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Learning"

2021 -2022

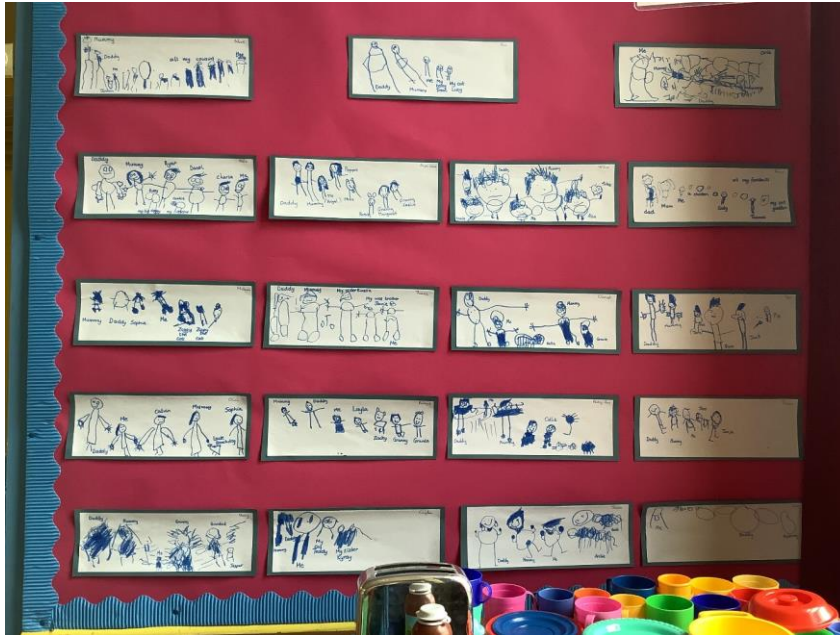
Ampertaine Primary School Newsletter



Friday 8th October 2021

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NEWS FROM ROOM 1

We have been learning lots about ourselves and continuing with our topic Mighty, Magnificent Me! We have labelled parts of the body and been thinking about how special our families are to us. We drew a picture of our families. Everyone's family is different and unique. We thought about the different heights of people in our families.

Room 2 News

Room 2 have been learning about the Water Cycle and Autumn. They have enjoyed looking for signs of autumn, and using this in their art work. They have investigated colour mixing to make beautiful Autumn leaves for our display. They have also surprised themselves by creating fantastic weathery masterpieces through directed drawing sessions and are really engaged with developing digital media skills on Seesaw.



NEWS FROM THE MOBILE



P3 have been learning about numbers to 20, while P4 have been exploring the 100 square and investigating number patterns. We've also been practising the months of the year – ask your child to say them!

In literacy we have been focusing on sentence structure and comprehension. You can help your child by asking them questions about what they have read to see if they understand the story.

The highlight of the week is always PE! The children have had great fun playing target games to develop underarm and overarm throwing skills.

Room 3 News

It's October already! Wow! We are working really well in class and developing lots of skills.

In our topic, we are learning about our bodies and how they work..here's one of our classroom displays, featuring us!! We have been focusing on place value in our maths as well as bar charts and handling data. We are busy in our reading groups and with our spelling sets as well as writing about ourselves. We have a few more beautiful displays in our room and along the corridor with work we're very proud of...hopefully you'll see it soon on our website page.



Room 4



Room 4 have been learning all about Kenya for our topic in the world around us and we have very much enjoyed making some wonderful art around the breath-taking savannah.

The children have made some beautiful silhouette art pieces including wildlife and flora which they have put a lot of effort into, here have a look!

Packed Lunches

We would ask parents to include a freezer bag or sealable sandwich bag in their children's packed lunches.

Presently any rubbish or food not eaten is being kept in lunch boxes and sent home. In the instance of an uneaten yogurt or other liquids these will be placed by the pupil in the sealable bag and then taken home in their lunch boxes.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions and maintaining our bubbles, the pupils are not able to walk around the hall and use the bins.



NUT-FREE ZONE



Please continue to do the outstanding job with regards to food being brought into school.

We are a NUT-FREE SCHOOL and will continue to monitor the food eaten at break and lunch time.

It is vital that ALL are proactive, ensuring the health and welfare of our staff and pupils.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

School Car Park SLOTS

Thank you for your continued patience particularly on a Friday. We realise it is slower at the moment due to young children still getting used to the system. .

We would ask that all pupils are ready to exit their cars with coats and bags ready to go. The mornings can be very busy and we wish to encourage a constant flow in and out of the car park.

ALL PUPILS are now expected to use the system. We would ask that you stick to your time slots to avoid confusion and to maintain a constant flow of traffic particularly when collecting. At times with forgotten bags etc classes may be out just after their slot. Please come within your ten-minute time slot.

Thank you for continuing to give priority to those exiting the car park.

Contacting school

We would ask at these times for all parents to use our school info account when informing school of information. 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 . We would ask for your email subject to include the name of the pupil and class.

Remote learning Provision

- Work will only be provided remotely to a child who is either covid positive and well or isolating due to being a close contact.
- Work will be uploaded to the appropriate online platform for your child. Either Google classroom or Seesaw.
- The work will be based on class work from that day. Instructions will be limited. Work is not expected to be handed in or uploaded to teachers. All work to be given to teachers once pupils return.

COVID Guidance

We are very conscious that COVID numbers across NI are still high so if your child is symptomatic at all, **or has been identified as a close contact**, please do not send them to school. Isolate them, notify us and book a PCR test immediately.

All arrangements will be kept under review and any changes will be communicated to you as and when appropriate and/or necessary. If you have any other queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We thank our parents for their understanding during an ever changing line of guidance from the EA.

Our FIVE steps to follow	
1.	If your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home.
2.	If your child is unwell in school, he/she will be sent home.
3.	If you feel that your child MIGHT have Covid-19 symptoms, please do a Lateral Flow Test or book a PCR test. Preference being PCR.
4.	If your child tests positive for Covid-19, please keep your child at home to isolate.
5.	If a child or staff member in class tests positive for Covid-19, I will inform parents from that class (and anyone else who may have been close contact). The PHA may contact close contacts but this could take time and may not include your child. In this case, it is the RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARENT to decide whether to regularly do Lateral Flow Tests with their child, book a PCR test for their child or do nothing.

It is essential that EVERYONE plays a part in keeping themselves and others safe.

School payments

Children should bring payment into school on MONDAY morning.

Payments MUST include correct change and be organised with the school envelope clearly labelled with:

- Nature of payment ie school dinners
- Payment details ie days of the week
- Child's name and class

School envelopes can be purchased at a cost of £2.50.

We are required to deal with all money using appropriate PPE, all money will be removed from the building and banked before a complete clean down of the office area. This is why it is vital that money is received in this way and can ONLY be dealt with on a MONDAY morning. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter in this unprecedented situation.

School dinners

The children had responded well to the new system in place with those taking dinners increasing as the school term as developed.

We hope you approve of our changes and we look forward to more pupils enjoying the delicious meals. The menu is on our website in the Newsletter section and has been emailed to all who have subscribed to our website.

All money MUST be in an envelope clearly labelled and brought into school on the MONDAY to enable Clare to count and then sanitise the work area. The **EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY** should be in the envelope.

Calendar Dates

October	
Monday 11 th	Celebrating World Mental Health Day in school.
Wednesday 13 th	Whole school Flu Vaccine.
Monday 16 th - 24 th	Maths Week- Lots of fun Maths activities
Wednesday 20 th	Dressing up for Maths Week.