



Head's Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to today's issue of the Head's Weekly Newsletter.

We have reached the mid-point in Term 3, with three weeks of learning completed and another three ahead of us before February holidays. When we break up, we will also have completed the first half of this academic year – a momentous point for reflection and planning ahead for each of us as individuals, but also for the school as a whole.

With that in mind, and in preparation for September, the staff team has reviewed the impact of our work so far and identified some key projects for the future development of Abbot's Lea School. The first draft of our School Development Plan 2021-24 is on our website and I invite you to take part in the shaping of it ahead of the end of this school year, ready for September: <http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ALS-SDP-draft-1-January-2021.pdf>

You can email your suggestions and ideas to feedback@abbotsleaschool.co.uk – the whole team will be grateful for your contribution.

The same email address can also be used for general feedback – whether you had a really positive experience and wish to express your gratitude, or would like us to take into consideration an experience from which we should learn to improve – please let us know your thoughts by emailing that account (Mrs Tobin and I manage this inbox).

Speaking of Mrs Tobin – I know you will all join me in thanking her for her outstanding leadership of Teaching and Learning and her clear presentation of the way in which we teach and assess students' progress and how we plan to communicate with the families during a typical year. Huge thanks to all of the families who joined our sessions. For those who were unable to join us, and those who wish to refresh their memory, the slides used are on our website under Family section: <http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/January-2021-sessions.pdf>

Lastly, I wish you all a restful weekend and in particular, send my best wishes to those of you who are currently suffering from isolation, loneliness or ill health. If you need any help, please do reach out – we are here to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

2020-21 Term dates

Term 3:

Term ends: 12 February 2021

February break: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Term 4:

Students return: 22 February 2021

Term ends: Friday 26 March 2021 at 1:00pm

Easter break: Monday 29 March 2021 to Friday 9 April 2021

Term 5:

Students return: 12 April 2021

May Day: Monday 3 May 2021

Term ends - 28 May 2021

May break: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021

Term 6:

Starts: 7 June 2021 – students return

25 June 2021 – Leavers' Day (for Y11, 12, 13, 14) and end of KS5 programme

9 July 2021 – Transition INSET Day

12 – 16 July 2021 - Transition Week

Ends: 16 July 2021 at 1:00pm

19-20 July 2021 – INSET Days (worked as staff' extended twilight days throughout the year)

School holidays: Monday 16 July to Tuesday, 31 August 2021

2021-22 Term dates

STUDENTS' SCHOOL DAY: 8:30am – 2:30pm

Term 1

INSET – 1, 2, 3 September 2021

6 September 2021 – students return

Ends: 22 October 2021 at 2:30pm

Half term: 25-29 October 2021

Term 2

1 November 2021 – students return

Ends: 22 December 2021 at 1pm

Christmas break: 23 December 2021- 4 January 2022

Term 3

5 January 2022 – students return

Ends: 18 February 2022 at 2:30pm

Half term: 21 – 25 February 2022

Term 4

28 February 2022 – students return

Ends: 8 April 2022 at 1pm

Easter break: 11-22 April 2022

Term 5

25 April 2022 – students return

May day: Monday 2 May 2022

Ends: 27 May 2022 at 2:30pm

Half term: 30 May – 3 June 2022

Term 6

6 June 2022 – students return

24 June 2022 – Leavers' Day (for all students in Year 11 and above who leave ALS in 2022), including Leavers' Ceremony on Friday, 24 June 2022 at 1pm (open to families of leavers)

8 July 2022 – End of Year Awards Ceremony (open to families of all students staying at ALS)

11 – 15 July 2022 - Transition Week (students grouped in next year's classes)

Ends: 15 July 2022 at 1pm

Summer break: 15 July – 31 August 2022 (see below for start of school year 2022-23)

INSET – 18, 19 July 2022 (worked in lieu during the academic year)

Academic year 2022-23

Term 1

1 – 2 September 2022 – INSET

5 September 2022 – students return

Ends: 21 October 2022

Half term: Monday 24 to Friday 28 October 2022

Deputy Headteacher

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Dear Families

Update on Evidence for Learning

Over the next week, we will be uploading your email addresses onto your child's Evidence for Learning portal so that we can get you up and running and start sharing your child's day-to-day journey with you more visually.

