



Ampertaine Primary School Newsletter



Friday 12th April 2024

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PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEB SITE FOR LATEST PICTURES AND DATES OF EVENTS

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR CLUB FREE

BREAKFAST CLUB IS A MASSIVE SUCCESS- WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! (8 – 8:40am)

All pupils MUST be in school by 8:20

Our attendance at breakfast club ranges from 40 to 49 each morning!



Thank you so much to our parental helpers. Our club would not be operational without the parental support each morning.

Thank you also to those who have donated food for our club. We are gladly accepting the following items

- **Apple Juice**
- **Orange Juice**
- **Money! At the moment our club is costing £24 a week.**

Pupils are offered juice (apple or orange), toast and a choice of cereal. We are currently receiving free cereal from a community group. The Club is a great opportunity for our pupils to mix and socialise with each other before they start their busy day

School Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital for every child within our school. Missed lessons mean missed opportunities to have full access to the curriculum. If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you send a written explanation on your child's return to school. We would have concerns if your child's attendance falls below 87%.

Those with an attendance between 85-87% will receive a note to allow awareness and encourage improvement.

Those below 85% will be invited to school to have a conversation on how best to increase their child's attendance.

By law we must inform the Educational Welfare Officer if their attendance is 85% or below. Attendance will be continuously monitored throughout the school year.

We appreciate all your support in this important matter and thank you for encouraging your child to always attend.

Attendance Matters



School Car Park

We sadly still have people arriving before their time slots.



The system has no chance to even begin to work. This is frustrating for all.

NO CAR SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL BEFORE THE TEN TO SLOT.

Presently all pupils are being collected within 10 minutes of our system starting. The back log of cars is being contained within our carpark by 7/8 minutes taking the queue off the main road. If cars arrived at the correct time the back log onto the main road would not occur.

PSNI are working in partnership with the school regarding public vehicles over taking and travelling on the wrong side of the road. This is highly dangerous and thank you for your patience as we strive to solve this problem.

The front of School is looking Fresh!



Thank you to the Lynd family for brightening up our front entrance. I'm sure you would agree this much needed work has been a great improvement to our school.

We greatly appreciate all of the help and support from all of our families. Each working together to help our little school community.

Contacting school

We would ask for all parents to use our school info account when informing school of information eg absences, family holidays etc.

If you have any queries for our teachers or wish to speak with them, please use our email account to arrange an appointment.

Our school email is info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk. Email subject to include the name of the pupil and class.



Contact Us

NEWS FROM ROOM 1

This week Room 1 have been looking at relationships to the number 10. In these photos they are having fun completing a variety of numeracy activities which include snap, count the objects, using cubes to make the number 10 in different ways and using whiteboards. Some of the primary 2s went beyond the number 10 and went up to the hundreds.



Room 2 News

The pupils in Room 2 have been busy creating rabbits and chicks for their Spring display board in the school corridor. They all look fantastic. First they watched some power points and read some books about Spring. They discussed the changes Spring brings in Nature and the weather. They also thought about what things they enjoy doing and seeing in Spring. After their Easter break they will be writing some poems about Spring and going on a Spring Walk. Look out for signs of Spring at home or when you are out and about over the Easter break. It really is a beautiful season of the year.



NEWS FROM THE MOBILE

We have been learning about symmetry in Numeracy. Some children used paint to print symmetrical t-shirts and others designed symmetrical butterflies for our Rainforest display. The children enjoyed using mirrors to make symmetrical patterns, investigate letters of the alphabet and design flags.

P3/4 are looking forward to their class trip to the zoo on Wednesday.



