Head's Weekly Newsletter

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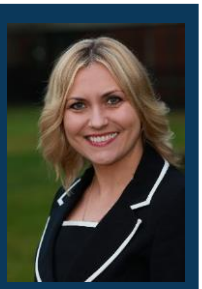

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends,

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

Next Friday, 26 March 2021 is the end of Term 4 and I want to remind all families that the school closes at 1pm on Friday, 26 March 2021.

Please note that day, the school will operate the following key times:

	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6
Day starts	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
Transport pick up	1pm	12:45pm	12:55pm	12:55pm	12:45pm

Please ensure that you inform your transport provider of those collection times in particular and if you collect your child yourself, that you report for the time as specified above.

Sadly, each year, we do have a student or two, whose transport does not arrive at the specified time and they are left behind – let us all work together to make sure no child is left waiting next Friday! Thank you!

Term 5 will start on Monday, 12 April 2021 at 8:30am and I do not envisage any changes to our school operation after Easter.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

COVID-19 TESTING

HOME-BASED TESTING

We have now distributed, to every secondary aged-student – whether or not they took part in the onsite testing – a kit containing 7 home-based tests.

These testing kits are designed for testing for Covid-19 twice a week, every 3-5 days.

They are calculated to be sufficient for twice-weekly tests to be carried out until and including the weekend before returning to school after Easter.

Please therefore, make sure that you only use them twice a week, spreading it, as guided every 3 to 5 days.

FAMILY AND SUPPORT BUBBLE TESTING

The kits we give to the students are for their use. There is, however, an open offer of identical home-testing kits for the families of school-aged children and the support bubble of any such family.

We strongly encourage you to order and re-order such kits, as needed by going to:

https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

REPORTING OF RESULTS

We only require you to alert us if the test result is positive. Please email covid@abbotsleaschool.co.uk as soon as the positive result is received.

This will allow us to conduct track and trace activity within the school to reduce the risk of infection spreading. Please be advised that we are now required to track and trace any close contacts of those who test positive, based on two full clear days prior to the test. This means that, if someone tests positive on Sunday evening, we would include all of their close contacts from Friday.

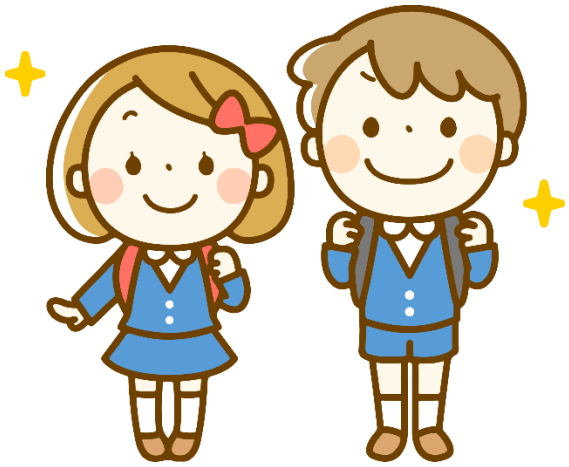
Please note that anyone receiving a positive result from the lateral flow test (LFT) will be asked to self-isolate and book a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction test (PCR) via the NHS.

If the PCR test comes back negative, we will be contacting all those previously advised to self-isolate, expecting all students to return to school the following school day.

I realise this is likely to be disruptive and turbulent, but I know we can do it!

Thank you very much for all of your support and help!

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



Our nearly new second-hand uniform shop is available to all families, where you can purchase any item for just £1.

All items will have been washed (unless donated new with tags) and we will only sell items, which we believe to be in very good condition.

We have Sweatshirts, Jumpers, Polo Shirts, Shirts, Trousers, Shorts and Blazers all in various sizes.

Please contact our Family Adviser, Lisa Sharpe on lisa.sharpe@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

2020-21 Term dates

STUDENTS' SCHOOL DAY:
8:30am – 2:30pm

Term 4:

Term ends: Friday 26 March 2021 at 1:00pm
Easter break: Monday 29 March 2021 to Friday 9 April 2021

Term 5:

Starts: 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
Term Ends: 16 July 2021 at 1:00pm

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 break: 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 break: 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 break: 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

Mrs Emily Tobin, Deputy Headteacher

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Dear Families

This week I am writing to tell you about a very exciting development in our curriculum offer which will start in Term 5, having already been successfully trialled by some classes in the school.

As you know, for some time the school has followed a thematic approach to teaching non-foundation subjects, such as the arts and humanities. This approach is becoming increasingly favoured by other schools and so has been something that has been of national educational interest. It is pleasing to see that we were at the forefront of this thinking, but as always, we do not want to rest on our laurels.

Therefore, I spent much of Terms 3 and 4 scrutinising different thematic schemes of work and working with Middle Leaders on finding one, which we believed would best engage and inspire our learners.

Whilst I would not always go into the detail of all the different Schemes of Work, we follow in a newsletter article, the reasons why I am excited to tell you about this particular product is because it offers features specifically for families.

In EYFS to KS4, each term, your child will study a project. We will be sharing with you "Knowledge Organisers" from each of the projects. They will include on them, the words and facts, specific to that project. This will help you to know what your child is learning that term and to be able to enjoy discussions together at home about the learning. All of the projects include very hands-on experiences, promoting the multisensory approach to learning we offer to our students.

Your class teams will email you next week to let you know the title of your child's project for Term 5 and to share with you the accompanying knowledge organiser.

Warmest wishes for coming week,

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Head of Autism Research & Development

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

Following your great interest and feedback about the free music tuition offered as part of the Awards for Young Musicians projects, I am delighted to share with you two additional projects with available support, therapy, creative activities and resources.

Soundabout Life Project – music therapy sessions available for students aged 16-25
Soundabout Life is an England-wide, fully funded music project for young adults with complex needs and their family members/carers. The project aims to support young adults aged 16-25 with severe and profound and multiple learning difficulties, and their family members/carers, during the transition to early adulthood. Parents or carers can sign you up for music sessions with a specially trained Soundabout music practitioners or help you access free music resources at www.soundaboutfamily.org.uk

To sign up or get more information, please contact their team at info@soundabout.org.uk or call 01235797474.

Children Heard and Seen – support for children impacted by parental imprisonment
This organisation supports children, young people and families who are impacted by parental imprisonment through individual support, availability of volunteer mentors, drawing and talking therapy sessions at school, music projects and holiday activities.
If you think you would benefit from such support, please email the organisation directly at info@childrenheardandseen.co.uk or call 07557339258

This week I have learnt about our students' great interest for art and music and decided to find more creative opportunities. Make sure you pay close attention to our news because there is an art competition, which will be launched very soon.

Thank you for your fantastic efforts during our Neurodiversity Celebration Week. I am truly impressed with your creativity and inspiring messages.

Miss Sara Muršić
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Today is World Sleep Day. This may not have registered on many people's calendars but I think it is an important theme to acknowledge and bring to your attention. Of course, there are many 'special' days and weeks that are now marked in the calendar. Just this week we have recognised Young Carers Action Day and Neurodiversity Celebration Week, both hugely important campaigns to be aware of and involved in. A third 'special' day in a week may seem over the top but the topic of sleep is essential to everything that lives.

Getting enough sleep is one of the most important things you can do for your health and wellbeing. Sleep lets your mind recharge and process information. It is the only part of the day, that your body gets to rest and repair. Sleep can help you feel better, think more clearly and concentrate better. It gives you energy to complete tasks and can make you more alert. Without enough sleep, you may have problems with thinking, concentrating, memory, reaction times and mood.

Children and young people require more sleep than adults. Below are the approximate hours of sleep needed by children of different ages:

- Babies 4 to 12 months old: 12 to 16 hours including naps
- Toddlers 1 to 2 years old: 11 to 14 hours including naps
- Children 3 to 5 years old: 10 to 13 hours including naps
- Children 6 to 12 years old: 9 to 12 hours
- Teenagers 13 to 18 years old: 8 to 10 hours

Children, just like adults, have trouble controlling their moods when they are sleep deprived. Sleep, or lack thereof, affects much of a child's behaviour and state of mind. In some cases, the symptoms of insufficient sleep can even mimic those of ADHD. In order to promote a healthy sleep routine in your child, here are a few tips you can follow:

- Turn off devices at least 1 hour before bed
- Taking some exercise during the day
- Having a regular bedtime and waking up time – and stick with it!
- Develop a calming bedtime routine (quiet & soothing activities)
- Create the right sleeping environment (dark, quiet, cool)
- Avoid stimulants before bed (sugar, coffee, coke, tea)
- Get any worries off their mind by writing them down or talking about them before going to sleep

Ms A Twomey

Head of Care and Safeguarding

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FSM VOUCHERS

FSM vouchers will be distributed next week to all eligible families, to cover the 2-week Easter period.

Vouchers have again, been provided by Liverpool City Council. If you have any questions with regards to the vouchers or if your circumstances have changed and you think you may now be eligible, please email support@abbotsleaschool.co.uk.

Key Stage News and Updates

Early Years and Key Stage 1
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Ireland

This week in Ireland class, we have been enjoying the Spring weather exploring our outdoor area. We have been mark making using foam and paint, climbing on the pirate ship and cycling on our trikes. During sensory time, we enjoyed getting messy with our sea animals and jelly. To celebrate St. Patricks Day, we made shamrock pictures using glue and green tissue paper we also decorated our own Irish flag. Our nursery rhyme this week is "little boy blue" we have been learning the words and actions. Using different art resources, we have been making rainbow pictures focusing on our topic of "colours".

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ireland Class

Wales

Class Wales have had a brilliant week! In English, we read A Lion in Paris and created a list of all the landmarks within Paris. We also created our own guidebook of Paris with all the amazing facts we have learnt this term. In Maths, we learnt how to tell the time to o'clock and half past, some of us answered time word problems! In Science, we labelled parts of a tree. We went into our school grounds and spotted the different parts of our trees. We even collected our own twigs to look at in class. In Geography, we created our own map of Paris and included the famous landmarks that are in Paris. In Art we followed step-by-step instructions to create our own line drawings of the Eiffel Tower, our drawings were amazing! In PE this term we have taken yoga sessions, we practiced our deep breathing and calming techniques. For neurodiversity week, In PSHE, we discussed the differences of others and we are all different.
We have had a brilliant week in Wales Class and are looking forward to the next.
Have a nice weekend,
Wales Class Team

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 2
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Italy

This week in Italy class, we have been celebrating lots' of important things. We celebrated Neurodiversity week by discussing what qualities make a good team member and working as a team to build the strongest tower. We also celebrated global recycling day by thinking back to our zoom call with the recycling centre and made some posters about the importance of recycling. We celebrated red nose day by wearing something red and writing our own jokes. In Maths, we started the new topic of pictograms and made our own class pictogram. In English, we continued our topic of fables and learnt the story of 'I didn't do it'. Well done Italy Class!

France

We have had a fun, busy week in class France. On Monday, the pupils enjoyed their first Judo lesson, learning the key rules and basic moves. For Maths this week, we been learning the value of British coins with lots of fun games. On Wednesday, we celebrated Neurodiversity week, by talking about what makes us special and how we can use these qualities to work as a team. The pupils then completed a team building scavenger hunt and worked together to build a tower out of blocks. In English, we have continued the story of the Boy who Cried Wolf by discussing how telling lies can make others feel. Keep up the hard work class France!

Canada

We have been so busy in Canada Class this week! On Monday, we made crusty bread in Food Technology! We all followed the instructions carefully and kneaded the bread for 5 minutes. Then we shaped the dough, some of us made them into plaits; then we baked the bread. Afterwards, we wrote our own recipe for bread! We also started a new history unit this week on the Victorians! We looked at the different clothes people wore and how you can often tell whether a person was rich or poor based on their clothes. On Tuesday, we played hockey in PE! We really improved our dribbling and passing skills and we could all even chip the ball to the other side of the hall! Tuesday was also Young Carers Awareness Day 2021. We recognised this by watching videos of young carers and seeing the sacrifices they make for the people they care about. The students in Canada engaged in brilliant discussions about this. On Wednesday, we started looking at Neurodiversity and discussing how everybody's brains work differently and how we can help people with different conditions. We also continued with pictograms, tally charts and bar charts in maths. Canada class have mastered this topic now - most of us were even creating our very own data and drawing up a bar chart from it! We have also been to our library to change our books. On Thursday, we are celebrating Global Recycling Day 2021 by sorting out rubbish into different categories and finding out which item's we can recycle. Well done for this week Canada Class!

USA

USA have had a lovely week celebrating neurodiversity week. We have looked at what celebrities have neurological conditions and we could not believe how many there were. We also had a debate on whether we think it is good or bad to have a neurological condition and learnt that there is many positives to seeing the world differently to others. During Maths we have be learning how to use money. We have learnt how to make different amounts with coins and how to work out change. During Young Carers Awareness Day, we found out what it means to be a young carer and how selfless they are. We agreed that we should never take our parents for granted. We have looked at our local area and we drew a map using different map symbols that we have learnt. USA have had an amazing week and have really impressed us with their ideas.

Spain

This week Spain class have been amazing learners! We have celebrated Neurodiversity Week by looking at all of the incredible things that make us unique.
Monday marked the first of our Judo lessons. The students listened so well to the instructions and earned their certificates!
In maths, the students have been making superb progress with their counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Everyone has enjoyed our story of the Tortoise and the Hare - slow and steady wins the race!
On Wednesday, we loved making Easter cornflake cakes, decorating them with chocolate eggs and especially eating them!
As part of our History topic, we finished the week by taking a trip to see new and modern buildings.

Portugal

This week in Class Portugal, we have been learning all about Pictograms. We learnt all about taking information, called data and turning it into a pictogram. We then answered questions all about the data!
In English, we read a book called ‘I Didn’t Do It’ all about a girl called Poppy who tells lies and then has no one to play with. We discussed the importance of telling the truth and owning up to our mistakes.
On Wednesday, we learnt all about St Patrick’s Day and made our very own Shamrock hats to use while we took part in some traditional Irish dancing!
It has been a very fun week and we look forward to our last week of term activities next week - all about Easter!
Have a lovely weekend!

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 3
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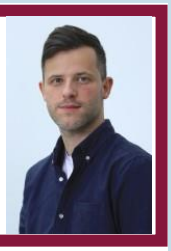

Brazil

This week in Brazil class, we have continued to read The Adventures Of The Third Liver Bird in English. Students have written a character description and used adjectives and adverbs to expand sentences and make them more interesting. This week's Food Technology lesson had a Mexican twist as the students made nachos, salsa and guacamole! We have also celebrated Neurodiversity week this week and have spoken about a variety of celebrities who have succeeded because of being neuro diverse. In particular, we looked at Greta Thunberg and her inspiring movement on climate change. The students have worked really well this week and we are looking forward to a busy last week of term next week"

Peru

Hello from Peru class, we have had another busy week, in fact, it is amazing how much we crammed into just 5 days, so many learning opportunities took place. This week is neuro Diversity week we looked at famous people diagnosed, with Autism, Dyslexia, ADHD and other additional needs. We researched an artist who makes micro sculptures diagnosed with Autism and Dyslexia as an adult. This week also contained Young Carers day, we looked at a typical day for ourselves and the extra things that a young carer may have to fit in during their day. We also discussed how they might feel and whether or not they may miss out on socialising due to their commitments as a carer.

This week Peru class took a trip over to our school library and we looked at the selection of books available and chose one to bring back to class to read for pleasure. In maths this week, we continued with measurement. We measured in millimetres, centimetres and metres and chose which area of measurement would be best to use to measure certain items based on their size. The Adventures of The Third Liver bird is our new book this week in English. We looked at some clues to see if we could figure out what the book was about. We also used our senses to use adjectives to describe images from the book. This week is also Red Nose Day we wore red to support the cause, which raises money for amazing charities. Science this week was planet based and we found out, when they were discovered, and by whom and if they contained any moons. We found out an interesting fact about them all. Lots of days highlighting important causes took place this week as you can see above, we also looked at Recycling day and discussed what we do recycle and what we can recycle and how small changes can make a difference.

We hope you all have an amazing weekend and look forward to seeing you back next week which is our last week before the spring break. I am sure it will be as fun packed as this week has been.

Botswana

This week in Botswana, we have been looking at graffiti street arts. We were able to go on a class trip looking around Liverpool at different artwork. On the way back to school, we stopped off at Otterspool Park to stretch our legs. During maths, we have been learning about multiplications. We also learned about the planets during our science lesson were students had to research a planet and make a presentation about it to present to the class next week. We have also been able to decorate cakes to sell to other students in key stage 3 to raise money for comic relief. This week's Pupil of the week is Ciaran, well done Ciaran!!

Mozambique

We have continued with our story in English 'the adventures of the third liver bird' where we had to write character profiles and use appropriate adjectives. We also learnt how to dance in PE. In food tech, we made banana bread, which we then got to taste - it was really tasty. We learnt all about neurodiversity and we have learnt about being a young carer. In life skills, we focused on comic relief, with a focus on fundraising. We also celebrated St Patrick's Day and made our own lucky leprechaun!

Madagascar

This week in Madagascar, we have been looking at creative writing including introducing verbs into our writing. We focused on perimeter in Maths; we measured string and recreated the shapes. We continued to focus on teeth and the roles each tooth plays in. We taste tested some foods and investigated which teeth we use to chew each food. We focused on young carer's awareness day and neurodiversity. Madagascar class enjoyed the discussion around these topics and had plenty of questions to ask. Well done for all your hard work this week ☺ Have a lovely weekend.

Kenya

In Kenya class this week, we have been looking at the difference between a phrase and a clause in English. We can all identify a clause as it makes sense on its own and it contains a verb. In maths, we have been looking at reflective symmetry. We reflected different shapes by horizontal lines of symmetry and vertical lines of symmetry. Some of us have even challenged ourselves in reflecting our shapes with two lines of symmetry. In Geography, we have been learning about the ice age and we started making a diorama box displaying a scene of the ice age. In music, we have been continuing with rhythms. We have learnt crotchets, quavers and the crotchet rest. We made our own eight bar rhythm using these notes and performed by clapping out the rhythm we made.

Seychelles

We have had a great first week back! It has been lovely to all be together in class again and everyone has worked so hard. In English this week we made our own futuristic machines, which everyone really enjoyed creating and explaining what their machine did and how it worked. We have also been celebrating Neurodiversity week. We researched and discussed, as a class, the different conditions and how they make us who we are. In Maths, we have been looking at the area of shapes and Arrays. In PE, a new dance teacher come into school to do a dance session with us, we all really enjoyed this. In Geography, we began looking at the Ice Age and which part of Britain was covered in ice.

Well done Seychelles a great first week back, keep up the good work!

Fiji

Fiji class have had lots' of celebrations this week. We have celebrated Neurodiversity week, young carers' awareness day and global recycle day. Finally, we have celebrated comic relief. Fiji class made milkshakes for the whole school. We ordered the ingredients, advertised to everyone, took orders via email and delivered the shakes. We raised lots of money for comic relief! All students enjoyed being a part of this activity. We have continued to learn about World War 2 and managed to film scene one for our movie. The students each had different roles within the movie, and all helped to make the props. A very buy week overall... Enjoy your weekend class Fiji!

Cape Verde

Wow! Neurodiversity week has encouraged so many amazing conversations this week in Cape Verde. We have created our own Neurographic artwork based on Pavel Piskarev's work. The boys have been fantastic this week during our Maths lessons, all students are now able to, confidently work out the perimeter of any shape! Including circles. In English this week, we continued our Topic around Cruella de Vil! Wonderful similes produced by all the children well done! We have looked closely at mushrooms in science this week asking 'Are all mushrooms deadly' we were shocked to find out that only 4% of all mushrooms are edible! We are becoming consumers that are more conscious after we researched recycling day, we are making sure that we use the three R's of recycling whenever possible in Cape Verde! We are looking forward to our last week of Term next week!

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

It has been a great week of learning for Class Australia. The students loved taking part in our 'drop everything and read' debate. In the debate, we took sides on the issue of whether animals, should be kept in a zoo or not. Students were both keen and confident to share their views in this debate. As a class, we also really enjoyed our lesson this week where we had a go at using a mechanical heart and pumping blood (red water) around the model circularity system. We hope you all have a very good and restful weekend.

Samoa

This week Samoa have had a super fun and productive week.
In English, we have looked at the second part of Oliver Twist. We were, introduced, to the Artful Dodger and the pupils have produced some amazing descriptive scenes.
In Maths, we have been translating shapes, so we have been moves shapes from one coordinate to another. Every pupil has understood and completed their work very well.
We took part in a debate for neurodiversity week with PNG class and it was about whether someone should be called "A person with Autism" or "An Autistic person." The majority vote for Samoa class was "A person with Autism" as they are a person first and Autism does not define who they are.
In P.E we played an amazing few games of basketball, everyone took part which was so lovely to watch (even all the staff!)
For life skills, we are looking at personal relations and how we act around each other. We have started to produce our own newspaper, which we will continue to do this every Thursday. We will look at Newsround and current affairs from the news and include it in our own newspaper.
For Food tech, we made delicious cookies. They turned out so professional looking and we think Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, better watch out!
We hope everyone has an amazing weekend, 1 more week to go until Easter. Keep up the good work!!!
Samoa Class Team.

