



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 28



Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to today's issue of the Head's Weekly Newsletter and the end of the penultimate week of Term 4!

As you may be aware, 1 April 2022 brought about a further change in national COVID rules and regulations. As always, we are seeking guidance from Public Health England and the Local Authority, and will update you all once we have full confirmation. If you have any queries over the weekend regarding COVID, please email covid@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

This week saw a publication of important [educational](#) and [SEND](#) papers and we will, as a school, consider those together with our Local Authority in the weeks to come. As ever, we welcome any views or questions related to those government announcements via our email address feedback@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Next week on Wednesday, 6 April we will be celebrating and judging the Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg art entries. We know what fantastically creative students we have in school and are very much looking forward to seeing their designs!

In conjunction with our Head Boy and Girl Team, we have also taken the decision to make Wednesday, 6 April an own clothes day. Our students are keen to show their support for those suffering in the Ukraine by wearing blue and yellow clothing and we will be accepting a suggested £1 voluntary donation for this cause.

Our final day of term is next Friday, 8 April, and school will close at 1pm. We please ask that collection of all students takes place promptly at this time.

In the meantime, I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

With kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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Key Diary Dates

Key Diary Dates for Week 29

The key dates for Week 29	
6 April 2022	Own Clothes Day – please wear something blue and/or yellow to support Ukraine. A £1 voluntary donation is suggested.
6 April 2022	Easter Events – Primary Department Easter Bonnet Parade; Secondary Department Easter Egg Art Competition; Easter Egg Hunt
6 April 2022	KS4-5 Travel Training
7 April 2022	Drumming Sessions
8 April 2022	School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays



Fun for your whole family

Abbots Lea School Summer Fair 2022

Saturday 2 July
School site
Further information to follow

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The poster features a photograph of a school building with a large group of people sitting on the lawn in front. A string of red and black triangular bunting hangs across the top. The school crest is on the left, and an illustration of a woman and a child is on the right.

 Students' school day
9:00am - 3:00pm

Current term

Term 4
28 February 2022 – students return
Ends: 8 April 2022 at 1pm (early finish)
Easter break: 11-22 April 2022
Term 5 starts on: 25 April 2022

School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2021-22 (current academic year) – [Term dates 2021-22](#)

Term Dates for School Year 2022-23 (next academic year) – [Term dates 2022-23](#)

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Students of the Week

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Reason
Early Years and Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Sonny	For doing really well in the sensory clinic.
Key Stage 2		
Portugal	Oscar	For practicing his spellings and reading every day at home. Oscar also asked to help out with snack and did an amazing job.
France	Lewis	For being fantastic at using coping strategies to regulate.
Spain	Ted	For amazing management of emotions and showing this in Life Skills. He also showed staff how talented he is in Music by independently playing songs on the hand bells and excellent engagement in all lessons.
Italy	Franky	For being more independent when going to the toilet. Well done Franky!
Peru	Charlie	For working really hard to complete his 'Tyrone Cake' recipe independently in English. Keep it up Charlie!
Key Stage 3		
Mozambique	Jacob	For having a really positive week. He has been respectful and very helpful in class!
Madagascar	Callum	For being amazing and improving so much in swimming this week. You should be really proud of yourself.
USA	Khaya	For using really smart methods to work out spellings.
Brazil	Isobella	For fantastic work in RE.
Kenya	Mason	For excellent bridge building vision and skills.
Cape Verde	Ruben	For working hard, supporting and encouraging other students when they need help with work.
Seychelles	Archille	For having the confidence to perform a poem using great actions.
Botswana	Hayden	For taking part in every lesson and even teaching parts of it off the board.
Key Stage 4		
Australia	Liam	For making positive contributions in class even when he was unwell.
Samoa	Alfie	For always trying his best in every piece of work and never giving up!
New Zealand	Harry	For completing his assessments brilliantly and independently! Well done Harry!
Papua New Guinea	Lewis	For showing a positive attitude towards learning and also being considerate and caring towards others.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Daniel	For a successful return to school and working well.
Christmas Island	Jamie	For participating with class discussions and supporting staff.
Fiji	Chloe	For joining in lessons, especially in English, and being positive all week.
Nurture Provision		
Wales	Adam	For settling well into a new class!
Canada	Gerard	For transitioning well into Canada Class.
Tasmania	Rhys	For improved attendance.

