



Ampertaine Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 28th May 2021

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School Photos

A massive thank you to all for your cooperation on Wednesday. The Tempest photographer was very impressed by our organisation, structure and the behaviour of our amazing pupils. Everyone should have received a paper ordering sheet with information on how to order online. Unfortunately, the school has no input or control with regards to this. Any queries etc will be with Tempest.

Leavers Hoodies

All leavers hoodies are ordered with the correct colours and sizes now locked in. We hope to have these for our P7 pupils shortly so they are able to wear them to school for the month of June. The children selected this year's colours through a democratic vote system.

Sollus Highland Dance

Our dance instructor Emily came to our school on Wednesday 26th. EVERY CHILD in the school took part in her dance lessons. All lessons took place outside with children ONLY dancing in their own class bubbles. Emily was thrilled by the energy and enthusiasm shown by our pupils. Boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed this fantastic method of exercise. We hope for the Highland Dancing to return to school soon.

Northern Ireland Mile

In collaboration with The Daily Mile Network NI and Daily Mile Foundation we are pleased to take part in our first Northern Ireland Does the Daily Mile Day on 28th May 2021. In light of the events in the past year, children's mental health, and its relation to physical activity, is more important than ever. We had a fantastic day with each class time tabled to walk our lap in the front playground. Thank you to Mr Stewart for measuring and organising our layout. The kids did brilliantly right from P1 up to the big P7 pupils. Well done to all in celebrating such a worthwhile event.



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.**

P7 VIRTUAL LESSON ABOUT THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY AT STORMONT

On Friday 28th May P7 took part in a virtual lesson via Microsoft Teams. They teamed up with Anne-Marie from the Northern Ireland Assembly Education Team. She showed us a power point presentation about the Northern Ireland Assembly and Stormont buildings. She explained each element of the assembly and how it works for us as citizens. The pupils were able to ask and answer questions about the assembly. It was a very informative lesson and linked into their learning on their WORLD AROUND US TOPIC - NORTHERN IRELAND.



School Trips

Our pupils are able to experience as many varied opportunities as they can while attending Ampertaine Primary School. Following current guidelines from the Education Authority, we are able to provide trips for our pupils this year. All of our trips have been risk assessed and the school has worked in partnership with outside agencies to insure our pupils and staffs' safety is a priority.

Each class will remain in their class bubbles at all times and will only be interacting with each other. Room 1 will be having a special event in school only for them. Due to the ratio for supervision and abiding by the current guidelines we felt this was the best alternative at this time for this age group.

Sports Day

We will be having a sports day this year although it will feel very different from our previous years. Pupils will be informed when to attend school wearing their P.E Kit for a week. During that week we hope the weather will allow us to hold our special day of sport. Due to health and safety we **MUST** have dry grass under foot to allow the children to race.

The current guidelines states "The DE C19 Guidance for schools (5th March) p.17 states: 'Spectators (i.e. Parents, siblings and carers) should be advised they must not attend school sporting or cultural events'".

The school **MUST** follow this guidance and will have no choice but to stop or cancel Sports Day if spectators do try to attend. Our goal is for the children to have a great sports day which they are then able to watch and share with their parents or relatives through our website. It is not a perfect solution but one which will work if **EVERYONE** sticks to the rules. You will receive further information closer to the time with regards to accessing photos and videos.

Drop off/Pick up Slots and Safety

We would encourage 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. At the present moment the same four cars are arriving beyond 9am.

To insure safety at all times we would remind parents that the front area is not supervised beyond 9am and parents running late **MUST** take their child to the front office supervised.

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.

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.

Calendar Dates

June	
Tuesday 1st	Closed for teacher training
Wednesday 2nd	P5 + 6 Day Trip
Wednesday 2nd	New Shed arrives for outdoor area
Thursday 4th	P7 Transition Workshop from W5 Experts
Tuesday 8th	P4 Day Trip
Tuesday 8th	PSNI Safety Bus visit
Tuesday 8th	B.O.G Meeting @ 6pm
Wednesday 9th	New P1 Parents Induction Zoom
Thursday 10th + Friday 11th	Leavers Trips - See class notes for information
Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th	Room 1 pupils to leave school at 1pm due to Induction meetings for new P1s
Friday 18th	Friends of Ampertaine sponsored walk event - More information to follow
Monday 21st	Room 2 Day Trip
Friday 25th	Last Day for Primary 7 pupils