



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 16 (right to privacy) "Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect every child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation."

In school we take data protection very seriously. Information about our pupils is stored safely and we teach children how to stay safe online, protect their identity and seek consent.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We hope all our children and families had an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to a settled Summer Term in school!

As we are in the Summer Term, pupils may if they wish wear their Summer uniform – the classrooms tend to get warm at this time of year and cooler clothing helps children to concentrate in class. Girls may wear a green gingham dress and boys grey or black school shorts. These are available to buy in most supermarkets at reasonable prices.

Please also send a bottle of water with your child to school each day (water only please no dilute or fizzy drinks allowed).

This term promises to be a busy one – please check the Diary Dates section of our website for upcoming events. We have also included a list of important dates and events for this term in the Newsletter this week.

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PTFA BULLETIN



Spring Term Summary

Thank you all so much for your support during the Spring Term; you have continued to help us raise funds for the children of Ashgrove and we move closer to our goal of funding crucial resources and community events. We managed to raise £1646 in the Spring Term, bringing our total to £4920.40! As we move into the Summer Term, we are already planning for new and exciting events, as well as new initiatives, which you will see below. Stay tuned to our school Facebook and Instagram pages for information on upcoming fundraisers and opportunities to bring our school community together. We want to finish the school year on a high, so we look forward to your continued support.



WHAT EVENTS ARE WE RUNNING IN THE SUMMER TERM?

- Colour Run
- PTFA Trivia Night
- Summer Fair



FUNDRAISERS

- Fireside Quiz - £78 raised
- PTFA Trivia Night - £240 raised
- 'Break the Rules' Day - £1328 raised

TOTAL RAISED:
£1646



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would love to recruit extra helpers for our next few events, to ensure the children's safety and enjoyment. If you would be willing to give up your time to assist the PTFA in the running of events, you can email us at ashgroveptfa@gmail.com for further information. Thank you!

NEW SCHOOL INITIATIVE: CASH FOR CLOBBER

Have you been spring-cleaning lately? Are you in need of clearing out any clothes, accessories or linens? Well look no further - this Summer Term, we will be welcoming donations for the 'Cash for Clobber' recycling scheme (date TBC). Not only will we be supporting developed countries through textile recycling, we can also raise money through this exciting initiative!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH FUTURE EVENTS OR JOIN THE PTFA, PLEASE VISIT OUR PTFA PAGE ON:

[www.https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/](https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/)



DIARY DATES TO JUNE 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 15th April	P5L Swimming
Tuesday 16th April	P5C Swimming
Thursday 18th April	P6/7 Girls Football to Glengormley IPS
Monday 22nd April	P5L Swimming
Tuesday 23rd April	P5C Swimming
Thursday 25th April	Outcome of P1 applications (refer to email from EA)
Friday 26th April	School Council Meeting
Monday 29th April	P5L Swimming
Tuesday 30th April	P5C Swimming
Wednesday 1st May	P5-7 Musical – MATILDA! 10.00am
Thursday 2nd May	P5-7 Musical – MATILDA! 6.30pm
Friday 3rd May	P5-7 Musical – MATILDA! 12.00pm
Monday 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7th – Friday 24th May	Standardised Testing P3-7
Tuesday 7th May	P5C Swimming
Friday 10th May	P7 Transition Workshop – It's your Move!
Monday 13th May	P5L Swimming P6 Love for Life Workshop – Choices and Changes
Tuesday 14th May	P5C Swimming
Wednesday 15th May	P1 to Streamvale Farm
Friday 17th May	P7 Transition Workshop – It's your Move! PTFA Colour Run! Wee Critters visiting P3
Monday 20th May	P7 Gambling Awareness Workshop P5L Swimming
Tuesday 21st May	P5C Swimming
Wednesday 22nd May	P4 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 24th May	Staff Development Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 27th May	BANK HOLIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 31st May	School Council Meeting
Week comm 3rd June	Last week of written homework (except P6)
Monday 3rd June	P5L Swimming
Tuesday 4th June	P5C Swimming
Friday 7th June	PTFA Summer Fair
Week comm 10th June	Healthy Eating Week
Monday 10th June	PTFA AGM, 7.00pm
Friday 14th June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Monday 17th June	P5L Swimming
Tuesday 18th June	P5C Swimming P6/7 Girls Football tournament @ Valley Leisure C
Thursday 20th June	P7 Leavers Gala (evening)
Friday 21st June	P7 Leavers Assembly
Monday 24th June	P6 Experience Day in Ballyclare High
Friday 28th June	School Finishes Half Day for Summer



REPORTING AN ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Our phone lines in school are usually busy in the morning. To help with this we have an online form to report absences from school – this is available on our website, Parent Area → Attendance at School → Report and Absence.

