

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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16 March 2021



Dear Families

Ref: Special celebration/awareness-raising days

I am writing to give you some detail about how we will be marking particular dates between now and the end of Term 4 (26 March 2021):

15-21 March 2021: Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Key Stage	Activities
EYFS/KS1	Students will be talking about the concept of teams and how teams are always stronger when the members have different strengths
KS2	Students will be talking about the concept of teams and how teams are always stronger when the members have different strengths
KS3	Students will be creating comic strips which celebrate neurodiversity
KS4	Students will engage in a discussion about the merits of the two phrases "I am autistic" and "I am a person with Autism". Students will be able to conclude and share with staff their own personal preference
KS5	Students will engage in a discussion about the merits of the two phrases "I am autistic" and "I am a person with autism". Students will be able to conclude and share with staff their own personal preference
All staff and students of Abbot's Lea School	Staff and students will learn about people who have achieved great things and who attribute their varying success to their neurodiverse thinking. Mrs Hildrey, our Headteacher is contributing to the Neurodiversity Celebration Week by taking part in the ADHD Foundation Leadership Series, sharing her vision for more inclusive education and societal neuroharmony.

16 March 2021: Young Carers Awareness Day

Key Stage	Activities
EYFS/KS1	Students will talk about what it means to care for people through stories and songs.
KS2	Students will talk about what it means to be a young carer. They will explore how we can help young carers and the charities that are there to offer support.
KS3	Students will talk about what it means to be a young carer. They will explore how we can help young carers and the charities that are there to offer support.
KS4	Students will be watching a short film about being a Young Carer and will discuss this in class teams
KS5	Students to enjoy a presentation and question and answer session with Young Carers.

18 March 2021: Global Recycling Day

Key Stage	Activities
EYFS/KS1	Students will enjoy “junk modelling” to create their class mascot
KS2	Each class will reflect on their virtual visit to the recycling centre and discuss what it means to reduce, reuse and recycle and will complete differentiated activities. This will help the students to consider how they might recycle more in schools, at home and in their communities.
KS3	Each class will reflect on their virtual visit to the recycling centre and discuss what it means to reduce, reuse and recycle and will complete differentiated activities. This will help the students to consider how they might recycle more in schools, at home and in their communities.
KS4	Students will explore the website of the recycling centre they have visited. They will use flip grid to record a message
KS5	The Eco-committee will present top tips on Zoom, focusing on recycling

19 March 2021: Comic Relief

Key Stage	Activities
EYFS/KS1	Red nose running competitions Red nose splat All students are asked to wear or bring a red accessory to school with their normal school uniform.
KS2	Students will discuss comic relief and will enjoy creative activities related to comic relief All students are asked to wear or bring a red accessory to school with their normal school uniform.
KS3	Fundraising activities: Students to design/make/sell items within the key stage – proceeds to go to charity All students are asked to wear or bring a red accessory to school with their normal school uniform.
KS4	Students will decide on and lead a sponsored event All students are asked to wear or bring a red accessory to school with their normal school uniform.
KS5	Students will be leading activities to raise awareness for comic relief. They will participate in the <i>lollathon</i> currently happening on radio 1

21 March 2021: World Oral Health Day

Key Stage	Activities
EYFS/KS1	We will be talking to families about whether students struggle to brush their teeth at home, We will offer some suggestions about how we can support you in school
KS2	All students will take part in the toothbrush experiment.
KS3	All students will take part in the toothbrush experiment.
KS4	A Zoom call with an oral hygienist

KS5	A Zoom call with a dentist
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21 March 2021: World Poetry Day

Key Stage	Activities
EYFS/KS1	We will celebrate with rhymes, poems and songs
KS2	We will be exploring different types of poems across KS2. All students will create their own poem
KS3	Students will discuss different forms of poems and will read a variety of poems. They will explore famous poets and will write and share their own poems
KS4	Students will be “dialling in” to talk to famous poets and learn about their interests, and in some cases, careers.
KS5	Students will have the chance to enter a poetry competition. They will enjoy writing and reading different forms of poetry throughout the day

I hope that being aware of the above “special days” will help you support your child with their engagement in any school-based projects, and possibly explore any related themes or topics at home.

I will be sending out a similar document at the end of this term, outlining information for the special dates which we will be marking during Term 5.

Yours sincerely



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