



# Ampertaine Primary School

## Newsletter



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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**PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEB SITE FOR LATEST PICTURES AND DATES OF EVENTS**

### **Parent Teacher Interviews (Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April)**

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in making our Interviews work so well. We greatly appreciated the flexibility of our parents to help us with allocating and making phone calls. A very difficult thing for a school with only one telephone line to accomplish without the team work demonstrated between staff and parents.

### **School Uniform / Belongings**

We as a school would like the children as best they can to wear the correct uniform if possible. The alternative as you are aware is to wear the school P.E uniform. The children are encouraged to wear a full P.E uniform on their P.E day.

We are fully aware of the difficulties parents are facing with regards to the purchasing of new uniform etc. Until shops etc reopen we are happy for the pupils to continue to wear a **PE Uniform (Trainers, dark (if possible) tracksuit bottoms/leggings and school polo shirt and Jumper) ONLY IF current clothing is not suitable.**

### **Mathletics Awards!**

Huge congratulations to 10 children from P4-P7 who received special awards this week from Mrs Penny for achieving at least 5 GOLD CERTIFICATES in MATHLETICS over the past few years...what a fantastic achievement! Thanks also to the PTA who agreed to buy these specially made awards last year. These 10 children have worked steadily on Mathletics for a huge number of weeks and deserved a special treat.

Remember that anyone can achieve this if you're getting 1000 points per week, which gets you a bronze certificate. 5 bronze gets you a silver. 4 silver gets you a gold.

Keep up the fantastic work kids and look up the website to see these winners. BRILLIANT!!



### **Drop off/Pick up Slots and Safety**

We would encourage you as best you can to stick to your time slots. Especially those in Slot A in the morning. The traffic has built up during the week as more people attempt to come to school in Slot B and Slot C.

For the afternoon pick ups please remember the children will be out as soon as possible. Those who come too early may be asked to park until their child comes to the playground.

**It has been brought to our attention an incident of dangerous driving occurred as a vehicle left our school grounds.** Please remember to drive with care as we are situated on a busy road with vehicles travelling in both directions and often pedestrians walking near the school as well. Driving like this will not be tolerated.

## New 20mph Zone

You may have noticed new signage in our local community. The new 20mph zone will be in operation during school hours. We hope this new zone will help those who use the pavement to walk to and from school, our local community as a whole with less fast flowing traffic and lastly our school community as they try to enter and exit from our car park. The new zone is very much appreciated as we continue to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff and parents. The PSNI have been in school and are in constant communication with school regarding the traffic issues we are experiencing.



## Athletics NI Primary Schools Virtual Race

Athletics NI launch their new Virtual Primary Schools Run! The Schools Run is a free programme open to all pupils in P5- P7 to celebrate the reopening of schools and to keep pupils active and healthy.

We know that 2020 has been particularly difficult for children, who have had limited access to their favourite sports, so we are encouraging Primary School children across the country to get out and get moving!

Pupils run 1k A Day from Monday 3rd May to Friday 7th May. You can run on any surface, and at any time that suits you. Children can sign up individually, or can be signed up as a class team, to help motivate their classmates.

The benefits of the Virtual Primary Schools Run are:

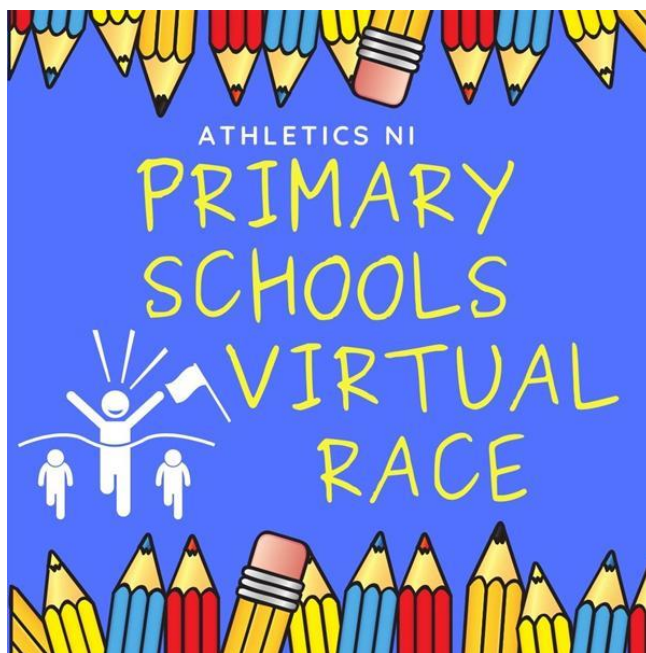
- It is free to enter
- Needs no equipment
- Can be completed on any surface
- Helps keep children active
- Is open to all children currently in P5-P7

Once pupils have completed their 1k A Day, teachers or parents will submit their names to be entered into a prize draw to win some Athletics NI goodies! All pupils will receive a special Virtual Primary Schools Run certificate upon completion.

Entries will open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, and you can sign up as an individual, or grab your classmates and sign up as a team

Please visit the following link if you wish to sign up and take part.

<https://athleticsni.org/News/Athletics-NI-News/Athletics-NI-Virtual-Primary-Schools-Run>



## Calendar Dates

May	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for May Bank holiday and optional school closure.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week in School for all classes
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest School Photos - More information to follow
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sollus Highland Dancers