



# Ampertaine Primary School

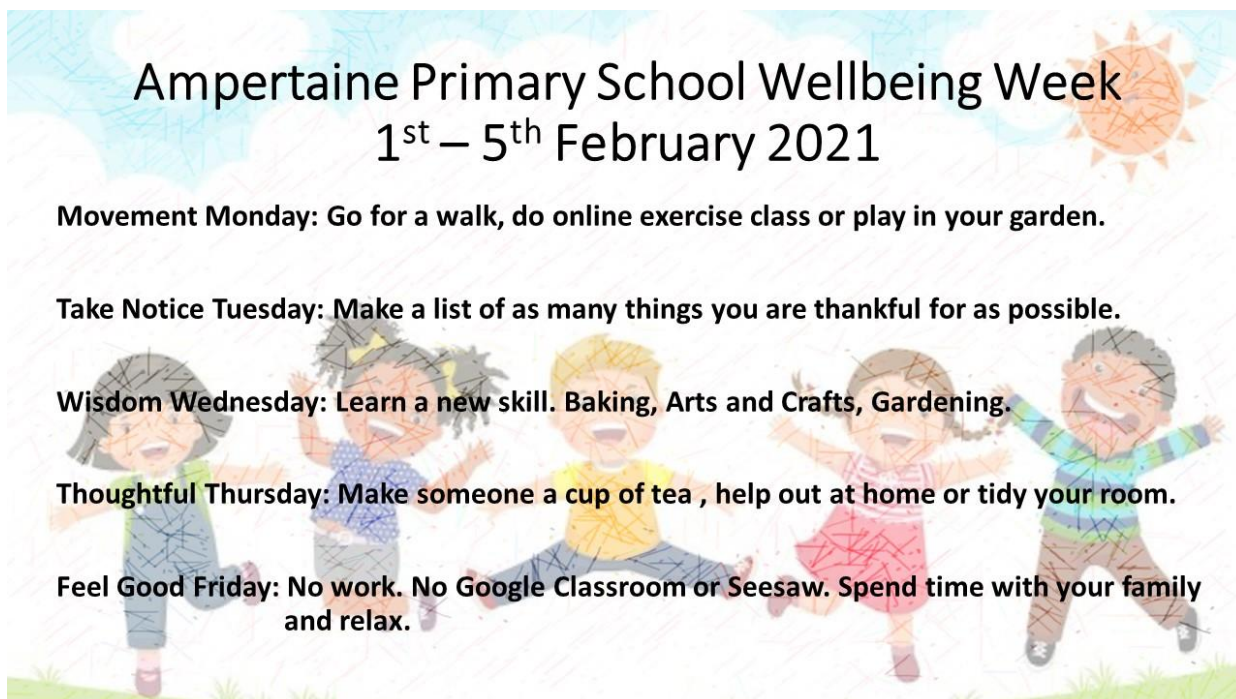
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Latest Information**



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your emails and comments this week. It has been great to see an increase in participation within our remote learning platforms. Care calls were made last week offering advice and support and we are glad to see this has helped.

## ***Children's Mental Health Week Success***



- Each day your child has received an academic activity to complete and also a wellbeing activity as you can see above.
- The uptake on the activities has been truly inspiring. Thank you so much for taking part and we hope these activities have had the desired affect for the whole house hold.
- Please remember Friday will be a full day of NO work and therefore NO screen time. We are aware that children are spending a lot of time looking at and working from screens (computer, ipad,phone etc.) therefore we are fully behind 'Wellbeing week'.
- We hope this week has helped our whole school community and we all can see the benefits of taking part in such worthwhile events.
- **\*PLEASE REMEMBER \***
- Send your photos of Wellbeing Week to [info@ampertaineprimarymaghera.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineprimarymaghera.ni.sch.uk)
- Include your name and class
- ALL photos sent in will be on our school website as slide shows.

