



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 30



Message from the Headteacher

Mrs Ania Hildrey, Headteacher, headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to Term 5 and welcome to this term's first weekly newsletter!

I hope that you all had a restful Easter break and that the coming term will prove to be joyful and successful.

It is a short one, with only five weeks of learning (so – four remaining!), with Friday, 27 May 2022 finish (at 3pm).

This week has been brilliant and my highlight must be today's re-launch of the Friday Coffee Mornings and Open Assemblies – what a joy!

We had 25 families and friends join us for a cuppa and I cannot tell you how delightful it is to re-open our doors to you – it helps us to get to know each other, form networks of support and advice and to break down any potential barriers, so that we can work even better together for the benefit of the key people in all of this – our students and your loved ones!

Huge thanks to Fernando and his team in our kitchen – we are so lucky to have a professional pastry chef and a wonderful team of assistants – your baking was delicious and the fruit kebabs so tasty!

Friday Coffee Mornings will take place each week, apart from the last week of each term, which means that this Term, we will meet between 9:30 and 11am, on:

- 6 May
- 13 May
- 20 May.

My colleague, Dr Mursic, our Head of Autism Research and Development now leads on all aspects of family liaison and advice and she can be contacted any time on sara.mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Until next time, I wish you all a very happy (long) weekend!

With kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey

Headteacher

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Key Diary Dates

School Year Calendar

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This term

Term 5
25 April 2022 – students return
Ends: 27 May 2022
Half Term Holiday: 30 May – 3 June 2022



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

Key Diary Dates for Week 31

The key dates for Week 31	
2 May 2022	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 May 2022	Staff Twilight CPD – 3.30pm-5.00pm
4 May 2022	KS4 and KS5 Travel Training
4 May 2022	Family Tour – 3.15pm-3.45pm
6 May 2022	Drumming Sessions
6 May 2022	Open Assemblies – 9.15am – 10.35am
6 May 2022	Family Coffee Mornings – 9.30am-11.00am
8 May 2022	VE Day

Key Diary Dates

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Having re-launched our Friday Coffee Mornings, we are also re-launching our Summer Fair!

This year, the event will take place on Saturday, 2 July 2022, from 12 noon until 3pm, here at Abbot's Lea School.

The event is free to all and all fundraising will be in aid of Abbot's Lea School with a proportion donated to the cause selected by the Head Boys and Girls – the Ukrainian War Victims.

More detail will follow but, for now, we are looking for volunteers to help organise the event, run the event and tidy up after the event!

Anyone keen to help is asked to contact Dr Mursic on:

sara.mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk



Join the discussion and share your family moments with our teams

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Twitter: [@abbotsleaschool](https://twitter.com/abbotsleaschool)

E-mail: reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Students of the Week

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Reason
Early Years and Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Sam	For working hard in group activities with his friends in class.
Key Stage 2		
Portugal	Tyler	For working very hard in all lessons and never giving up.
France	Joshua	For always trying his best during lessons and never giving up.
Spain	Oscar	For great communication and language showing understanding of manners and being consistently polite (saying "please", "thank you" and "excuse me" to staff independently) and for engaging in all lessons in class.
Italy	Alice	For being here and engaging positively in all aspects of the school da.
Peru	Louise	For her enthusiasm within our Maths lessons.
Key Stage 3		
Mozambique	Kyle	For great teamwork during Food Technology this week.
Madagascar	Olivia	For working hard in all subjects and contributing well to class discussions.
USA	Brandon	For settling back into school really well after being off for Easter.
Brazil	Paul	For being here every day and engaging in all activities in class.
Kenya	Ben	For excellent engagement in Maths.
Cape Verde	Justin	For fantastic work in comprehension activities.
Seychelles	Jimmy	For being really helpful and supportive during a PE lesson.
Botswana	Matthew	For being a kind and caring member of our class and socializing with all of his friends in other classes as well.
Key Stage 4		
Australia	Patrice	For his infectious sense of humour and his work as a KS4 Buddy.
Samoa	Francis	For always helping out around the class unprompted and gaining confidence with his spellings.
New Zealand	Tom	For creating a fantastic piece of creative writing in English!
Papua New Guinea	Lewis	For being conscientious in all his lessons (a great example for our Golden Rules: work hard) and always kind towards others.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Charlie	For a successful return to school and settling in to his lessons straight away.
Christmas Island	Nathan	For his genuine, unsolicited help to staff.
Fiji	Yusuf	For excellent joining in with English.
Nurture Provision		
Wales	Jack	For amazing swimming this week!
Canada	Jayjay	For being helpful in class and adapting well to changes in routine.
Tasmania	Ciaran	For always following the Golden Rules.