Once we have done this, the class teams will send you two emails. The first email will detail your login instructions and the other will include your password (which you can reset.)

From the point you first login, you will have photos and videos sent to you on a regularly basis so that you can SEE your child's progress.

I will purposefully keep the information in this article vague, as I will give you all the information you need at each step of the way.

For now, please just ensure that we have your most current email address. If it has changed since we checked in September, please do let your child's class team know.

With warmest wishes for the coming week

Mrs E Tobin

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Dear Families, Partners and Friends of Abbot's Lea School

This week's newsletter focuses on one of our evidence-based practices, Zones of Regulation. However, with the majority of our students now learning at home, it is important to explore ways in which we can make the Zones of Regulation an integral part of our remote teaching.

5 Ways to Incorporate The Zones in Distance Learning

1. Create Zones Visuals at Home
2. Virtual Zones Check-ins
3. Teach a Tool of the Week
4. Create Home Toolboxes
5. Story/Literature Connections

The Zones of Regulation (L.M. Kuypers, 2011)



With these tips, we are aiming to replicate the classroom structure and routine at home while still respecting your family routines and situations. Many of the resources used in school can be created at home and many of the task and activities we do can be found online:

- **Create Check-ins for Home**
Use household objects in four colours or Lego bricks to create ZoR visuals
- **Use Virtual Calming Rooms**
<https://www.district196.org/about/calm-room>
- Use this lockdown as an **opportunity to teach emotions**:
Masks and Emotions Activity in Google Slides created by Mallory Heffelfinger
[Click here to make a copy in Google Drive](#)

For more ideas on how to create easy homemade self-regulation resources, follow this link:
<https://www.zonesofregulation.com/covid-19-teaching-resources.html>

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Care and Safeguarding

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I would like to alert the families of students in Year 8 to the HPV vaccination programme that is continuing to be offered in school despite the national lockdown.

Girls and boys aged 12 to 13 years are offered the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as part of the NHS vaccination programme.

The HPV vaccine helps protect against cancers caused by HPV, including:

- cervical cancer
- some mouth and throat (head and neck) cancers
- some cancers of the anal and genital areas

It also helps protect against genital warts

In England, girls and boys aged 12 to 13 years are routinely offered the 1st HPV vaccination when they are in Year 8. The 2nd dose is offered 6 to 24 months after the 1st dose.

The immunisation team will be in school on Wednesday 27 January and families are encouraged to book an appointment for their child to receive the vaccination.

Appointments will be offered between 9:30am and 1:30pm. Please note that students should not be displaying any COVID symptoms and will not have any contact with anyone other than the immunisation team on the day (unless they are already attending school).

Please contact the Immunisation Team directly to book an appointment for your child:

0151 295 3833
0151 295 8611
0151 295 8646
0151 295 8653

Appointments will ensure all current government guidance and infection control measures will be in place to ensure your Childs safety. Further information regarding vaccinations can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-for-young-people>

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School Business Support

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The Deputy Headteacher and I are carrying out HLTA interviews this week and we are delighted with the strong field of applicants for the roles. Thanks to everyone who committed their time to the process.

The third Monday of January is known by the gloomy name of Blue Monday. This is due to a combination of post-Christmas blues, cold dark nights and the long wait to pay day. While the day might be acknowledged in the media, we should try to consider and protect our mental health on every day of the year. There are practical steps we can take to look after our mental health including talking about our feelings, eating healthily, taking gentle exercise and maintaining social contact.

This week I attended a webinar on proactive leadership and driving change during the pandemic and it was interesting to reflect on how much we have been through, changed and achieved during the last 12 months. It is easy to get caught up in reactive crisis management and lose sight of our vision so it was good to take time put and reset. Two quotes stuck with me from the session "If you have influence you are a leader" and "uncertainty is where innovation lives".

Have a relaxing weekend.

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As home learning continues, if any families are struggling with not having the right IT equipment for their child to work from, or are having difficulties with internet or mobile data then please let me know.

- We have sent home 68 laptops to students so far, and we have more arriving early next week for distribution if required.
- We have a procured a number of Vodafone Sim cards that are pre loaded with 30GB of data and last for 90 days
- We have also just procured a number of BT Wi-Fi vouchers which enable the user to access a BT Hot spot (dependent on location) and gain free Wi-Fi use until July. They also come with a very helpful user guide.

Free school meal vouchers for the remainder of this term have now been issued. The majority have been sent via email and a small number posted out.

If you require any support at all with regards to IT and/or free school meal vouchers then please email support@abbotsleaschool.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible

Key Stage News and Updates

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Miss O'Neill

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Ireland

Ireland class have been getting very messy this week making wiggly worms with plant pots and shaving foam. In sensory time, we learnt how to make play dough using corn flour and baby lotion it smelt amazing. In Art, we created some toy collages using our gluing and sticking skills, coloured some shapes and made some weather pictures. We have been enjoying phonics songs learning about the letters "A" and "S", how to write them, sound them out and different words that start with them. In Maths, we have been identifying numbers 1-10 and solving some number problems using numicon and our play dough.

Well done to everyone doing zoom sessions and remote learning we have loved receiving pictures of all of your hard work.

Have a lovely weekend - Ireland Class

Wales Learners on site

Wales have had a brilliant week! The children in school did not let Storm Christoph get in their way of having fun. We had outdoor wet sensory play! We sprayed paint in the puddles and watched the patterns it made and we popped water balloons by throwing them on the yard. All the children had a fantastic time! In English we carried on reading Old Bear and retold the story using Chatta, we also used adjectives to describe Old Bear. In Maths, we explored positional language. We programmed the BeeBots to travel in front, behind, on top and next to different characters from Old Bear. In Science, we identified properties of different materials in our classroom and grouped them. We had a great Music lesson this week. We kept the beat and rhythm of certain songs using different instruments and discussed the difference between the beat and rhythm. We also designed and created our very own felt teddy bear. We stuffed them with stuffing and stitched it together!

Wales Home Learners

The children at home have been working so hard! In English, we have been reading Kipper's Toybox, concentrating on the characters and the order of events. We were so good at sequencing the story! In Maths, we have been learning how to solve word problems by finding the number sentence in disguise. In Science, we have explored materials even further by sorting and grouping them into categories according to their properties and in Art, we explored the artwork of Karsinsky, even making our own! In RE, we talked about special books from different religions from around the world and showed each other our own special books, talking about why they are so important for us. Well done home learners, you have been superstars this week!

Class Wales have had a great week at school and home learning. Well done you have all been brilliant!

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 2

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Italy

This week in Italy Class we have been learning more about Julia Donaldson and her book *The Gruffalo*, we used chatta to re-tell the story. In Maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes and using them to create our own pictures. We also learnt about a healthy diet and made our own fruit salads. Well done for working so hard Italy Class!

Portugal

During this week, pupils working from home have taken part in lots of fun activities. In English, we read Julia Donaldson's book 'The Highway Rat' and created our own page in the story, in which 'The Highway Rat' is stealing from a different animal. In Maths, we compared sizes and put items in order, from the smallest to the biggest items. In French, learnt how to say some animals. Well done to everyone who joined in the zoom sessions! Have a nice weekend!

France

Hello France class! This week has been a little different for us all as I have been at home delivering the remote learning. It has been so lovely to see how well those of you at home have been interacting with the remote learning and the wonderful work you have completed. Well done also to those who have worked hard in school this week with Miss McClintock and Miss Hughes. For Science this half term we have been learning about Forces. This week we focused on 'friction' and completed experiments in school and at home seeing how friction works on different surfaces. As part of our PSHE and Life Skills work, we have been talking about friendship and how to be a good friend. The pupils then created their own posters to show what makes a good friend. For Maths, we have continued our Measurement work and have been learning how to read cm on a ruler accurately. The pupils had lots of fun measuring objects at home and in school.

Keep up the good work and stay safe!