Next Week's Menu

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Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 04/04/22

Week 6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Homemade Pizza served with Wedges and Beans	Ham Roast Dinner served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Chicken Curry served with Basmati Rice and Mango Chutney	Homemade Scouse served with Red Cabbage and Crusty Bread	Chicken Burger in a Bun served with Chips and Fresh Salad
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Cherry Tomato Quiche served with Fresh Salad	Veggie Sausage Toasties	Vegetable Stir Fry	Twice Baked Jacket Potatoes	Veggie Burger in a Bun
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Leek and Potato	Broccoli and Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Pizza Base	Roast Potatoes	Mash	Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Green Beans	Green Beans	Spring Onions	Tomatoes
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Fresh Fruit Salad Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt Fruit Crunch Pots Fresh Fruit	Rice Pudding with Jam Yoghurts	Homemade Apple Crumble served with Custard Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

Ask for daily chef specials

All our meat is sourced from local suppliers, we use free range eggs and organic flour where possible. All our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible. Halal options available.

Food For Thought is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by its partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child. You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you

Class News

Early Years and Key Stage 1

<p>Ireland Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Hattersley</p>	<p>Ireland Class have enjoyed learning all about the life cycle of a chicken. They have been reading stories about chicks, completing cutting and sticking activities putting the life cycle images in order and using figures to tell staff what happens in the cycle. The boys have enjoyed practising our ball skills in PE. They have been throwing, catching, rolling and bouncing the balls while developing positive friendships with their peers in class. Our rhyme of the week is 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and our story of the week is 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Ireland class have enjoyed learning the words to the rhyme and using props to retell the story of the goats.</p>
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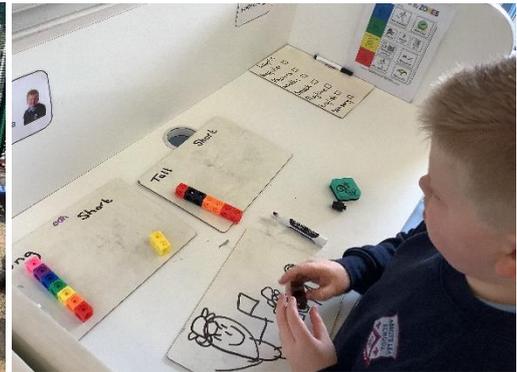
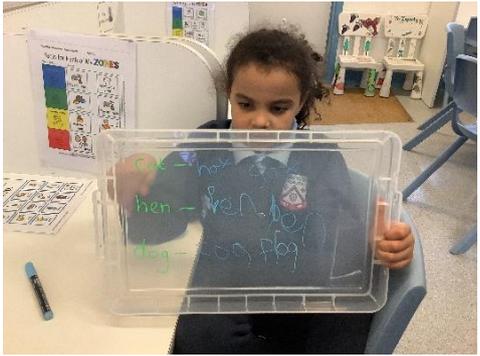


Class News

Key Stage 2

Portugal Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	Portugal have had a brilliant week this week. We have been learning our times tables. The students have been amazing at learning different ways to work out the answers to their times tables. We have continued to look at Handa's Surprise and have been looking at adjectives for different words to describe the fruit in the story. We have also been looking at stable structures and had a really fun lessons playing with three different toy garages and reviewing them. Soon we will design our own stable structure. Have a lovely weekend Portugal class, thank you for a brilliant week.
France Class Teacher: Miss Last	France Class have had a great week! We have been learning about weight and mass in Maths and we have been looking at adjectives and verbs in English. We have assessed the effects different types of exercise has on our hearts in Science, and we looked at the Jewish festival of Purim in RE and created some beautiful pieces of work.
Spain Class Teacher: Miss Ledward	Spain Class have had an excellent week! We have been developing our skills in dodgeball in PE, looking at the Little Red Hen and Henry VIII in English. We also explored rhyming words within Little Red Hen and matched them. In Maths we have been sorting and comparing lengths and heights. In Geography, we looked at where and what Australia is like, and in Science we looked at different mammals. It has been an amazing week, well done Spain Class!
Italy Class Teacher: Mrs Cooney	Italy Class started off the week by recounting their trip to Speke Hall, and shared how they felt on the day and what they learnt. In English we carried on with our work based on 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. This week we thought about and described the setting, i.e. the giant's castle, before considering what we would want to find at the top of our beanstalks. Ideas included a Pokémon world, Egyptian pyramids and motor racing tracks! In Science we heard the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and watched an animation showing bean growth before observing our very own beans. Most of our beans now have a root and we are looking forward to having a second look at them in a few more days. Italy Class have been working really hard on their Phonics too. They have enjoyed time at the Adventure Playground and had lots of fun playing on the trikes and Pirate Ship. Thank you Italy Class. We hope you have a lovely weekend!
Peru Class Teacher: Miss Laird	Peru Class have worked really hard this week. In English, we have continued to write our own fictional recipes. The students have been practising using commas in a list when writing their very creative lists of ingredients. We have had recipes, such as 'Worm Soup', 'Tyrone Pie' and 'Maxi Way'. We also drew our illustrations to go with our recipes. In DT, we have been exploring the properties of different materials and recording our findings in a table. In Science, we are currently looking at animal skeletons. In Life Skills this week, we have been discussing relationships and families. We discussed how families come in all different forms but we learnt that the one thing they all have in common is love! We drew amazing pictures of our own families. Keep up the hard work Peru Class!

