



Ampertaine Primary School

Friday 12th June 2020 Home Learning Week 8



Dear Children and Parents,

Another fantastic week of activity and hard work by all. We are greatly encouraged from your comments and feedback, your photographs sent in and also your emails of support. Mr Weir rightly or wrongly has featured heavily in the news. At this moment in time we have had no **OFFICIAL** documentation to state the starting date for our P7 pupils or any of our pupils. We look forward to receiving the information through the correct and appropriate channels and not the local media. Our 'Way Forward' as a school and community is one which requires a great deal of thought and planning. We desperately require the guidelines from the Education Authority to enable us all to move forward in a more concrete manner. We appreciate your patience, support and cooperation in this matter

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 the answers to the last question.

Mathletics

- Thank you to everyone who has taken the time and logged into Mathletics over the past number of weeks. Together you've achieved nearly 450 certificates.. that is AMAZING!
- Every fortnight, Mrs Penny updates the list on the website and is looking forward to giving out all your well-deserved prizes and treats, whenever we're all back together again.
- There are currently **23 GOLD, 73 SILVER and 346 BRONZE certificates** achieved since lockdown. We are so so proud of your hard work.

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Mathletics

"Ampertaine ROCKS!!!!!!"

- Such a fantastic effort from you all. We hope you enjoyed creating your amazing AMPERTAINE ROCKS and word has spread fast in our local community! Our ROCKS have been spotted around the village and along the dam walk. Excellent work everyone! You can see all of our ROCKS on our school website by clicking [HERE](#)



NEW CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK

- This week, as we are coming nearer to the end of our term, we thought it might be a nice idea to send some messages to friends, family or even your teachers to say we miss you or thank you!
- If you open the link, you'll find different cards that you can print off and colour for your chosen person. You can write whatever thoughtful message you like inside each card.
- We'd love you to send in a photo of your creations. You can design and make your own or click on the link for examples to print off. [LINK](#)
- Once your card/s are made, remember to email a picture into the school so we can show you all sharing your kindness to others. Then you can decide how you want to deliver them, whether it's posting them, 'what's apping' or 'zooming' them or maybe even hand delivering them while socially distancing!
- SPORTS DAY/WEEK CHALLENGE COMING NEXT!



KEEP OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL COMPETITION

- 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 in association with Mid Ulster Council. There are four prizes of £10. The four winning entries will be used as posters to put up in the village. Well done to all who entered the competition an amazing effort by all.
- Winners to be announced shortly. Check out all of our entries [HERE](#)



Comhairle Ceantair
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CEF 'Truth Catchers'

- For boys and girls everywhere! This year for the first time, CEF Ireland are having an Online 5-Day Club, and you are invited! You can watch every day from 15th-19th June on the CEF of Ireland YouTube Channel. There will be lots to see and do.
- The online 'Truth Catchers' 5-Day Club goes live on 15th June but it will also be available to watch right throughout the summer.



Accelerated Reader

- A big well done to everyone for all your super effort with AR this term so far. You have been brilliant at logging in to quiz and some of you have even reached your personal target already! Mrs Cunningham has been looking at everyone's efforts and had to let you all know a few special findings. A huge round of applause 🙌 goes to Rebecca P in P6 and Erin L and Hannah E in P7 who have doubled their points target for this term. An extra special mention to Calvin McC P6. He has x4 his target!!!!!! Simply outstanding Calvin!
- We will have all your prizes and certificates waiting for you when we are safely back at school. A special box of treats has been delivered directly from AR to add to these. P7, don't worry, we'll make sure you get yours too!
- If you have read all the books you have at home, don't forget you can download most books for free using the NI librariesApp <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries-NI-App/Pages/default.aspx>



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Reader

Lexia

- Thank you to everyone who has been working away like busy bees 🐝 at their Lexia over lockdown. The certificates are flooding in! Well done to those of you who have completed level 14 and are now finished your Lexia journey.
- A special congratulations goes to our super P1's who only started using the Lexia phonics program during lockdown and it's brilliant to see that some of you have already got not one, not two but even three or four certificates already. 🌟 Again, we look forward to presenting these to you all in assembly when it is safe to do so.



