



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...

School will be **CLOSED** next week for the Half Term Break. We reopen to pupils on **Tuesday 7th October**. We wish all our pupils and families a safe and enjoyable Half Term Break. This will be a busy holiday for our Primary 7 pupils, Mrs Flaherty and Mr Agnew have sent home extra practice papers and revision packs for those pupils who are sitting the AQE or GL Assessments – it is important that our pupils make the most of the revision and preparation time available before the first test on Saturday 11th November... but also remember P7's to take some time to relax and recharge!

SCHOOL PROMOTIONAL VIDEO!

It is with great **EXCITEMENT** that we have launched our school promotional video, this is available to watch on our website. We have also posted the video on our Facebook Page and Twitter accounts. Feel free to 'like' and 'share'.

A second video will be available after Half Term. Thanks everyone for taking part!



Scan the QR code to
see our video

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Head Lice- what to do...

Occasionally some cases of head lice in school come to our attention. It is therefore essential that all parents and carers check their children's hair regularly for signs of lice and their eggs.

Having head lice, also called nits, does NOT mean that a child is dirty or unkempt. Children are most commonly affected and anyone with hair can catch them. If you find head lice in your child's hair don't panic- this is easily treated.

Here is some advice provided by the NHS which parents and carers may find useful: If you think your child may have head lice:

- ✓ Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.
- ✓ If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

Treating head lice...

If head lice are present, you must treat your child promptly. You should only treat your child if you find live head lice. Don't treat 'just in case'.

Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies and some supermarkets. Your GP may also be able to help. (There is no need to keep your child off school if you find head lice, simply administer the treatment and come to school as usual).

For more information, visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Headlice/Pages/Treatment.asp>

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Teacher Consultations this week. We hope you found them informative and gained an insight about the progress your child is making. If you have any questions or need to raise any issues following the Parent Teacher Consultations, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Congratulations House Captains & Vice Captains!

Mrs Carberry and I interviewed a number of very keen Primary 7 pupils for the positions of House Captains and Vice Captains. The quality of applicants was truly impressive from the applications forms to the considerate answers given! We are delighted that the following pupils have now been appointed as House Captains or Vice Captains...

Willow (Blue)	Ash (Green)	Oak (Yellow)	Chestnut (Red)
Captain Ethan Harris O'Neill	Captain Eoin Keenan	Captain Olivia Ferris	Captain Baillie McDowell
Vice Captains Ben McIlroy Isabella Worthington Maya Anderson	Vice Captains Stephen Frecknall Joel Clotworthy Holly McVeigh	Vice Captains Katie McAlister Ella McHenry Jessica Currie	Vice Captains Jasmine Shields Kiera Montgomery Maisie Hutton
Peer Mentor: Jessica McAuley			

House Points this Half Term...

Our House Captains and Vice Captains were busily counting House Points yesterday afternoon... see below for the results!

Willow (Blue)	Ash (Green)	Oak (Yellow)	Chestnut (Red)
2,595	2,725	2,794	2,977

Well done the Red House!

Diary Dates for November...

Tuesday 7th Nov – Pupils start back	Friday 17th Nov – School Council meeting local MP & Mayor
Wednesday 8th Nov – Phonics Information Evening time??	Monday 20th November – UNICEF Day for change
Friday 10th Nov – HARVEST celebration	Friday 24th Nov – Dairy Council visiting Primary 5
Saturday 11th Nov – AQE 1	Saturday 25th Nov – AQE 2
Monday 15th Nov - Anti Bullying Week	Thurs 30th Nov – Christmas Fair
Thursday 16th Nov – OPEN NIGHT	Saturday 2nd Dec – AQE 3



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

Monday 6th November

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 7th November

Pizza, Beans, Chips & Tomato Sauce
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Yoghurt & Fruit

Wednesday 22nd October

Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread
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Sponge & Custard

Thursday 23rd October

Roast Chicken, Cabbage, Roast &
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
~
Rice Pudding & Fruit

Friday 20th October

Pasta Bolognese, Crusty Bread **OR**
Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes
~
Chocolate Sponge & Custard

HEALTHY BREAK
30 per day

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange &
Pepper

OPEN NIGHT FOR PRIMARY 1 & NEW PUPILS

Thank you for returning your Primary 1 pre-enrolment forms or for sharing these with other parents.

Open Night for new P1 pupils (or pupils moving in the area) is on
THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 6.30 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