Class News



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Key Stage 3

Mozambique Class Teacher: Mr Hodgson	Mozambique Class have had a great week. In English we had face-to-face debates and students shared their reason for and against different topics. In Science, we learnt about life cycles, animals and their environments. In Geography we learnt how to use a map to find various symbols within villages and what they mean. Have a lovely weekend!
Madagascar Class Teacher: Miss Jennings	This week in Madagascar we have enjoyed sharing our news with our peers. We have designed our own bridges and chosen the materials we would like to use. This is in preparation for building our own bridges next week. In Geography, we used a map to locate different places in the UK which had different 'origin' endings such as 'don', 'ham', 'ton' and 'chester'. We have really enjoyed going swimming this week, showing off our great skill sets and having fun. We look forward to going swimming again next week and we hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend.
USA Class Teacher: Mrs Suku	USA class have had a very exciting week! They have all been waiting patiently for our classroom butterflies to come out of their chrysalises and this week it finally happened. We have fed them using nectar from flowers and fruit and we are waiting to see their progression. We also used glockenspiels for our Music lesson and played along to a tune. In English, we read some texts and had to answer some comprehension questions and everyone in class tried their hardest. USA class also completed their reading and maths assessments this week and class team are so proud of how well everyone dealt with the pressure. Well done USA class! Have a lovely weekend!
Brazil Class Teacher: Mrs Rodway	This week Brazil Class have been continuing with their measure topic in Maths and have been learning to take measurements using millimetres, centimetres and metres. In English we have continued to complete some work around Samuel Pepys' diary during the Great Fire of London. During DT we went to visit the New Mersey bridge which runs from Widnes to Runcorn. Miss Unsworth found a great parking spot so we could see the new bridge and also compare it to the old Runcorn bridge. Well done Brazil Class!
Kenya Class Teacher: Miss McClintock	This week we have been learning about life for evacuees during the war. We have discussed how they would have felt during it and what they would have been experiencing. We have also been looking at all the different structures of bridges we discussed this term and used different resources to create bridges to fit a criteria given. In Geography we created our own settlements using recycled materials and made a map with a key to go with them. In P.E we continued to practicing our badminton skills. We took a trip to the school library to see some of the new books which have arrived. Well done Kenya Class!
Cape Verde Class Teacher: Mr Hatton	This week Cape Verde have enjoyed going swimming. We have a whole class of phenomenal swimmers! Students have enjoyed developing their swimming skills. During the afternoons we have been focusing on development of handwriting, reading and phonics. Students have worked hard despite being exhausted from swimming. Have a restful weekend, Cape Verde Class!

Class News

<p>Seychelles Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Joyce</p>	<p>This week in Seychelles, the class have completed the following activities. In English we have finished looking at narrative poems and performed our own using body language, facial expressions and pitch. For Maths, the students have looked at place value and established the difference between more than and less than. And finally, for Science we have researched what animals reproduce internally and externally. As always, well done Seychelles for all your hard work!</p>
<p>Botswana Class</p> <p>Teacher: Miss Caveney</p>	<p>This week in Botswana we had lots of fun researching all different bridges around the world and making our own. We tested our bridges by rolling toy cars over them. In our Science lessons we researched all different naturalists from around the world. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend!</p>



