



Ampertaine Primary School



Newsletter

Monday 29th April 2024



Recent Newsletters are available online at ampertaineps.co.uk/parents/newsletters

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 45 to 53 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 Uniform and additional clothing

Please ensure all items of uniform and additional clothing such as t-shirts, jumpers, coats, hats etc are labelled with your child's name.

Unfortunately, many of the pupils do not have their clothing labelled. This has caused items to go home to the wrong households or in the worst case scenario, to be lost.

Please check that you have the correct uniforms at home. Any uniforms belonging to others can be returned to the school office.

These will be returned accordingly by staff members.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.



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

People arriving 20 – 15 minutes before their time slots causing chaos!



No system has a chance to even begin to work. On Friday we had 18 cars blocking the main road before a quarter to 3! Dangerous and not needed.

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

Presently all pupils are being collected within 10 minutes of our system starting.

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.

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

Friends of Ampertaine – 29th May @7pm

Thank you to all who attended our meeting last week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th May as we start to confirm ideas on how to end the school year.

We hope you will be able to attend and bring with you much needed support for our school.

Help us to make memorable learning at Ampertaine.



Friends of Ampertaine



NEWS FROM ROOM 1

During PE this last week Room 1 have been doing a variety of activities which include team games, stretching and circuits.

The children have loved the different circuits as it has involves various movements and is an enjoyable way to get the children active.

We can't wait to see how they progress and get even faster!

Room 2 News

Room 2 have been really engaged in our Dinosaurs topic. They especially loved our Dinosaur workshop, getting hands on opportunities to be palaeontologists! They found out all about what fossils are, how they were made and how to find them. They also found out about dinosaur diets and habitats, and did experiments to find out how tornadoes and volcanoes work.



NEWS FROM THE MOBILE

On Wednesday 17th April, P3/4 visited Belfast Zoo as part of Rainforest topic. The children enjoyed a hands-on talk with John, before their tour of the zoo and Rainforest Enclosure. The new lion enclosure was a roaring success, and no additional monkeys were retained by the zoo!!! Since our visit we have written recounts of the trip and used the 'Book Creator' app on the iPad to create animal e-books to share together.

Room 3 News

Through our topic and what we've found out about our different organs, we wanted to see how exercise affects our heart rate.

We played different activities and took our pulse before, during and after relaxing to see what happened.

This helped us prove that exercise increases our heart rate.

It was good fun!



Room 4 – Maqueen Project

Room 4 have been having a great time taking part in a great project organised by the Mid Ulster Council. Sentinus have been able to come to school and provide two brilliant workshops for our P7 pupils.

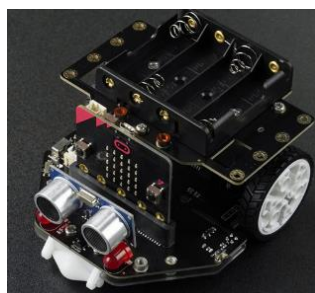
Through this journey the pupils have learnt how to programme online, testing and fixing coding, adjusting coding and adapting it to solve a problem or perform an activity.

For the Maqueen project the pupils had to code the following items. The Maqueen will respond to a clap, show a message on the board, play music and be able

to perform a dance by moving forwards and backwards and turning in lots of different directions.

We had five groups and they all did a fantastic job.

Well Done P7!



Calendar Dates (All Available on Website Calendar)

May	
Thursday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worry Busters Programme for P5-P7 Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7 Cycling Proficiency for 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
Wed. 22nd - Friday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P6 + P7 Residential trip to Ganaway!
Monday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closed for Public Bank Holiday
Tuesday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closed for Teacher Training
Wednesday 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school for all pupils P.T.A meeting @7pm
Thursday 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible SPORTS DAY -TBC Weather dependant
Friday 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible SPORTS DAY - TBC Weather dependant
June	
Tuesday 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playitbyear - Mental Health theatre group for P5-7
Wednesday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We welcome Rev.Brown to our assembly
Thursday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7 Cycling Proficiency for P7
Friday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ampertaine Fun Night! 7-9pm more information to follow
Friday 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leavers Assembly 1:30-2:30pm TBC
Wednesday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament Day
Thursday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We welcome Little Amps to our Assembly
Friday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAST DAY OF TERM. Early collection from school Slot A 11:40am and Slot B 11:50am. Hot Dogs are available today.

**AGES
8-11**



SUMMER CAMP @RAINEY ENDOWED

**29 July - 2 Aug
(9am-1pm)**



£100



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**Contact the school office for details
and application form.
Limited spaces available.
Booking closes 17 May**