Next Week's Menu

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FOOD
FOR
THOUGHT

Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 02/05/22

Week 2	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	Homemade Spanish Chicken served with Rice and Corn on the Cob	All Day Veggie Breakfast with Veggie Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Wholemeal Toast, Mushrooms and Hash Brown	Ham Roast Dinner with Cauliflower Cheese, Roasted New Potatoes, Baby Carrots and Gravy	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Pesto Pasta	Cherry Tomato Quiche	Veggie Mince Cottage Pie	Feta and Vegetable Pasta	Veggie Sausage Roll
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Split Pea	Chinese Sweetcorn	Leek and Potato	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Homemade Pizza Base	Rice	Wholemeal Toast	Roast Potato	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Celery and Cabbage	Peppers	Mushrooms	Carrots and Broccoli	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	'Chocolate' Fudge Cake Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Cheesecake Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurts	Apple Flapjacks 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 it's partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

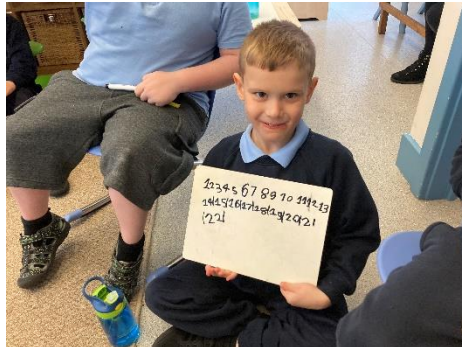
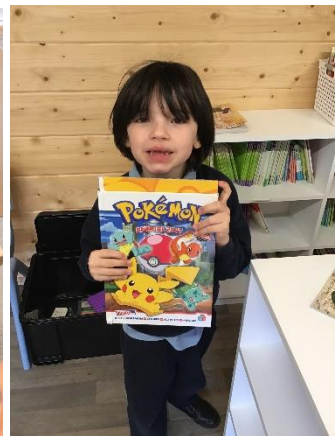
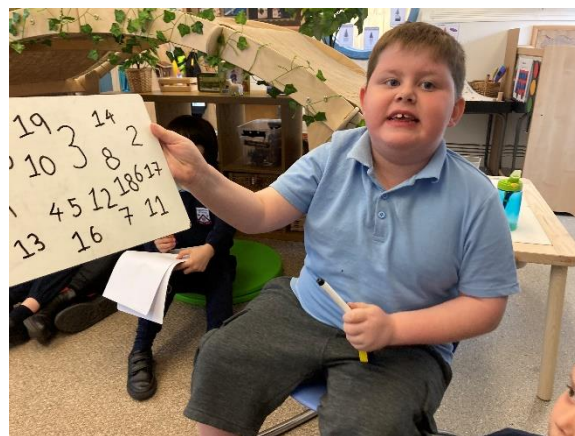
GOOD FOOD CULTURE