Canada and USA Learners on site

USA and Canada class have had such an exciting week. We made a very tasty Spaghetti Bolognese. The students chopped the vegetables and stirred them into the meat. They were incredibly sensible using the hot stove and using sharp knives. When we had completed it, the students tasted some and took some home. They said it was 'tasty' and 'delicious.' We have also been looking at time this week and the students learnt how to tell the time when it is o'clock and half past. We have learnt how to say our colours in French. The students remembered them so well. We played a splat

game to see how quick we could remember them. Well done USA and Canada bubble. You have had an amazing week.

USA

USA have continued to impress us with their engagement with remote learning this week. In English, we rounded off our topic of the BFG by listening to a short summary of the story and writing our own review of the book. We are looking forward to learning more about Roald Dahls other stories over the next few weeks. In Maths, we have been focusing on measurement. In our first session, we looked at weight, searching our houses for objects to order from lightest to heaviest. We then looked at length, and played an interactive game together to test our knowledge of how to measure length with a ruler. Everyone was excellent at this and demonstrated their measuring skills perfectly!

In Life Skills, we discussed friendship, thinking in particular about why friends are so important, and how to make friends. USA had so many great points to add to our class conversation – it was great to see everyone get involved. We also included an additional practical task of making a sandwich for ourselves or a member of our family and shared them on our afternoon session. We had practised this in school before Christmas, so we now had the opportunity to use the skills we had learnt in the classroom at home. In Music, we looked at different genres and discussed what genres we all like best, as everyone has different tastes. We researched our own favourite songs and musicians and found out what genre of music they fall under. We are all so proud of the work you have done this week USA – keep it up!

Spain Home Learners

Congratulations to Spain Class Home Learners another great week of Home Learning, you are doing great completing the daily Life skills challenge and doing the daily work tasks. Each morning we have a zoom picture quiz at 11am and a catch up in the afternoon. Spain home learners have all done some great work on finding out about recycling.

This week we are completing activities relating to Tiddler -The Story Telling Fish by Julia Donaldson. We continued with our Topic South America looking at the map, different types of weather, and landmarks and creating instruments. In Maths, we are continuing with shape and measurement by measuring items in the home.

Keep sending in your photos.

Spain and Portugal Learners on site

Spain and Portugal class have been very busy onsite this week.

For English we started a new story called 'Zog' as well as 'Zog and the flying doctors'. Linking to this we have made our very own dragons fire breath and dragon nests.

In Maths the class has been learning the differences between 'short', 'tall' and 'long' and then demonstrating what they mean.

The different forces have still been the topic in science. The class have been gently demonstrating in pairs what the motion of pulling, pushing and twisting looks like. As well as using the toy cars to test what happens when you use a lot of particular force in comparison to just using a little bit.

In Geography, the class have been learning about South America. In particular, we have learned a lot about the Amazon rainforest and Brazil.

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 3

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Brazil

This week has been another busy week of remote learning in Brazil class. We have continued to read George's Marvellous Medicine with the students completing a Kahoot quiz and using adjectives to describe medicine bottles. In Maths the students have focused on the 5 times table and were able to apply their knowledge to a number of online activities set on Seesaw, after this we played a game of 'hit the button' on Zoom. In Life Skills, we have focused on recycling, with the students being set a challenge to find items in their home, which can go in the recycling bin. We have had great attendance on our Zoom sessions this week with most students accessing most of the sessions. We look forward to seeing as many students as possible on our Zoom sessions next week."

Peru

This week in Peru, we have started our science topic on inheritance and evolution. We have discussed characteristics and physical features inherited from our biological parents and identified what was different and similar in terms of physical appearance by comparing images of Miss Curran and her large family. Next, we are looking at evolution and particularly the adaptations that different animals have living in their habitats

Mozambique

This week Mozambique have been reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and finding the different ways apostrophes have been used in the letters and how they alter the word. We also assisted Mrs Stokes in creating her perfect sandwich and created our own shopping lists and recipe to make our own sandwich had have been given the task to make our own lunch this week. This was continued on Friday, when we read 'The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch' by Jacqueline Wilson. During geography, we studied all about the UK, including the capital cities and the countries that make up the UK.

