



Ampertaine Primary School

Tuesday 30th June 2020 Home Learning Week 10



Dear Children and Parents,

As each of us is all too aware, we are living in an unprecedented and uncertain time. There is no doubt that we have had to make arduous, and often complex, changes in our lives to adapt to the unique challenges we are each faced with. This has been a steep learning curve for children, parents, and teachers alike.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to you the parents and to all of our staff for the way in which you and they have responded to this pandemic. Just like the rest of the world, schools have been thrown into a stark and perplexing situation in which family life and a completely new way of working must be managed side by side. These changes, which may have seemed unfathomable before the pandemic, have had to be adapted to with no support, and little time to prepare. Thank you for your flexibility, support and for the many messages of appreciation you have sent. Your work with your children cannot be under-estimated and the continued partnership between home and school will, we hope, have helped your children through this very harrowing time. We would also like to thank our staff for their unwavering commitment to adapting learning strategies, and their professionalism when faced with these challenges.

Please don't forget about the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020

- Libraries NI is delighted to announce details of Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020 produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries which will take place from Monday 15 June. The Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge, is a free, exciting way to keep young people aged 4 - 11 years reading during the summer months. Throughout the summer there will be online activities, videos, quizzes, games and rewards to unlock along the way. Every child who completes their own Challenge will receive a downloadable certificate.
- Children can sign up for free [here](https://www.sillysquad.org.uk).



NEW CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK

- What a fantastic week of sport you all had. It has been super to see and hear about your sporting achievements over the past week.
- We hope you remembered to follow the mental wellbeing guidance for each day.
- The video clips and photos sent in by so many of you have made our last challenge one of the best ones.
- Thank you so much to Mrs Penny for gathering all of the media sent in and making what I'm sure you would all agree is a brilliant video to have for our Sporting Week.
- Although we couldn't be there with you we hope you enjoyed seeing a few familiar faces during the clip.
- Please check it out on our website



Monday - Athletics (Track and Field)

Tuesday- Aiming Sports

Wednesday - Team Sports

Thursday - Adventure Sports

Friday - Artistic Sports

Ampertaine Virtual Leavers Day

- Our P7 leavers enjoyed a very special virtual award ceremony. It was lovely to see all of our P7s before they head off on a new adventure. We will miss them all greatly in Ampertaine and thank them for all that they have brought to our school.
- Such kind, thoughtful, caring pupils who have been a pleasure and an excellent example to younger pupils in the school. Everyone wishes them well and will miss them all so much.
- A massive thank you to Stephanie, Mrs Wallace, Mrs Phillips and Mr Dillon for all of their hard work to make the day extra special.
- You can now see all of the very special clips on our website.

FREE Packs for ALL OUR PUPILS!!!!!!!

- Thank you to all of you who came to see us last Wednesday at the Linen Hall. It was great to speak with you all and to see your reaction to the amazing packs.
- Thanks to the Community Foundation and UCDL for the very generous grant allocated to us we were able to make up special packs for your children to enjoy over the summer period.
- Your packs included **TWO** wooden kits for your child to paint and build.
- Craft art activities for each pupil to decorate and make including their own magnet.
- Lastly each pupil will also have received a bottle of bubbles.
- The theme for the activities is Nature in the Garden.
- A great big thank you to all of the staff for building the packs together and handing them out, it really was a big TEAM effort.



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 4

- This week we are simply asking you to be aware of road safety issues concerning your child over the summer holidays and talk to them about their road safety and general safety.
- It is very important that children are safe while out and about or playing during the summer months. Please take the opportunity of considering:
 - where they are allowed to go and with whom
 - unsafe places to play – footpath, road, railway tracks, rivers and other water courses;
 - safer places to play – house, garden, play park or playground, park, beach (under supervision)
 - if they live on a farm or are visiting relatives who own a farm – be especially aware of their proximity to machinery and vehicles, animals, slurry pits, round bales
- In addition, there is a brand new activity book designed with topical themes associated with road safety that will hopefully act as an educational tool in the home over the months of July and August. There is an activity book for those aged 4-7 years and one for those aged 8-11 years.



Have a good summer but remember your road safety!

Please download the relevant activity book for your child's age group from the links below or at our website in the Learning area.

- 4 – 7 year olds <https://ampertaine.sites.schooljotter2.com/downloadfile/15058294>
- 8 – 11 year olds <https://ampertaine.sites.schooljotter2.com/downloadfile/15058296>



★ Super Ampertaine Stars!!!! ★



Victoria is soooooooooo happy to be back in her caravan again. She has missed it greatly and is looking forward to a fab summer!



Holly has been very hard at work! She is really enjoying painting and building her packs. Great work Holly we can't wait to spot them in your garden.



Adam has done a brilliant job with our packs. We love your magnet and the bird house and Bumble bee windmill look fantastic. Hopefully you will have some birds visiting soon.

Thank you for all the amazing photographs!!!

- 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 have been brilliant to have and see during this lockdown period and has made this time apart easier to deal with.
- Please take a moment to look over all of the Newsletters, the slide shows and clips made during our lock down. You will quickly discover just how many of you took the time and energy to send in your clips and pictures. Thanks again you have all been super stars.

Provision for children of Key Workers

- As you are aware our school has been open to facilitate those in need. In accordance with the Educational Authority we will no longer be providing this provision.

End of Year Reports and Class Placements

- You will all have received this years end of year reports. As mentioned in last weeks newsletter the reports have taken a very different format from previous years. We hope you found the information interesting and appropriate for your child.
- The Class placement is based on normal school circumstances. Due to the current strange times we will be trying our best to accommodate the maximum amount of children. As a result, placements may change to help us to facilitate this.
- We will be in contact before the end of July with progress on this and how best to start our next school year together.

A1 EMBROIDERY UNIFORM SUPPLIES

- For fitting arrangements please contact A1 and they will do all they can to accommodate you
- Once orders have been made we would like to organise a collection date to enable parents to collect items safely using social distancing.
- Please Contact Gary Smyth on Land line: 02879645547 Mobile: 07814446179
Email: garysmyth2617@outlook.com

Mathletics and Accelerated Reading

- Please continue as best you can with Mathletics and Accelerated Reading. Both have been made available for our pupils during the summer months.
- It is extremely beneficial for our pupils to continue to keep things 'ticking over' to enable a smoother return to school come August/September.
- We look forward to seeing the results and handing out the well-deserved certificates in school.



And finally...

We are privileged in Ampertaine to have a team of people across all areas of school life who put the well-being of our children at the heart of everything that they do. This has undoubtedly made the School's role in navigating a way through this pandemic much more manageable and we are very grateful for the support that we have received from staff and parents in this.

As we work towards returning to teaching and learning based in school our greatest wish is to have our classrooms full of pupils again. Our staff will continue to give their utmost to ensure that our pupils have quality learning opportunities within the very difficult restrictions placed upon them.

Very best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Keep persevering, keep safe and keep trying your best.

From all at Ampertaine