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 are all so excited to be back in school this week! They have enjoyed the lovely weather and going to the play park with their friends!</p> <p>The boys have enjoyed reading our new story for the term "The Little Red Hen". They have been practising their acting skills by retelling the story while wearing character masks.</p> <p>Ireland Class have been learning all about 'Life on a farm' for our new topic for the term. They have enjoyed looking at all of the animals that live there and what jobs there are to do on a farm.</p>
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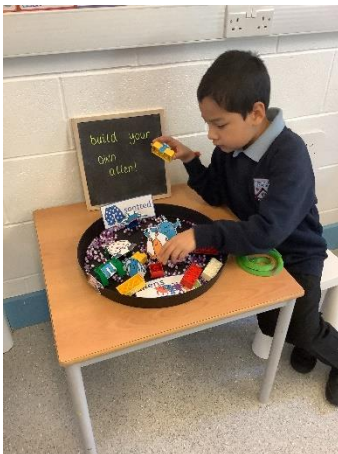
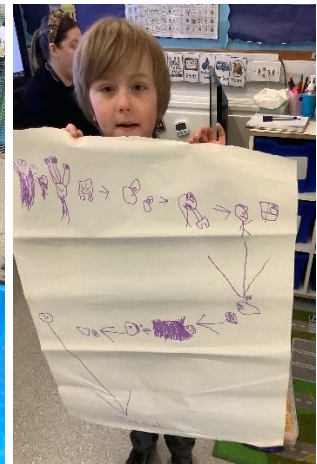
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Key Stage 2

Portugal Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	Portugal Class have had a lovely start to the new term. We started the week by writing a story about what they did over the Easter break. They also started a new topic of athletics in PE. They played games, learnt three different types of jumps that they can do in the long jump and practiced using an underarm throw to throw a ball into hula hoops. Portugal Class started a new topic of length and height in Maths and worked very hard in their Maths lessons. In English, they started reading a new book called The Hodgeheg which they have really been enjoying. They have answered questions about what has happened in the story so far both verbally and in written format. In Food Tech the class made crumble, which they really enjoyed eating. The class were introduced to an artist called Andy Goldsworthy in Art and were shown his work which he creates solely using natural materials. They all then went for a walk in forest school and collected natural materials such as leaves, small stones, sticks and flowers which they will use to create their own art piece. In RE, the class have started learning about Hinduism and their beliefs. Students drew and named their own God and completed a word search where they had to find the different Gods and Goddesses.
France Class Teacher: Miss Last	The students in France Class were really excited to be back at school after the Easter break. During English lessons they have shared their news of what they all got up to over the Easter break, have been practising some excellent handwriting and spelling activities and have been finding out lots of information about hedgehogs to compose a fact file. They worked in groups to make hedgehog houses, using cardboard boxes and grass, small twigs and dried leaves, which were collected around the school grounds, then put the houses in the wooded area for the hedgehogs to use. For PE this half term the students will be learning about athletics activities. This week we began with some simple relay races, using hoops and fluffy balls. During Maths we have been comparing and estimating different lengths and measurements and learning how to use rulers to accurately measure different items in class. In Science we have been looking at different materials and categorising them into natural or manmade materials. The students were very good at choosing the correct category. For our Food Technology lesson this week we made a cinnamon and raisin crumble topping. The students took turns to accurately measure the ingredients, using digital scales and mixing them together. Everyone had a try at tasting the topping when it was made and agreed that it was very tasty!
Spain Class Teacher: Miss Ledward	Spain Class have had a great first week back! We have been engaging in lots of play-based and fun activities. In Maths, we have been looking at capacity and understanding what millilitres and litres are, with some groups converting them and solving capacity problems. In English, we have started our new book 'Aliens in Underpants Save the World', have made our own story map to re-tell the story and have explored Space through different sensory activities. In Food Tech we made oat crumble which was delicious! In PE we are focusing on athletics this term so we are developing our running, jumping and throwing. In History we are exploring castles and looked at who built the very first one in the UK. Finally, in Science we are looking at different materials. It has been a fantastic first week back, we are so proud of you Spain Class! Have a lovely weekend.
Italy Class Teacher: Mrs Cooney	This week we welcomed back Italy Class students after our Easter break to our newly refurbished classroom! The children were amazed at the changes and did really well exploring our new environment. We celebrated Earth Day with lots of sensory and tactile activities, like pouring, scooping and building. We read the book, Here We are by Oliver Jeffers. In Food Technology, we decorated biscuits

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	in the shape of earth. They were delicious! In PE we began learning all about the different types of athletics sports and games and tried our hand at seeing how far we could throw different objects! Well done Italy Class for a great week!
Peru Class Teacher: Miss Laird	This week in Peru Class we have really enjoyed going for a walk around our forest area to find natural materials to create our own artwork, inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We have also started our new English topic poetry where we studied a poem called 'Summer Song'. Peru Class have worked really hard this week, well done!