New Zealand

New Zealand, as always, has had a busy week. Alongside the progress made in mastering "Circles, Circumference and Area" in maths and "Homophones" in English, we have been researching neurodiversity. The students debated how they identified with Autism, provoking lots of discussion. We focused on Young Carers Action Day on Tuesday and watched some insightful videos produced by young carers, discussing how it affects their lives, by their caring role at home. Most students enjoyed Food Technology this week, making Oreo Cheesecakes and we have moved onto "Triangles and Area" in maths. Enjoy your weekend everyone, you have earned it!

Tasmania

This week in Tasmania class, we have been very busy working hard. This week we celebrated Neurodiversity week 2021. We learnt about many famous people who have a diagnosis of ASD or ADHD and learnt about their triumphs, talents and successes. We made some delicious 15 cakes as part of our learning about St Patrick's Day. We learnt, about young careers, what their day-to-day life might be like, the different responsibilities they have like caring for their family and doing the shopping. We talked about how children who are young carers may feel and how it can affect their lives. We made some chow mein in Food Technology this week. We stir fried vegetables, noodles and chicken with some spices and soy sauce. Towards the end of the week, we celebrated Comic Relief!

Papua New Guinea

In school this week, PNG have taken part in lots of celebratory activities. Firstly, as it is neurodiversity week the students had a debate on whether a person with ASD, should be called an ‘autistic person’ or a ‘person with autism’. For ‘Young Carers Day’ PNG watched a video that showed the lives of three teenagers who were young carers for family members. This was very eye opening, and it made the students realise how appreciative they are of their family.

In terms of school subjects, in food tech, the class celebrated ‘St Patricks Day’ by making ‘fifteens'. In English as a class, we have started to read ‘The Woman in Black’ and completed comprehension questions, to understand, what is happening in the book. For Life Skills, the students developed their job searching skills by researching job vacancies using specific websites as well as completing a job application forms. Finally, for Maths we have continued to look at statistical data with particular focus on mode, mean, median and range.

Once again, well done PNG for the hard work and effort you put into all tasks set!

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 5
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https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-february/

Christmas Island and Malawi

This week in KS5, we have been having lots' of debates and discussions around neurodiversity as well as looking at how other people, who are neuro-divergent, have overcome obstacles and learning how to celebrate and understand our differences. We discussed how we as a key stage increase the amount of rubbish we recycle and we had a fantastic presentation from our Eco Committee representative.

Primary Department

Louis for 19 March

Rhys for 20 March

Secondary Department

Mann for 24 March

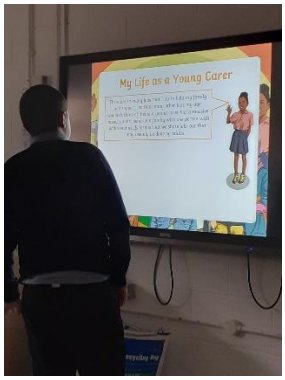
Justin for 25 March

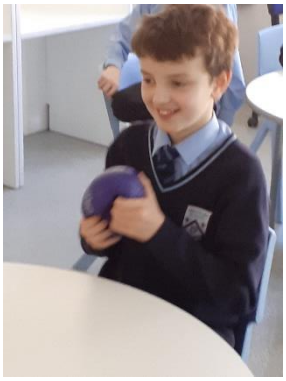
We wish you all a **Wonderful Birthday** and have fun!