Botswana

This week during our remote learning we have started to read George's marvellous medicine, we have written our own ingredients for a marvellous medicine and have learnt all about arrays. We have learnt about online safety and how to keep ourselves safe whilst using the internet - we produced lovely posters and designed a safe a secure website. We took part in some P.E this week, whilst learning all about how to keep our bodies healthy.

Madagascar

Madagascar class have been working really hard this week. In English, we continued to read our book 'George's marvellous medicine' and answer comprehension questions based on the chapter we read. In maths we focused on adapting our times tables and completed times table Rockstars.

In Geography, we discussed global warming as a group and talked about what we could do to help as a school and as individuals. We created our own posters on global warming and what we could do to help. Some of us wrote letters, addressing global warming and what we could do better and how to implement this within our community.

For life skills, this week Madagascar class asked for a bake off. Many students including the staff created their own cakes. We followed instructions carefully to make our creations. We showed these off over zoom. Madagascar class definitely have some upcoming bakers! Well done everybody.

Enjoy your weekend and we will see you all on Monday 😊
Madagascar team-

Kenya

This week in Kenya class, we have been continuing with working on our times tables. We have been practising on our 3x and 4x table both on TTRockstar and in zoom. We have had some more practise on writing out our number sentences in different ways using both multiplications and divisions. Our words of the week this week are 'product' and 'quotient' meaning the answer to multiplication and division respectively. In English, we have recapped on the use of apostrophe for omission. All of us have done really well on this and have learnt that the contractions are usually seen in informal English. We are continuing with Holes in our reading sessions. We have noticed a little change in the main character – Stanley, both physically and mentally. We have also looked at the four different types of conflicts in literature and how these can help a story to build up tension and make the readers read on. We cannot wait to 'dig out' the truth of what the boys are really digging for.

Seychelles

This week Seychelles class have had so much fun during our zoom lessons! In English, we have been looking at famous Authors and discussing the story, 'The Iron Man' the students created their own dialogues between the characters, using either sentences or in the form of a storyboard. In Math's we have played lots' of different number games and worked fantastically as a team to find the correct answers! We all took part in a quiz, which all the students participated their own questions for and we all had so much fun joining in. Everyone has worked so hard this week and we are so proud of you all. Well Done Seychelles Class!

Fiji

All students have now mastered long multiplication and we have moved onto short division. We are making steady progress! In English, we have enjoyed two more chapters of Georges Marvellous Medicine. George's mean Grandma equally horrifies the students and me. Fiji class onsite provision have continued to join us daily on our AM zoom and we have enjoyed keeping up to date with all of their activities. They use their food technology lesson to bake a chocolate orange cheesecake. We all agreed it looked delicious! Furthermore, we have loved taking part in a grand Kahoot quiz each Friday PM. We have used the quiz to assess our learning and identify areas that we need to recap next week. Fiji class deserve a very restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

Cape Verde

During our week of home learning, we have completed a life skills photo challenge, there will be a new photo challenge next week so keep your eyes peeled! Thank you to all the parents that have replied to emails, answered calls and sent photos this week, it really is appreciated.

We have been focusing on one subject per day with our zoom calls, Monday focused on English we looked at Roald Dahl's works with a focus on Charlie and the Chocolate factory, some wonderful chocolate creations by the class.

On Tuesday, we learnt a 9 times table trick. One student taught his sister this trick and completed a 9 times table quiz! Well done! Wednesday we focused on Lifeskills, we looked at laundry care labels and made our own beds without the help of an adult! Thursday we looked at Joe Biden's inauguration during our citizenship sessions. We thought about what we would do if we were the prime minister or president. Friday's learning was led by the students, who created a Kahoot! Quiz, to quiz the teachers on our dinosaurs and fossils topic! A wonderfully productive week. Well done everyone! Cape Verde Class Team 😊

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 4

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For information: Links to open sessions at Hugh Baird College and Myerscough college for September.