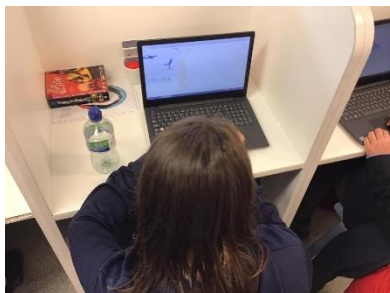
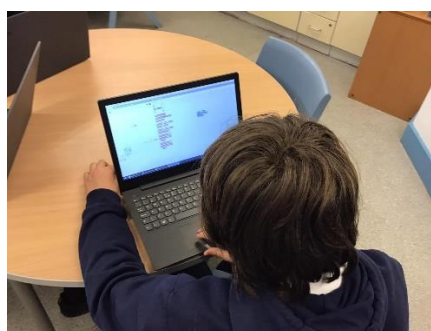
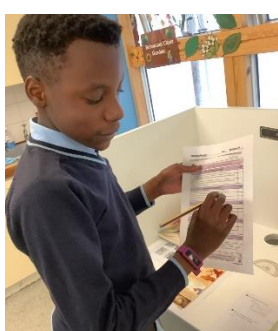
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Key Stage 3

Mozambique Class Teacher: Mr Hodgson	A great first week back for Mozambique Class! We have begun our swimming sessions at Halewood Leisure Centre. Students are really enjoying the sessions and practicing their swimming skills. We also enjoyed making cauliflower cheese in Food Technology and learning about traditional Chinese art in our Art lesson.
Madagascar Class Teacher: Miss Jennings	Yet another exciting week in Madagascar Class and our students have been very busy. In Art, students explored the themes and colours used in Chinese art before creating their own art based on these examples. Students have also focused on improving their spellings and reading, practicing these skills every day. In Life Skills, Madagascar Class has focused on working as a team, in particular learning about compromise and collaboration. Students really enjoyed creating their own flip books in Computing and in RE students explored stories from the Christian religion. Well done everyone!
USA Class Teacher: Mrs Suku	USA Class have had a lovely first week back after returning from the Easter break. We have loved sharing and listening to each other's news from the holidays. We have also begun new topics and really enjoyed learning about force and movement in Science.
Brazil Class Teacher: Mrs Rodway	Welcome back Brazil Class! It is lovely to have the students back in school. This week we have started reading 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' in English. We have met the characters in the book and are excited to find out who got the first golden ticket. In Maths we have been working on fractions and working out equivalence. We have been learning about the ancient civilisation of the Chinese Shang dynasty in History and Art. Well done Brazil Class for a great week!
Kenya Class Teacher: Miss McClintock	Kenya Class have had a busy first week of term. In English we have started to read 'The Twits'. We have been comparing the two characters and discussing their characteristics. In Maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter. In Science we used scooter boards to describe the different forces used, particularly looking at push, pull, friction and gravity. On Thursday we focused on budgeting and how to budget in order to complete a weekly shop. In History, we began our new topic for this term the Shang Dynasty. Throughout this week we have been planning and practicing for our class assembly, by researching World Earth Day and what things we could do to help, then delivered the assembly on Friday.
Cape Verde Class Teacher: Mr Hatton	This week in Cape Verde we have settled back into our routine. We have focused on persuasive writing and took turns reading the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' out loud. Students enjoyed the story and discussed the different language the animals used to persuade. Students have started focusing on shape in Maths focusing on the language used. This week we have been focusing on lines and vertices. In Science we have started looking at different forces. Students have recognised push and pull forces and are developing recognition for the direction in which the force is being used. In Art we have been focusing on Chinese art and the history of art. We looked at different styles of art from different dynasties and then recreated our own. We are continuing with our daily reading and handwriting practise. Cape Verde have finished the week off in Food Technology making cauliflower cheese which

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	all students tasted – well done! We then focused on the care and empathy of others in Life Skills. We discussed different scenarios and how we can support our friends. Have a restful weekend Cape Verde - you deserve it!
Seychelles Class Teacher: Miss Joyce	After a restful half term, Seychelles are back, ready to learn and have completed the following activities. In English, we have started looking at persuasive writing through the book, 'The Great Kapok Tree'. In Maths, the class have looked at how to measure shapes and objects and in ICT the students learnt about the history of animation. And finally for Science, the pupils identified the difference between the push and pull force depending on the scenario. As always, well done Seychelles Class for all your hard work!
Botswana Class Teacher: Miss Caveney	In Botswana Class, we have had an amazing week developing our swimming skills and enjoyed working together in team games and activities.