Class News

Key Stage 4

Australia Class Teacher: Mr Lyons	Australia have had a great week! Students enjoyed cooking egg and rocket pizza as part of our healthy alternatives unit. Students enjoyed PE with the LFC Foundation working on communication and passing. Students have been completing a number of assessments this week and have worked very hard in showing how much they know. We enjoyed a debate during “Drop Everything and Read” focused on “should every child have a pet?” Students have also continued to build their paper rollercoasters ready for testing next week!
Samoa Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	This week Samoa class have been working hard across all subjects. In Maths we have been using a formulae to work out the area of a triangle and circle. We are working towards the completion of our open awards booklet in Science. This week in Science, we used the formulae: $\text{momentum} = \text{force} \times \text{distance}$ to measure the moment of a turning force. We have taken part in some aiming games and teamwork building in PE with the LFC Foundation team. At the beginning of the week we enjoyed some sun and spent our time waiting for transport outside on the playground! We have finally finished our fabulous creations in Project. We have been working hard over the past two weeks to build our very own toy car operated rollercoaster. All of Samoa Class are also working extremely hard on their personal targets!
New Zealand Class Teacher: Miss McKenna	This week in New Zealand students have completed their termly assessments! All students have completed them amazingly! In English this week, the topic we have covered is persuasive arguments. Students worked in groups to build up an argument to defend their opinion and try to persuade others. In Maths, students have been focusing on 3D shapes. This has included nets, plans and elevation and starting to look at the area of shapes. In PE, students enjoyed completing relay races. Overall, this week has been a brilliant week for New Zealand Class. Well done everyone!
Papua New Guinea Class Teacher: Mrs Wong	This week in English, we read a modern non-fiction extract about 'Teaching in prisons is where I can make a real difference'. We discussed the viewpoint of the writer on issues with education and influence on life though education. We also challenged ourselves with some verbal reasoning practices. In Maths, we reviewed substitution in algebra. We started understanding plans and elevations in 3D shapes. In Science we practised force and we also started completing our science booklet for our qualification. In Life Skills, we had a better understanding on how to behave appropriately in a work place and how to distinguish skills and qualities in a job description. In our morning settling tasks, we have played Wordle and Globe every day.

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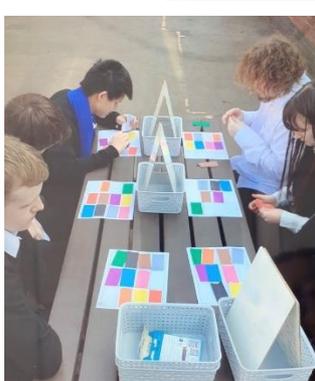
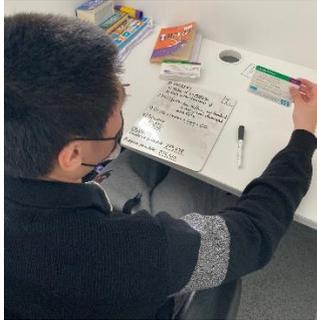


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Key Stage 5

Malawi Class Teacher: Mr Mason	Last Friday, Malawi Class went to Woolton village, going from shops to shops to try and raise money or raffle prizes for the children in Ukraine. This week, they have been busy with their lessons, some of them focusing on how to look for jobs, professional advice and how to write an application form.
Christmas Island Class Teacher: Mr Griffiths	Xmas Island have enjoyed a week of looking into a range of different scenarios relating to everyday experiences and how we could address the situation. We have also worked on probability and learning alternative words by using a thesaurus during Life Skills.
Fiji Class Teacher: Miss Ham	Fiji Class have had a great week. We practiced our weighing skills in Food Technology to make muffins with icing on. In Maths we focused on data handling and looked at different types of charts and graphs. In English we discussed homophones and made sentences to show how they are used.



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Nurture Provision

Wales Class Teacher: Mrs Leyland	This week in Wales Class we have been learning about how each student is unique by using acrostic poems. We have learnt about people that can be helpful to the community and what characteristics and adjectives we can use to describe them as well. The class have all worked very hard this week!
Canada Class Teacher: Mr Roach	Canada Class has been looking at World Autism Acceptance Week. This has involved making posters to raise awareness for Autism and creating our own pen profiles. During this week our Maths lessons have included exploring both fractions and tenths and converting between the two, which the pupils excelled at. Our English lesson continued to follow the theme of "The No.1 Car Spotter" and answering questions to do with the book.
Tasmania Class Teacher: Mr Terry	Tasmania Class have been learning all about Autism Acceptance Week this week and all the different ways that each student is different and celebrating this, we also made tomato and bean soup in food technology.