Big Cat

- Some excellent online books for younger readers who are missing school just now. Children can read a range of levels of fiction and non-fiction books. The text is spoken for them, but you can always turn the volume down if you prefer. Each book has a fun quiz at the end to check their understanding.

It's a great resource, especially if you're running out of reading material. Go to Collins Connect and click on the Teacher portal and enter:
Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk
Password: Parents20! and click Login.
When you have logged on, go to the Collins Big Cat book.

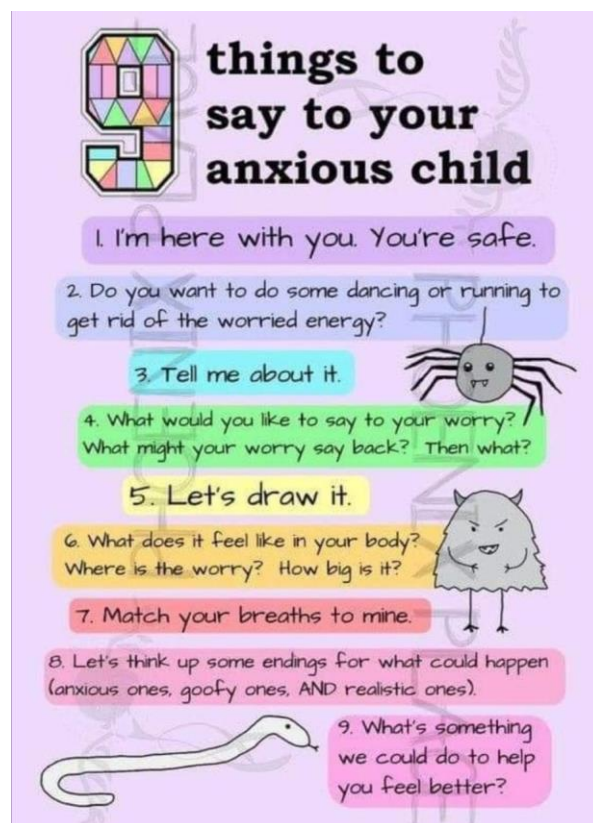


Google Classroom

- 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.

Free Child Anxiety Printable Resources

- This is a collection of free printable resources for teachers and parents supporting an anxious child. The site is constantly adding more resources to this library. These are intended to support parents and children at home.
- We hope you find these resources useful and beneficial. They are by no means a quick solution and we understand the difficulty and strain this situation has caused for many.
- Please follow the link [HERE](#) to avail of the free resources.
- We feel as a school that all children can benefit from these resources and would encourage you all to have a look at these at some point.



FREE Disney colouring activities and downloadable booklets.

- Disney have various activity booklets to download for free, such as: Tinkerbell, Star Wars, Marvel, Frozen 2 & some more too. Follow the link [HERE](#)
- You can also explore the world of Disney, Disney Pixar, and Star Wars with these free colouring pages for kids. Colour them online or print them out to colour later. The selection features favourite characters such as Moana, Coco, BB-8, Elsa and Anna from Frozen, Vanellope and Ralph from Wreck-it-Ralph. Follow the link [HERE](#)



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.

Road Safety Education - Week 2 Task (Pedestrian Safety 4-7 year olds)

- This week the focus is on pedestrian safety and you can conduct this whilst out on your daily exercise or visit to the shops. Please talk to your child/children about and practise the following safe pedestrian habits:
 - Holding hands with an adult or holding on to a buggy (shopping trolley if in a supermarket carpark);
 - Walking on the footpath (on the inside of the footpath with the adult closest to the roadside);
- The simple message of STOP, LOOK and LISTEN:
- o STOP behind the kerb;
 - o LOOK and LISTEN for traffic before crossing the road;
 - o LOOK and LISTEN for traffic while you cross the road.