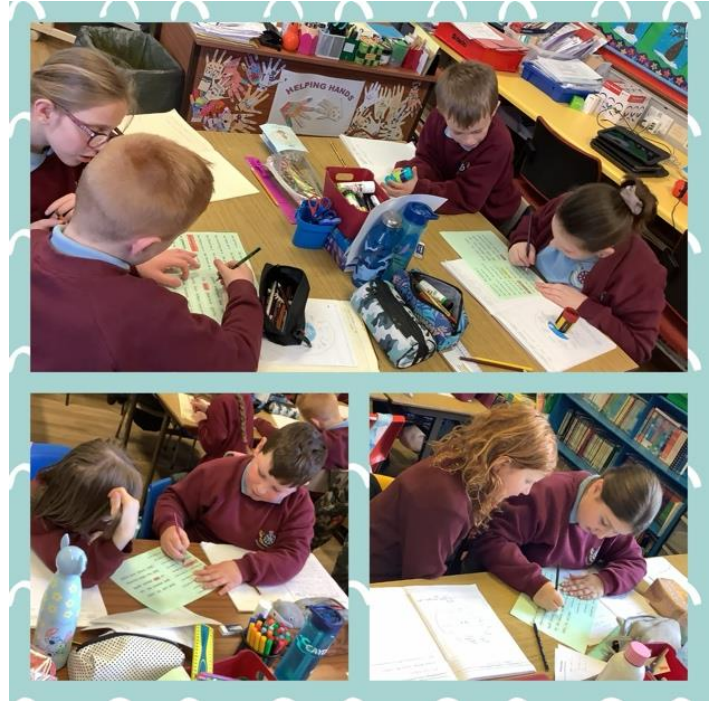
Room 3 News

Back to work after our Easter holidays!

We had a good chat about what we were up to over the break and we all enjoyed our 2 weeks off, including Gail and our teachers 😊

In class, we've been learning about what similes are..not smiles...SIMILES 😊

We worked in pairs to try and match up some similes then made up our own. Mrs Penny said she was really proud of our hard work and the similes we created and used in our creative writing 🖋️



Room 4 - Visit to the Irish Cottages Exhibition at the Flax Museum



On Thursday 11th April the P7 pupils visited the Flax Museum, in Upperlands to find out more about Irish cottages which they had come across in their learning about famine times in Ireland.

Mr Garry McIlwaine showed them a very interesting presentation about cottages which stimulated their thinking and fed into their level of knowledge about their current World Around Us topic. The pupils were then able to look at the various cottage models from the exhibition by Dick Clark and were encouraged to observe the various features of a traditional Irish cottage or cabin as they were actually known.

Mr McIlwaine then took us on an educational adventure to see the original

thatched mill cottage in the grounds of the former Clark's Linen factory where they saw the features of a real and historically important thatched building for themselves.

The pupils had a great time bringing history to life and seeing parts of our Historic Linen Village, some for the first time.

Thank you Mr McIlwaine for your invitation to visit the exhibition and for making it so memorable and relevant for us all.

Calendar Dates (All Available on Website Calendar)

April	
Tuesday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We welcome Rev. Morrison to our assembly. CEF Club - P1+2 - 2-3pm P3-P7 3-4pm E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm
Wednesday 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip to the Zoo for the Mobile classroom pupils
Thursday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Photos for P1 class and P7 class. Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7 Cycling Proficiency for P7
Tuesday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1 Nurse CEF Club - P1+2 - 2-3pm P3-P7 3-4pm E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm
Wednesday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of Ampertaine Meeting @7pm
Thursday 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We welcome Little Amps to our assembly. P1 Nurse Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7 Cycling Proficiency for P7
Friday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room 4 Time Steps visit
Tuesday 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAST CEF Club - P1+2 - 2-3pm P3-P7 3-4pm E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm
May	
Thursday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worry Busters Programme for P5-P7
Monday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closed due to Public Holiday
Tuesday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm
Thursday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P7 5-aside Tournament at Meadowbank Worry Busters Programme for P5-P7 Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7 Cycling Proficiency for P7
Monday 13th - Friday 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTE and PTM Testing for P3 to P7
Tuesday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We Welcome Rodney Mitchell to our assembly. E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm
Thursday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football tournament at the Woods PS Worry Busters Programme for P5-P7 Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7 Cycling Proficiency for P7
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P6 + P7 Residential trip to Ganaway!