## ***Remember to click on 'Learning' tab on the website***

- PLEASE make use of the links and shortcuts to apps which can be found on our website. You simply have to click on the 'Learning' tab and this will bring you to the page. The information found here ranges in appropriateness for the pupils. We would ask parents to explore for themselves first. The links range in subjects and offer an alternative avenue to gain more activities for those at home. Some of the links require a sign up process to access the free material. We hope you find the links helpful and beneficial.

## Seesaw and Google Classroom

- Materials will be available from **9pm the evening before**, read over all the instructions **given by the teachers. These are very detailed with specific guidance for your children.**
- The Department of Education's guidance to all schools for this lockdown has changed. Each teacher must continue to record daily attendance. **Children who are not active in remote learning will be recorded as absent.**
- Each child should leave a message and upload work every day, where possible. **Uploaded work will demonstrate participation and the school can record that accordingly in our system for attendance.**
- If your child misses an activity or is unable to upload work on the day it was set ..... that is okay! We understand! Remember your teachers are available online every day during normal teaching hours.
- If you are unable to do the work for any reason please contact the school through our info account and **we can grant an attendance mark.**

## Half term holiday plans

- As you are aware this year our half term is from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Due to the success of our Wellbeing week we have been able to witness the positive effect on our school community and the much needed time for families to relax and reflect with each other.
- With this in mind the Monday (15<sup>th</sup>) and the Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>) of that week will be slightly different compared to our normal roll out of activities.
- Please watch this space as more information will follow closer to the time.

## Blue Peter on YouTube

- [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) at CBBC is now available.
- Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and they are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how to, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.
- Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every Thursday, or on BBC iPlayer.







# Ampertaine Stars



Victoria took part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch at the weekend which involved counting different species observed in the garden and submitting to RSPB. Great work Victoria!

Daniel and his very talented crew have been gradually building their empire. They have even had the time to add a Burger hut. We agree this is an essential building in any town. Great work.



Jay has been busy. He has used lots of natural materials, boxes, cardboard etc to make his ideal house and garden. He goes to the Carn mountain once a week, enjoying lots of fresh air with his family and 2 dogs!



Ladies and Gentleman we are proud to introduce you all to Goose! Jack is the proud owner of this fabulous reptile.



Jacob turned five at the start of the week. We all wish him a belated happy birthday and hope he has lots of super adventures on his amazing new bicycle.

It has been brilliant to see all the different things you have all been up to. If you would like to send a picture to share with our school community email [info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk) and include a little sentence or two about the photo.

## ***Provision for children of Key Workers***

- While it is crucial that key workers are able to attend work, if there is a parent / guardian / elder sibling at home or other provision available to key workers, then you must use that provision. This is essential to avoid schools becoming overwhelmed and having to close completely on safety grounds. THE SAFEST PLACE FOR CHILDREN IS IN THEIR OWN HOME.
- In order to avoid mass lock-downs we ask anyone sending their children to school to be particularly vigilant. If a child shows any symptoms he / she should remain at home.
- Children will have their temperatures taken on arrival and will not be allowed entry should they be presenting with a high temperature.
- **Children should bring a packed lunch.**
- **Children should attend wearing their school uniform.**
- **If learning activities are paper based, these should be printed and brought to school.**

***Anyone who feels they may be entitled to apply for key worker provision needs to email Mr Dillon on [mdillon539@c2ken.net](mailto:mdillon539@c2ken.net) no later than 2p.m Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please provide the following details:***

- parents names;
- a contact telephone number and email address;
- children's names, classes and teachers;
- parents' occupation that entitles you to key-worker provision; and
- which days you need your child to attend.

## ***Finally.....***

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February each class will be set activities relating to Safer Internet Day. Using the Internet safely and positively is a key message that we wish to promote in school.

This is a great opportunity to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could celebrate the day by continuing the conversation at home by completing the tasks set on the day and follow the links provided by teachers which are age appropriate.

