



Ampertaine Primary School

Friday 5th June 2020 Home Learning Week 7



Dear Children and Parents,

Another week over and another fantastic effort from all. This has been a very busy week in school as we try to gain a greater understanding to what may lie ahead come September. Staff have been very busy in school working together and following social distancing guidelines. So far all our stores including storage on our stage has been reorganised and labelled. This has been a big task and taken over two weeks to finish. A big thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard and have had to adapt to a new way of working together. The pathway for us all in September is still not clear and we look forward to further information and clear guidance on what the situation holds for us all. We will as always continue to keep everyone well informed with the situation and outcomes.

Thank you to those who have been completing our weekly quiz. This takes no longer than 5 minutes to complete and we especially love reading your answers to the last question.

Keeping Children Safe during Lockdown

- This #ChildSafetyWeek and the Child Accident Prevention Trust are helping parents and carers to keep children safe, especially during lockdown, by highlighting the potential accident hotspots at home and how to avoid them. You can download the parents pack: <https://bit.ly/36WhdCH> for helpful tips and advice, and fun activities to try with your kids.
- If you need any advice on home safety you can also contact the Council's Home Safety Advice service on 03000 132 132 or email health.wellbeing@midulstercouncil.org.



Safety makes sense!



Parents' pack



Keeping children safe during lockdown and beyond



A New Challenge for you this week is "Ampertaine ROCKS!!!!!!!"

- We know you love hunting for beautifully painted stones hidden outdoors. While this might not be possible in lockdown as much as we would like, you can certainly get prepping for when lockdown lifts by painting rocks, stones or pebbles to transform them into animals or characters. Your creations could be hidden around your own garden or around Upperlands on your daily walk.! We wonder who will find yours?
- We would love you to do this and send pictures of them to info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk as part of your weekly task.



KEEP OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL

- A poster competition for our school to take part in over lockdown. Your poster must include the words..... "KEEP OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL."... An Anti-littering theme to encourage people to keep the village looking inviting and safe for all to use. This competition has been generously sponsored by UCDL with four prizes of £10. The four winning entries will be used as posters to put up in the village.
- Please email your posters into info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk We look forward to showing you the winning entries before they are placed around the village.
- Closing date is 12th June @ 3pm. Remember to include your name and age in your entry.



AMPERTAINE LOCKDOWN WAVE

- We hope you enjoyed taking part in our Ampertaine WAVE. A massive thank you to Mrs Logan for gathering all our clips and putting together an amazing video for us all to enjoy. This took hours of work and is greatly appreciated by all. THANKS MRS LOGAN!!!! Our own AMPERTAINE STAR.
- Please visit our school website where you will also find another super surprise to watch!!! Or you can watch the clip following this [LINK](#).



Hope For Youth Ministries

- Materials Hope For Youth Ministries has been highly recommended by our parents and staff.
- Children's Assemblies are held on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11am and Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 10.30am. The YouTube link for Hope for Youth Ministries can be found [HERE](#)



The Nice Work Midsummer Virtual Half Marathon, 10k, 5k and 1k Challenge

- Join the Midsummer Virtual Half Marathon, 10k, 5k & 1k Challenge over the Midsummer Day Weekend 20/21st June 2020. If you are missing the excitement of taking part in races and missing the camaraderie (aka competition!), then this is literally the next best thing! To take part follow the link below. Every runner receives an amazing medal!
- <https://www.nice-work.org.uk/races/Midsummer-Virtual>



Preparing Autistic & SEND Children for going back to school

- This short, video-based online course provides practical help and resources to help you prepare your Autistic and SEND children to go back to school when the time comes.
- This course explains the wide variety of issues we need to consider and suggests practical strategies and plans you can put into place. There are sample social stories and additional articles to download and share to help reintegrate our Autistic and SEND children whatever their lockdown experience has been. With the outlook full of uncertainty, this course helps you do what you can now.
- The Course is FREE with resources in pdf format to download and use. Suitable to use with all children who are struggling with this strange time. <https://www.schudio.tv/courses/preparing-autistic-send-children-for-going-back-to-school>

Google Classroom

- Materials are available from 9pm the evening before by our staff, giving time to print and be ready for the activities in the morning if you wish to do so.
- Parents, please feel free to fit the activities into your own schedule and not feel pressured to complete the activities on the days they are posted. We would encourage the children, as far as possible, to do some work every day. Remember your teachers are available online every day.
- We reserve the use of Google Classroom solely as a learning and teaching platform. If you wish to get in contact with any queries or concerns, we would ask that you follow the communication link set out in your individual learning packs which is the teachers direct school email. This will ensure the most efficient and effective communication between home and school in these challenging times.

Help inspire Ulster Hockey new mascot!

