



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

"Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights"

In school we pride ourselves on our ethos of tolerance and respect, we also value our Christian ethos and invite local Churches and organisations to speak at Assembly.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on **Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February.** **ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.30 PM (LUNCHES WILL STILL BE SERVED).** You will receive an allocated date and time in the coming weeks to speak with the teacher. We appreciate and encourage the attendance of all our parents and carers at these important interviews.

Primary 7, School Transfer Interviews

I wrote to all Primary 7 parents offering a date and time (next week) to come to school and complete the Post Primary Transfer Forms. It is not compulsory for you to attend, but many parents appreciate some guidance. If you are unable to attend, we can send the Transfer Form home to you, but this MUST be returned to school by **MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY.**

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Permanent Secretary – Derek Baker to school

Our School Councillors invited the Permanent Secretary (Mr Derek Baker) and Nigel Dodds (MP) to school to discuss the proposals for our School Extension. The Councillors asked him lots of challenging questions... look on our website for a news report from Lily Lockhart and Cole Agnew about the visit!



Traidcraft Big Brew – Friday 9th February



As part of our work towards our Eco Schools and Rights Respecting Schools Award, Level 2 we are hosting a Traidcraft Big Brew on **THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 11.00 am**. We just ask for a small donation which will be forwarded to Charity.

This will form part of our Global Learning Week in school where we will focus on the Rights of Children in developing countries



How to Raise a Concern in School...

If you are worried or have a concern about any aspect of school life, you should follow the procedure below...

1. Speak with the class teacher – most often concerns can be addressed and resolved at this stage.
2. If the concern is not resolved, speak with our Vice Principal (Mrs Flaherty).
3. Address the concern to Mr Smith (Principal).
4. Following the steps above, if the concern has not been resolved, you may Write to the Board of Governors.

World Book Day Celebrations- Friday 3rd March

On **TUESDAY 6TH MARCH** we will celebrate **WORLD BOOK DAY**. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help mark the occasion we are asking all pupils and staff to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**- this could be Horrid Henry, Gangsta Granny, Little Red Riding Hood, Alice in Wonderland...

To help get our pupils started on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books.

AQE Results- Good Luck!

We will be thinking of our Primary 7 pupils on Saturday morning as they receive their AQE or GL results. Transfer Interviews for P7 pupils will take place next week. I wrote to P7 parents last week with an allocated date and time for us to complete the Transfer Application Form together- please read the guidelines sent home.

The result posted to you is a standardised score, a whole number between 55 and 145, with an average of 100.

If your post does not arrive at your registered home address, the **AQE Office (028 9022 4002) will be open from 2.00 pm on Saturday 27th January** to allow for verbal results to be given over the phone (security questions must be passed). AQE will unfortunately not be able to answer any further questions other than that of your child's result. All other issues can be taken up from **Monday 29th January**.





🌍 Wear green, Go Global day

Friday 9th March

To end our week focusing on Global Awareness in school we are having a special non-uniform day. Pupils may come to school wearing non-uniform and are encouraged to wear lots of **green clothes**.

We kindly ask that children donate £1. The money raised will go towards our school Eco Club, Habitat for Humanity and Trocaire.

Parents are also invited to attend a special Fairtrade Coffee morning on Friday 9th March, 11.00 am!



Calling all parents, carers and friends, we need your help...

This year in school we are continuing to develop our outdoor play and learning experiences for all children in our school. We continue to need your support

- Can you help by donating resources?
- Do you have useful contacts for resources or sponsor?

We would greatly appreciate any help at all as this will directly support all of our pupils. Our children love to be actively involved and know that they have been able to donate items or their families have been able to help in school.

We are looking for the items below:

Cable reels/spools – a range of sizes



Milk/plastic crates



Pipes/plastic tubing – range of sizes



Large Logs



Trellis – range of shapes and sizes



Blankets or any materials for forts and dens



Planks of wood all sizes



Bamboo canes



Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 6th February...

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 6th February**. Mrs Flaherty will take a special Assembly highlighting to children how to use the internet safely and appropriately.

Parents from Mrs Flaherty's class may attend a special Assembly on **Tuesday 6th February, 9.15 am**.

School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

Monday 29th January

Hot Dog, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce
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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 30th January

Irish Stew & Crusty Bread
or
Ham & Cheese Panini Salad & coleslaw
~
Apple Crumble & Custard

Wednesday 29^{31st} January

Roast Beef, Turnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
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Cracknel, Custard & Fruit

Thursday 1st February

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables & Naan Bread
~
Cupcake & Fruit

Friday 2nd February

Lasagne, Peas, Crusty Bread
OR
Fish Fingers, Peas, Mashed Potatoes
~
Jelly, Fruit & Ice cream

HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot
Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery