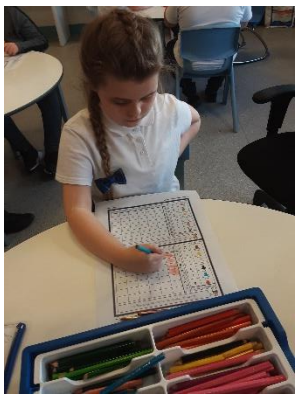
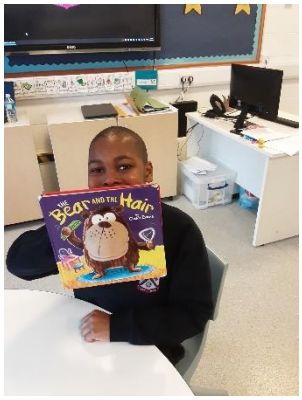
Student of the Week 25

Early Years and KS1		
Ireland	Sonny	for being kind and caring towards his friends
Wales	Alfie	for amazing Artwork
Nurture Provision		
Spain	Jack	for fantastic reading every day
Cape Verde	Andy	for Never giving up on himself or others
Tasmania	Charlie	for sharing about his interests with the rest of the class
Key Stage 2		
Italy	Georgina	for trying really hard to make good choices all week
Portugal	Oscar	for fantastic Phonics work!
France	Georgie	for excellent progress in using verbal requests when asking for things he wants
Canada	Aiden	for a much more positive attitude and trying especially hard with Maths
USA	Archie	for brushing his teeth brilliantly every day
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Isaac	for engaging well with practical Science activities and trying his best
Peru	Ben	for joining in so many lessons and staying regulated
Mozambique	David	for trying really hard to have a positive attitude in class
Botswana	Ciaran	for making good choices and being helpful in class
Madagascar	Joseph	for amazing hand writing
Kenya	Charlie	for trying really hard and asking for help to complete his work and being really helpful and mature
Seychelles	Jimmy	for being really willing to read and improve his reading skills
Fiji	Kassia	Kassia has settled back into Fiji class really well. She has worked extremely hard all week and took part in activities with the whole class. We are really proud of you Kassia... well done
Key Stage 4		
Australia	William	for working really hard all week
PNG	Rhys	for coming back to class and getting back into the routine of school
Samoa	Flynn	for baking cookies in food tech independently with no help or instruction
New Zealand	Joshua	Josh has made great progress in maths and English this week, well done
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Shaquille	for showing great focus this week, doing some great independent work
Christmas Island	Louis	for great behaviour offsite and being a fantastic representative for Abbots Lea School

Week 25 Photos



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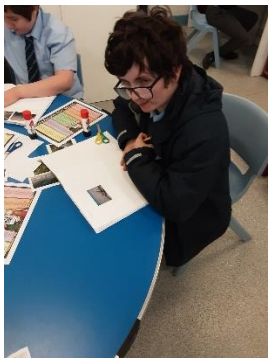

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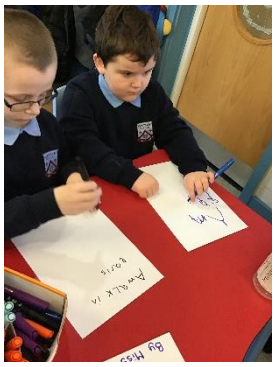

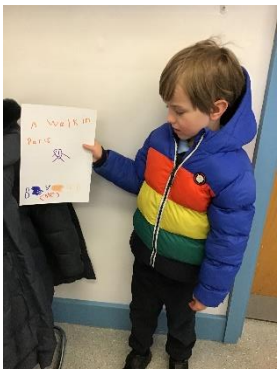

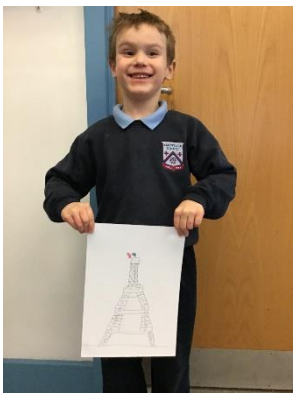

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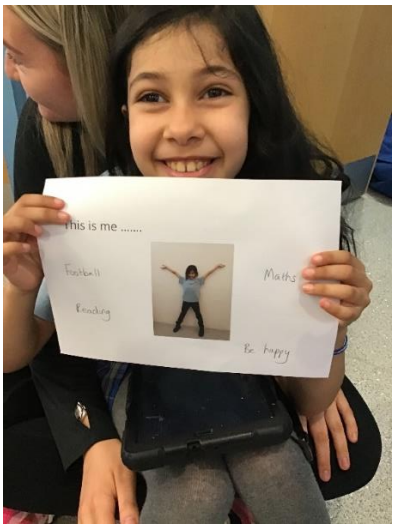
This is me .....
Football
Reading
Maths
Be happy