If practical, walk the normal route to/from school and decide upon the safest places to cross the road. Then, when school resumes, use this route each time you walk your child to/from school. Focus on:

- Use of any pedestrian crossings in place (including where the Crossing Patrol normally stands);
- Good sight lines in any direction that traffic may come from;
- Any potential dangers along the route (e.g. cars reversing out of driveways, road works)
- A new booklet has been developed for parents of 0-7 year olds: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/parents-guide-road-safety-0-7-years>
- There are also 2 follow up activities supplied by Department for Infrastructure 'Safe and Accessible Travel' which can be printed out and completed by your child if you wish. CLICK [HERE](#)

Road Safety Education - Week 2 Task (Pedestrian Safety 8-11 year olds)

- Please talk to your child/children about and practise the following safe pedestrian habits:
The Green Cross Code – children are generally considered to be ready to judge speed and distance of traffic from the age of eight years. Knowing and being able to use the Green Cross Code is an essential life skill for all children:
 - o First find a safe place to cross;
 - o Stop with your toes behind the kerb (or grass verge on a country road);
 - o Look and listen in all directions for any traffic;
 - o If any traffic is coming, let it pass;
 - o When the road is clear, walk straight across the road;
 - o Keep looking and listening for traffic as you cross.
 - Walking on the footpath (on the inside of the footpath with the adult closest to the roadside);
 - If practical, walk the normal route to/from school and decide upon the safest places to cross the road. Then, when school resumes, use this route each time you walk your child to/from school (or if your child walks without a parent then encourage them to use the same crossing points if at all possible).
 - o Focus on:
1. Use of any pedestrian crossings in place (including where the Crossing Patrol normally stands);
 2. Good sight lines in any direction that traffic may come from;
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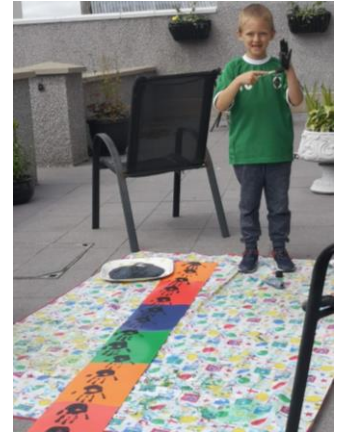
★ Super Ampertaine Stars!!!! ★



Rowan has been a busy little lady this week. She has been working hard and made some Gruffalo paw buns which was part of her literacy activity.



Erin and Harry have been experimenting with new ways to make/bake delicious cup cakes. We need your recipe folks to try this ourselves.



Kodi has been completing lots of measuring tasks outside for Mrs Logan. An excellent effort Kodi, Well done!



Holly is enjoying her Google classroom activities and working very hard at home. Loving the super hand prints Holly!



Eli is an unstoppable force during lockdown. He has been baking, completing his Maths activities, taking part in wild life surveys and litter picking. He has even had the time to have lots of water and bubble fun with Seth and Grace. More pics on website.



Lily and Jack stuck these posters on to their bins along with the chocolate to say thank you to their bin men. What a lovely thoughtful gesture.



Sophie and Harry have been making dens this week outside in the garden and even had the time to both have a go at baking! We are sure you'd agree their efforts look outstanding. Talented bunch making us all very hungry. Hope you shared with family!



Sienna has painted many rainbows for her house and posted to family too, even leaving the bin men a surprise! She has been giving the goats a daily health check and has helped her daddy build a green house. They have planted lots of vegetables and are looking after them all. She loves taking part in the challenges, especially the nature hunt set.

Thank you for all the amazing photographs!!!

- We were only able to show some of the photographs 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

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.

Pudsey Activities

- Take a look at some of our favourite Pudsey crafts and activities to keep the whole family inspired and learning during lockdown.
- These have been provided by Children in Need and can be found at this [LINK](#)



Covid-19 Resources from Children in Need

- From wellbeing guides to online safety, find key resources to support children and their families at home.
- These have been provided by Children in Need and can be found at this [LINK](#)



And finally...

It has been a long two months for us all in the world of 'Remote Learning'. The journey has been a steep learning curve for everyone. Pupils, parents and staff. The time, effort and energy you have all given has been simply amazing. At the start of this new way of learning and supporting, things seemed incredibly new and at times stressful.

We have all come through this stronger and in a fantastic position for the coming months ahead. The school is working very hard, behind the scenes, to find the best option for our school and community. We can only reassure you with the knowledge that we will do our utmost to keep you all on board and well informed as we begin our new journey together. Keep persevering, keep safe and keep trying your best.

From all at Ampertaine