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Key Stage 4

Australia Class Teacher: Mr Lyons	Students in Australia Class have had a positive return to school after the Easter break. We have enjoyed the great weather at the start of the week and the class enjoyed an Athletics lesson in the sunshine working on their sprinting. The class have enjoyed completing the various daily challenges in class, such as Wordle and Worlde. In English we have been working on our spelling and grammar skills and looking developing our knowledge of financial awareness in Maths. The students made chilli con carne in Food Technology as we would look at cultural meals. We are excited to see what next week brings too! Have a great weekend Australia Class!
Samoa Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	Samoa Class have had a great first week back! We have been working hard to practice for our upcoming exams and addressing any areas of weakness. We are learning about the effects of gravity in Science in our topic of forces. We have also been measuring equipment around our classroom using a newton metre. In English, we have been focusing on our spelling and grammar and looking at how we can improve our sentences. In Maths, we have moved onto a new topic of Maths and Money, so we are learning about simple interest and how to budget money according to specific lifestyles. In RE, we are continuing with our topic of the just war theory and learning about Saint Thomas Aquinas' criteria to identify a just war. We have spent time in class debating and discussing our opinion on war.
New Zealand Class Teacher: Mr Spillane	New Zealand Class have had a great first week back! In English, the students have been looking at what makes an eye catching movie synopsis. Each student then used their imaginations to create their own movie synopsis - with some fantastic results! This week in Maths we practiced how to find the volume of cubes and cuboids using the formula of height x depth x width. The students really enjoyed PE this week as the LFC Foundation were in school delivering our lesson. Wednesday's session focused on basketball and involved the students practicing their shooting and passing skills. In Food Technology we spent time leaning the importance of good food hygiene in the kitchen including safe practices when handling, preparing, cooking and safely storing food. A big well done to all the students in New Zealand class and the rest of KS4 and KS5 for working really hard during their first week of Accredited Learning lessons! Have a lovely weekend.
Papua New Guinea Class Teacher: Mrs Wong	PNG Class has worked hard this week and managed to get back into our routines after a relaxing two weeks off for Easter. For English, we have been revising the correct use of punctuation. We have also looked at how we can enhance our sentences using different parts of speech. In Maths, we have been practising questions on budgeting. We have solved problems involving bills and bank statements. In Food Technology this week, we have made chilli con carne and it was delicious.

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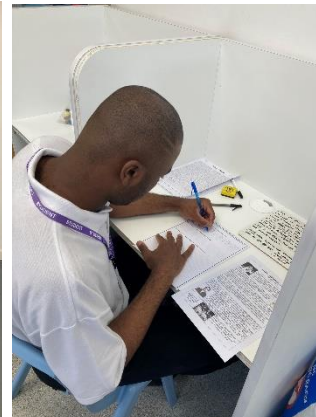


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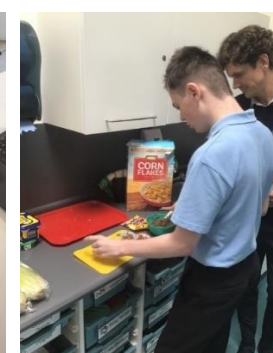
Malawi Class Teacher: Mr Mason	This week, Malawi Class has been busy settling into their new school routine after returning from their Easter break. They now have Science as part of their curriculum and Accredited Learning too. In Food Technology this term, they will be making soups, starting with some chunky vegetable soup!
Christmas Island Class Teacher: Mr Griffiths	Xmas Island Class have looking at using and comparing different scales, including the use and comparison of negative numbers. In English the focus has been to improve our written opinions and statements to support an argument. Food Technology saw the class creating a delicious chunky vegetable soup, which some staff and students tried and said it was lovely! The class have also been to various other meetings and events, which they have all taken in their stride! We are so proud to see the students respond positively to these changes.
Fiji Class Teacher: Miss Ham	Fiji Class this week have been talking about their Easter break and all the lovely things they got up to. In Food Technology we made chunky vegetable soup and all the students tried it. We also had a surprise visit from Mrs Cooney which was lovely. In English we started our persuasive writing by writing about our favourite thing for other students to read. In Maths we looked at equivalent lengths meters and centimetres. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, Fiji Class!