<https://forms.gle/uWLM6JL5NGHc4koS9>

HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN IN SCHOOL

An important part of support for your child is ensuring good communication between home and school. At Ashgrove Primary School we have clear procedures in place which are regularly shared with home.

Firstly, speak with class teacher. It may be necessary make an appointment and please be aware that teachers are not able to speak with you during teaching time. Making an appointment allows us to give you the time to listen to you carefully. Usually issues are resolved at this early stage.

Following this, you may speak with the Head of Key Stage. Miss Morrison (Head of Foundation Stage), Mrs Torrie (Head of Key Stage 1) and Mr McComb (Head of Key Stage 2).

If required, you may then speak with Mr McComb – Vice Principal. Finally, after speaking with appropriate members of staff you can make an appointment to speak with the Principal, Mr Smith.

By having a clear procedure to raise issues and concerns we hope that matters are resolved quickly and in a fair and consistent manner.

PRIIMARY1 APPLICATIONS & ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

The Education Authority will send all parents who have applied for a P1 place an email on **Thursday, 25th April 2024** informing you of the outcome of your child's application to pre-school/primary school in September 2024.

Emails will be issued to almost 24,000 parents and consequently some parents will receive their email before others. It is intended that all parents should have received their notification by 10:00am.

If you do not receive an email please remember to check your junk mail and other folders. It is not necessary for you to log into the online portal to view the outcome of your child's application.

However, if desired, you may log in on Thursday, 25 April 2024 at the link below. Remember to use a supported browser, e.g. Google Chrome, Safari or Microsoft Edge.

<https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent>





WEEKLY WELLBEING



Weekly Challenge

Close your eyes, put on headphones and listen to relaxing music!

Motivational Quote

“Do the right thing, even when no one is looking!”

16 HABITS OF MIND

As a whole school we are focusing on a new Habit of Mind – Listening and Understanding with Empathy. Empathy is such an important skill to develop, it enables us to connect with others and build relationships.

The Habits of Mind are just one of the metacognitive tools we use in Ashgrove to help promote resilient adaptable children and learners. Habits of Mind are a set of skills and dispositions which promote flexibility and help us to develop a problem solving, solution based approach. During our lessons we demonstrate and highlight to our pupils which Habits of Mind they need, as children get older in school we ask them to identify for themselves which HOM and mindset they need to complete tasks – this is an important skill for life.

We have recently been accredited by the University of Exeter as a **Thinking School**. To find out more information, visit our website on the link below:

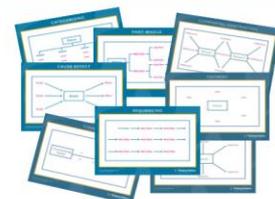
<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/thinking-matters/>



Thinking Hats



Habits of Mind



Thinking Frames



Thinking Routines



SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

Vegetarian Options are available – refer to Menu on Website

Monday 15th April

Beef Bolognese with Cheese & Crusty Bread.
Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Pasta or Mashed Potato

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Chocolate & Orange Cookie

Tuesday 16th April

Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo with Mushy
Peas/Baked Beans, Chips/Baked Potato

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Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits

Wednesday 17th April

Roast Gammon, Stuffing & Gravy. Carrots &
Parsnip, Mash & Roast Potato OR Salmon &
Creamy Tomato Pasta

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Fruit Sponge & Custard

Thursday 18th April

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread with Garden Peas,
Steamed Rice or Noodles

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Pineapple Delight

Friday 19th April

Hot Dog/Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup,
Spaghetti Hoops/Corn on the Cob and
Chips/Mashed Potato

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Ice Cream & Mandarin Oranges

**Please remember to login to your
SchoolMoney account to book meals for
your child for the week ahead.**

**Both PAID and FREE school meals should be
booked online before midnight of the day
ahead!**

SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION REMINDERS

Safeguarding and Child Protection is very important to us in Ashgrove Primary. As such I would like to remind parents about how to report any Safeguarding concerns you may have...

1. If you have any worries or concerns about the welfare of Safeguarding of any child in our school you can report your concern to the class teacher.
2. If you are still concerned speak with Mrs Luney (Designated Teacher for Child Protection). If she is not available speak with Mrs Carberry (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection).
3. You may also speak with Mr Smith (Principal) if you have safeguarding concerns.
4. If you are still concerned you can write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors- Mrs Karen Thompson.
5. At any time you can talk or write to a Social Worker or the Police.

PTFA MATILDA RAFFLE

Keep a look out next week for an email from the PTFA who are raffling VIP front row tickets and seats for our upcoming P5-7 Musical – MATILDA! Tickets will be available to raffle from Wednesday 17th April... More information and how to be in with a chance of winning will be sent home soon!

