLY RIGHTS RESPECTING GOLD STANDARD SCHOOL IN NEWTOWN ABBEY?

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**



**Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.**



## NEW P1 PUPILS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

We have had a number of enquiries about places for Primary 1 for September 2024 and our arrangements for Open House or tours of the school.

As per previous years, we will offer tours of the school either individually or in small groups on the following dates:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

An online booking system for the tours of our school for Primary 1 places is now live... please visit [www.ashgroveprimary.com](http://www.ashgroveprimary.com) for more details.