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Staff News

Coffee Mornings and Open Assemblies

We are excited to launch our Open Assemblies and Coffee Mornings for families in Term 5.

These will take place on Friday mornings each week, with the expectation of the final Friday of each term. The timings of the Open Assemblies and Coffee Mornings are as follows:

- KS4, KS5 and Tasmania Open Assembly - 9.15am – 9.35am
- EYFS, KS1, KS2 and Wales Open Assembly – 9.40am – 10.00am
- KS3 and Canada Open Assembly – 10.05am - 10.35am
- Coffee Mornings – 9.30am-11.00am

We hope that as many of you as possible will attend on Friday mornings when your availability allows. We would ask you to arrive no earlier than 9.00am (if attending the first Open Assembly slot) or 9.25am (if attending the Coffee Morning) to first allow for the transport team to leave site swiftly.

The Coffee Mornings will be a chance for you to meet with other families and during these mornings we will take the opportunity to learn from you and share ideas with you. A training schedule will be released ahead of each Coffee Morning, which will comprise of a mixture of internal and external facilitators. Please be mindful that should you not need the information on offer, we would still love to see you here.

Research and Development

Are you a single parent with an autistic child?
Would you like to take part in a study?

 Hello! I'm Amy. I'm a Specialist Teacher and a Psychology Masters student at Arden University.

I want to capture the experiences of single parents caring for their autistic child during the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to interview you and ask questions such as:

- What was lockdown like for your family?**
- What does the "new normal" look like for you?**

Our interview would be an audio or video call which would last 30-60 minutes.

To take part, you need to be:

- *aged over 18
- *a single parent to a child with a diagnosis of autism
- *living in England currently and since January 2020 prior to the beginning of COVID-based restrictions.

If you're interested to know more about sharing your experiences, please DM me <https://www.instagram.com/ms.ps.bookclub/> or contact me via STU82314@ardenuniversity.ac.uk

Useful Information and Resources

In this section, you will find information on services that are available to you across the city over the next few months. There are links that you can click on which will take you to lots of different places of support and services for our parents across the city. Remember to check online at [Liverpool Early Help Directory](#) for regular updates and new programmes from a wide range of council and partner services.

Merseyside Youth Association - MYA Raise Team

Merseyside Youth Association's mental health promotion team (RAISE Team) continue to deliver their range of bite-size courses, adapted from courses they have previously delivered.

These sessions cover a range of mental health issues that impact children, young people and their families.

Bite-size sessions coming up in April, delivered via Zoom unless otherwise stated:

- **Managing Child Worry** – Bite-size via ZOOM
06/04/2022 4:00 pm - 4:45 am [Book](#)

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

The team at ADDvanced Solutions Community Network continue to support the families living with Neurodevelopmental conditions in Liverpool pre, during and post-diagnosis.

What's available?

A weekly programme of Virtual Community Network Groups and webinar Learning Workshops for parents and carers of children and young people living with neurodevelopmental conditions pre, during and post-diagnosis and also to the professionals who support them while we are unable to deliver our face-to-face delivery.

You can see their calendar of activities for Liverpool parents [here](#) and also find information on the services [here](#).

Family activity sheets for Online Safety from ThinkuKnow

ThinkUKnow has a new platform available for 11-18 year olds with resources about online safety, healthy relationships and consent: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18/

ThinkuKnow also have resources available to families to start conversations about online safety using their [family activity sheets](#) and [#AskTheAwkward](#) links

Useful Information and Resources

Charlie Waller Trust Mental Health Charity Webinars

The Charlie Waller Trust is a registered charity that helps young people to understand their own mental health, to equip them to support themselves and those around them, and to empower them to talk more openly about the subject.

They are running a series of live webinars for families and educators. The webinars are free to attend and are all presented by their mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing.

Book the below free webinars [here](#)

- **6 April 12pm** - Managing the highs and lows: what our experience taught us
- **15 April 12pm** - Teen brain matters
- **18 April 6pm** - Managing the highs and lows: what our experience taught us
- **2 May 7pm** - Teen brain matters
- **4 May 12pm** - Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it
- **10 May 12pm** - Loneliness: How to support young people
- **17 May 6pm** - Loneliness: How to support young people
- **25 May 6pm** - Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it