<https://www.hughbaird.ac.uk/events>

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-february/>

Australia Homes Learners

This week the home learning for Australia class has been superb. We have completed a comprehension task based on Winton Churchill's speech; the pupils had lots of fun playing a Kahoot quiz based on this. The pupils were tasked, to write an email to their "friends and family asking for sponsors for a 10km fun run." In life skills we looked at hazards in society, the pupils were able to successfully point out the hazards and ways in which we can minimize the potential hazards. We have made pizza bagels in a "cooking with Mr. Lyons" live from the food tech room. The pupils have looked at Greenbank College this week and have completed research into the college. The pupils have had an amazing week doing remote learning.

Australia class were lucky enough to win a live session with one of ILM (the makers of the special effects of Star Wars). We had our Zoom live session and it gave us a great insight of the different jobs within ILM and all the hard work that goes into making the special effects for such a great film. All the pupils loved the live session.

Stay safe and well!

Australia Learners on site

It has been a really good week of learning for onsite KS4. We have enjoyed completing a variety of online learning tasks on Seneca. Students have also completed tasks developing our ICT skills such as planning train journeys, designing a restaurant menu and writing a charity fundraiser letter. The students also really enjoyed making pizza bagels and taking part in dodgeball in PE.

Samoa

This week the pupils in Samoa class have been amazing, all completing work very well.

In English we have been writing debates about school uniform, excellent work submitted from those who completed it.

In ICT, we have debated pros and cons of internet shopping. The pupils have improved their skills to create a balanced argument. We also learnt how to use train ticket websites to plan a journey to London.

For the Maths lessons, we have learnt the names for 3D shapes, and calculated the missing angles in quadrilaterals. Fun fact the all the pupils in Samoa now know: Angles in a quadrilaterals add up to 360 degrees.

We have been looking at Hugh Baird College and application letters.

We have been doing lots' of Kahoots to test our understanding of the lessons.

Such a great week!

Stay safe. Samoa Class Team 😊

Papua New Guinea

This week, PNG has been carrying on with remote learning and have been up to lots of things. Firstly, the class have carried on reading the play 'Blood Brothers' in English, for Maths they have looked at the differences between 2D and 3D shapes and have continued to look at different colleges and what careers the students could have in the future. Finally, PNG have also looked at safety within the community and how they can prepare for certain situations and who can help them. Once again, well done PNG for all your hard work this week!

New Zealand

New Zealand at home have been focusing on Functional Skills this week. They have been sharing the flyers they have designed over Zoom and writing text to inform and persuade. Maths skills are really coming on and we have enjoyed calculating missing angles in triangles.

Tasmania

This week in Tasmania class, we have carried on with our employability learning. We learnt all about building a CV. We used big sheets of paper to draw around ourselves and filled in our bodies with all the things we like, are good at and have experienced. We then used our body shapes to start to build our very own CV. We also made some sausage roll, coleslaw and side salad in food technology. Our students made it all from scratch and it was delicious! Lastly, we designed and made bug hotels and birdhouses. We learnt some interesting facts about different bugs and what sort of habitats, they like to live in. We then went on a big hunt to further study who might live in our bug hotels.

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 5

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<https://www.hughbaird.ac.uk/events>

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-february/>

Christmas Island

This week we have been continuing to focus of wellbeing, both physical and mental. We have been looking at how we can be more resilient during tough times. This week on site, we had a great PE lesson focusing on exercise we can do at home during lockdown

Malawi

This week Malawi students have continued looking at employability skills and their future. They researched different colleges and courses, narrowing down their options. We began looking at fractions in Maths and the use of language in English. Once again, this week the students have all worked incredibly hard showing fantastic engagement in the remote sessions. Well done!

Data Protection Lead

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January is a good time to review your practice and to ensure that you are up to date with relevant data protection legislation.

- Do make sure that you are clear about why you are holding personal data and how much you are holding.
- All records should be accurate, relevant and still required for the purpose for which they were obtained. Keep this under regular review.
- Do Spring clean, practice data minimisation and dispose securely of any data that you no longer need. This will help you to comply with all aspects of the Data Protection Act (DPA)
- Ensure your devices are all password protected.

