



# Ampertaine Primary School Newsletter



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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## NEWS FROM ROOM 1

This year, P1 are working with Mrs McKenna's P1 class at St.Patrick's, Glen. Our theme is outdoor learning. Our first trip was to visit Maggie at Beach School. We had different tasks to do at Portballintrae beach. We had lots of fun collecting pebbles, seaweed, shells, making dams, creating beach gardens, playing beach café and playing with the dinosaurs. We had our lunch at the picnic benches and before we got on the bus, we walked to the river and threw stones in! We're looking forward to visiting Portglenone Forest for our next Shared Education trip!



## Room 2 News

We have been very lucky this year to have had 3 Shared Education trips. Our first was to Ballyronan Marina, where we took a boat trip on Lough Neagh and heard about the Legend of Liban, the princess who was turned into a mermaid and lives in Lough Neagh. We then went to Oxford Island and learnt all about the wildlife in, on and around the lough. We have also been to Portballintrae to learn more about coastal wildlife.





## Mobile News



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, P3/4 visited Belfast Zoo as part of the Shared Education Project. Our theme this year is 'Animals'. While the children enjoyed a tour of the zoo and the Rainforest Enclosure, it was great to finally meet the boys and girls from our partner school. The new sloth house was particularly interesting and no additional monkeys were retained by the zoo!!! Previous to this, both classes had a visit from 'The Amazon Jungle Show', used the 'Book Creator' app on the iPads to create e-books to share together and had fun exploring camouflaged animal art.

## Room 3 News

Through our Shared Education, our room is working with our partner class on the topic of Titanic. We have learned a lot of facts about this special ship and its journey..the hopes and then the disaster. We have been working in pairs on different tasks as well as on our own and painting portholes. We've done a couple of fun experiments too. What do you think of our display so far?



## Room 4



This year for Shared Education Room 4 have been investigating the topics of Bridges, Flight and Biodiversity. The pupils have been sharing their work and experiences on Googleclassroom and have taken part in video conferencing to exchange ideas and thoughts on what they have learnt and have been doing. The children recently had a fantastic time exploring the many creatures who live within our school grounds using different techniques to identify the species of plant life and wild life.

We look forward to future learning experience with our partner school.

### ***Essential Front carpark entrance upgrade and Fencing construction***

If Mr Dillon was given a £1 for every time he has been asked about our new gate he would be retired! The school is still working very hard with both the EA and the contractors to establish a date for the delivery of the new gates and also dates when the work to the existing wall will be completed.

As of yet the EA is struggling to gain confirmation for the school on exactly when said work will begin yet alone when it will be completed. Mr Dillon has passed on your frustrations on numerous occasions to the EA and will continue to do so until the work is done to our high expectations and satisfaction.



### ***Friends of Ampertaine Easter and recent Meeting***

Our Easter events couldn't have gone better and we really appreciate all of your support. In total the events raised £850 for our school. A fantastic amount for an event the children loved. Thank you to all who attended our recent meeting in school. It was brilliant to welcome some new faces to our group and gain their thoughts, ideas and enthusiasm for events in the Summer Term. We can confirm our Summer Fair will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9pm.



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June in school @ 7:15pm. All are welcome as we work together to give our children as many experiences as we can.

### ***Snack Hatch in School!!!!!!***

- In Ampertaine we wish to provide an opportunity for pupils to have a healthy break.
- Snack Hatch is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Please use our order form available from our website.
- Order slip and money to be brought in on the day.

**SNACK HATCH** is available on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

Please complete the order form below and send it along with the correct money in an envelope on the day you wish to order. It will be safely delivered to each child's classroom 'bubble.'

SNACK HATCH ORDER

DAY & Date

Pancake ☐ @ 40p

Toast ☐ @ 30p

Apple ☐ @ 30p

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### ***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.



### ***Diarrhoea and Vomiting***



If your child has been physically sick or passed diarrhoea either in school or at home, they must not return to school for **48 hours** from the time of their last episode. This is the recommended time as set in our guidelines. We thank all for cooperating and respecting this set time frame.

### ***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.



## Easyfundraising – Easy to use and easy to raise money

At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to Ampertaine Primary School PTA for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use.



Just visit:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ampertainepta1/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=s-n4](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ampertainepta1/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4)

### Calendar Dates

<b>May</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	P6/7 Residential Trip to Ganaway - Leaving 9am Sharp
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	P6/7 Residential Trip to Ganaway - Returning at 5pm Approx.
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Wellbeing - Bang the Drums - Room 1 and Room 2
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Wellbeing - Bang the Drums - Mobile, Room 3 and Room 4
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Room 2 Shared Education - Beach School @ Ampertaine P.S
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Farm Safety Activities for Room 1 and Room 4
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Celebration Party for Jubilee
<b>June</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Party Games through the years.
	Early Closure - Collection Times :Group A 11.30 - 11.40am, Group B 11.40 - 11.50am, and Group C 11.50 - 12 Noon
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Closed for Spring Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Closed for Platinum Jubilee
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Room 1 - Shared Education
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	P7 Induction day @ MHS
	P1 Induction afternoon - 1:15pm - 2pm
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Room 4 Salmon trip to Bushmills
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Room 3 - Shared Education trip to Titanic.
	Friends of Ampertaine Meeting in School @ 7:15pm
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Possible Sports Day dependant on Weather conditions.
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Room 4 - Bus safety Visit
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Leavers Day - Time and information to follow.
	Friends of Ampertaine SUMMER FAIR!!!!!!! 7pm - 9pm. More information to follow.