Class News

Nurture Provision

<p>Wales Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs Leyland</p>	<p>This week Wales Class have been swimming and it has been fantastic! We are so proud of our students! When not swimming the students have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar, their ten times tables and lots of phonics matching. We have celebrated Drop Everything And Read with Eric Carle books. Wales Class have also been learning about Ramadan in preparation to learn about Eid next week.</p>
<p>Canada Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Roach</p>	<p>This week Canada Class has continued to look at world cuisine within our Food Technology lessons. This included us making a full English breakfast and pizza wraps. This week we have also been exploring Drop Everything And Read where all the students made a PowerPoint on their favourite book. Many of Canada Class' students have also taken part in sensory circuits which they all thoroughly enjoyed.</p>
<p>Tasmania Class</p> <p>Teacher: Mr Terry</p>	<p>Well done to all the students in Tasmania Class for another excellent week. The students have been working hard researching different authors, writing book reviews and sharing information about their favourite books. The students have enjoyed reading with adults, their peers and others when celebrating Drop Everything and Read.</p>



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Staff News

Human Resources

We are delighted to congratulate our very own Ms Mursic, Head of Autism Research and Development on being awarded her Ph.D!!! We are so happy for you and also a little proud!!!

We present to you - Dr Mursic!!!



Dr Mursic can be contacted directly on sara.mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

We would like to welcome Mr Abbott and Mr Barry who have joined our Facilities Team on a permanent basis. Both come with a wealth of skills and experience and are already making a huge impact on our site.

Mr Abbott – Facilities Assistant



Mr Barry – Facilities Assistant



We also welcome three Teaching Assistants joining us on a temporary basis. Welcome to the team, Mr Williams, Mr French and Mr McGrath!

Congratulations are also in order for Miss Shipley, our current IT Manager, who has been appointed to the role of Data Manager following recruitment in the last week of term. She will start in her post once we have recruited to her current IT Manager role.

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Online International Conference – 15 June 2022

You are invited to join our conference aimed at developing an open-dialogue among all stakeholders from across disciplines and professions. We believe that the dialogue will help us develop effective and comprehensive services for children, young people and the whole families within their community.

International conference: Innovative methods and approaches in working with children with SEND is organised jointly by the Children's Creative Centre DOKKICA (Osijek, Croatia) and Abbot's Lea School (Liverpool, UK).

In our partnership, we consider the development of the relationships with a child and family, as well as the optimal social-sensory environment as two crucial factors for successful support within all settings.

Date: 15 June 2022

Location: Online (via Zoom)

1. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
ACADEMIC AND APPLIED KNOWLEDGE

INNOVATIVE METHODS AND APPROACHES
TO WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

15 JUNE 2022, ONLINE

The organisation of the conference was funded under the Operational Programme Efficient Human Resources 2014 - 2020 from the European Social Fund.

The project was co-funded by the European Union through the European Social Fund. The content of the promotional material is responsibility of the Children's Creative Center DOKKICA.

It is a full-day online conference, delivered over Zoom, with five amazing keynote speakers and fifteen additional expert talks.

See all keynote speakers here: <https://ic-konferencije.eu/en/plenarni-izlagaci/>

Apply for tickets here: <https://ic-konferencije.eu/en/prijava-pasivni-sudionik/>

Your attendance is free and we would strongly encourage anyone who is interested to apply as we already have over 750 attendees currently registered.

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.

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](#)

- **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

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

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](#).