- This June, Ulster Hockey are looking for fun and creative children in our community to inspire a brand new mascot.
- The mascot will embody the amazing spirit of hockey, welcome everyone to their events and inspire our #ActiveHockeyFamily!
- The winning drawing will inspire the new mascot design, and will be brought to life and unveiled at their upcoming events, where it will meet their amazing hockey players and fans.
Download the pack, read more, and enter the competition.
- [Ulster Hockey Mascot Application Form](#)
The competition closes on **Tuesday 30th June 2020.**



Scripture Union Northern Ireland

- SUNI are really excited to release a special assembly especially for P7s! They know that leaving primary school looks very different for you, and the team at SUNI want to help prepare you as you look ahead to your big move.
- Contact lyndsey@sun.co.uk to learn how to access the lessons.
Follow this Youtube link for the special assembly: <https://youtu.be/dzfqKqxOpMM>



Scripture Union
Northern Ireland

Road Safety Education - Week 1 Task (Child Cycle Safety)

- During the month of June, there will be a weekly task designed for you to work alongside and complete with your child/children in relation to a key road safety issue:
- This week the focus is on cycle helmets – please ensure your child wears a cycle helmet every time they are riding their bicycle and that it is properly fitted and adjusted to reduce the impact of a fall or collision at slow speed. The attached document has been supplied by Department for Infrastructure 'Safe and Accessible Travel' as a guide for you and your child to use. Click [HERE](#) for information.
- For further information on cycle safety: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/cycling-safety>
To view the road safety calendars issued to schools: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/road-safety-teaching-aid-calendars>



Three simple tests to check that the helmet fits:

Test 1 –

Open your mouth wide – does your helmet pull down on your head? If not, tighten the chin strap a bit more.

Test 2 –

Can you rock your helmet back more than two fingers above your eyebrows? If yes, unbuckle and shorten the front strap by moving the slider forward. Buckle, retighten the chin strap, and test again.

Test 3 –

Can you rock your helmet forward over your eyes? If it does, unbuckle and tighten the back strap by moving the slider back towards the ear. Buckle, retighten the chin strap, and test again.

★ Super Ampertaine Stars!!!! ★



Katie taking part in her capacity tasks for Mrs Cunningham. Great work Katie thank you so much for sharing your excellent work!



Caleb has been very busy over the last week. He has made a raft out of gathered twigs and used a plastic bottle base. Epic job Caleb!



Victoria we love your style! Elegance and sophistication. You know how to enjoy the great weather.



The McCormick's have been watching Crew Dragon being launched into space. History in the making. It was so enjoyable to watch 🚀 An amazing event to watch and remember.



Rebekah and Hannah have been baking again! This time their baking factory has produced M+M Cookies! If only we had smell-o-vision photos! They look amazing!



Harry has been very busy with his capacity activities. Having lots of Maths fun in the sun! Super work Harry very impressive.



The Shiels boys are at it again. This time hard at it in the fields helping with the silage. These boys have been enjoying the weather and making sure things are done correctly.



Zara, Kai and sister have been exploring Northern Ireland and have discovered the King's Road or the Dark Hedges to you and me! Super pic.



Jake made chicken nuggets and played his literacy game with his brother Joshua. He has also been commenting everyday in Google Classroom. Good man Jake!



The Cunningham boys have been enjoying the sun! Going for walks on the farm, splashing in the pool, Jack has helped to put the tent up and he made a LEGO boat for Zoom Sunday School! Very busy people indeed!

Thank you for all the amazing photographs!!!

- We were only able to show one photograph from each family in our Newsletter. If you go to our website you will be able to see all the super photographs which have been sent in to us. These have been a real pleasure to put into both the Newsletter and the website.
- Hope you have enjoyed looking at them and seeing and reading about all the things your friends have been up to during this time. Your photographs can be of anything interesting at all. Any news which you would like to share with our school community please let us know about it.
- If you would like to show us some of your news feel free to send your pictures to our school info account info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk

The useful links section

- The useful links section is available to all on our school website in the learning area. Here you will also find some helpful advice and guidance which has appeared in previous Newsletters. Our most recent information on Apps for children is also here with short cuts for you to use. As always we hope these are a source of guidance and an area you will find beneficial. Please keep checking this area for future information.

Provision for children of Key Workers

- As you are aware our school has been open to facilitate those in need. At this time we presently have no one requiring the service. Please use info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk if your circumstances change.

Congratulations to our P7 Pupils

- Our P7 pupils received their placement letter on Thursday 4th June for their next educational journey! All of the children have done so well in Ampertaine and we as a staff and as a whole school community will greatly miss them all. WE HAVE PLANS FOR JUNE which we will be discussing with the P7 children very very soon.
- Well done again to all, we are so proud of you and hope that you will all call in to see us again so we can hear all about your new adventures as you all go upwards and onwards.

And finally...

Please use Google classroom to help you. Don't feel you have to do everything. Do what you can, when you can. We will be flexible and understanding. Don't let something which is an aid for the children and an aid for you become a weight on your shoulders.

We will get through this together and thank you for all the effort you are putting in with the children. We really are a community at Ampertaine, staff, pupils and parents all working together for the common good.

The road ahead is still unclear for us all at present but please be rest assured our school will be ready and able to provide the best possible pathway through the maze before us all.

Keep persevering, keep safe and keep trying your best.

From all at Ampertaine