When you are finished using your computer or laptop, power it off. Leaving computing devices on, and most often, connected to the Internet, opens the door for rogue attacks. "Leaving your computer connected to the Internet when it's not in use gives scammers 24/7 access to install malware and commit cybercrimes. To be safe, turn off your computer when it is not in use.

Happy Birthday!



Primary Department:
Matthew for 26 January

Secondary Department:
Alex for 28 January

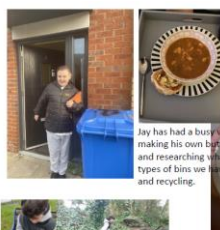
We wish you all a **Wonderful Birthday** and have
fun!



Students of the Week

Early Years and Key Stage One		
Ireland	Troy	for engaging in classroom activities
Wales		
Spain	Josh	for great home Learning and joining in Zoom for the first time, coping with technical difficulties - no sound and coming back to do the quiz!
Cape Verde	Shasiah	for excellent food tech photos and kitchen safety
Tasmania	Rhys	for excellent home learning and finishing his task to the end!
Italy	Georgina	for excellent home learning
Portugal	Archie	for never giving up and participating in all lessons
France	Mikey	for using phonic knowledge to spell words independently- great work!
Canada	Alfie	For working really hard particularly in French and Maths
USA	Tyrone	for working very hard in our Maths sessions, and proving to us that his measuring skills are excellent!
Key Stage Three		
Brazil	Charlie	for engaging with Zoom sessions and completing activities set to a great standard
Peru	Achille	for showing a lot of resilience and determination in his maths lessons even when he is struggling. He definitively deserves POW this week
Mozambique	Mohamed	for working hard in every zoom session and for always giving 100% in his work.
Botswana	Ethan	for engaging in zoom sessions, sharing lots of knowledgeable ideas and producing great work. For also doing fantastic in our online p.e lesson! Well done Ethan
Madagascar	Isobella	for fantastic persuasive writing in geography
Kenya	Sam	for excellent reading and taking an active part on zoom this week
Seychelles	Levi	This week during one of our zoom lessons Levi lost signal and missed the rest of the lesson, Levi then researched the book he had missed being read and completed the work independently. Well Done Levi keep up the good work!
Fiji	Jake	for attending our on-site provision this week and has been a superstar. He has worked really hard and completed his work to a really high standard. Well done Jake.
Key Stage Four		
Australia	Mai	for taking part in zooms and completing the work to an excellent standard
Papua New Guines	Jack	for continuing to be a hardworking student who completes all his work on time and to his best ability
New Zealand	Tom	for having 100% attendance and effort this week
Samoa	Matthew	for completing every follow up task to a high standard
Malawi	Henry	for working really hard with remote learning lessons and showing great determination to produce high quality work
Christmas Island	Lewis	for his fantastic engagement and participation in class activities

Week 18 Photos



Jay has had a busy week making his own batter and researching what types of bins we have and recycling.



Jack doing a scavenger hunt in the park with his family.

Spain Class Home Learning



Josh has been using different things to measure items in his house and recording them as part of his home learning maths.



Completing Maths work at home

Learning a new skill during Home Learning



Completing English Tasks at home



Spain Class Home Learning



Reading to a younger child whilst at home



Josh completing Life Skills challenges to make a drink and to wash the dishes



Jack completing Life Skills challenge to find the nearest Post-box to his home.





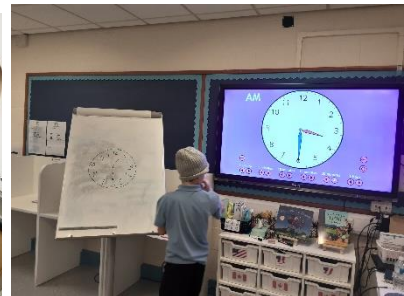
Matthew completing Life Skills challenge to wash the dishes



Matthew completing Life Skills challenges to make a drink and to find the nearest Post-box to his home.





Retelling the story of The Gruffalo at home on a daily walk!





WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND?

SOMEONE WHO IS HELPFUL.

SOMEONE WHO PLAYS NICELY WITH ME.

SOMEONE WHO SHARES.

SOMEONE WHO IS KIND AND CARING.



