



Head's Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to Term 6 and to the last “leg” of this year’s journey!

We have had a really good start to the term and the weather helped tremendously, as it provided us with so many opportunities for learning outdoors. We loved it!

As we enjoy this term, we also plan for its inevitable ending and our focus is now firmly on the plans for the Leavers’ Day (Friday, 25 June 2021), Transition Week (12-16 July 2021) and for the last day of this school year (16 July at 13:00).

We have been delayed in finalising class lists and staff deployment and whilst it is for the right reason to trying to ensure we have minimal, if any changes thereafter, we have now pencilled in 25 June 2021 as the date on which we will share with the families their child’s next class and the team.

Our schedule for the rest of the year is very busy and yet, we look forward to taking our time to cherish the last days of the current school year’s setup, celebrate students’ successes and our own adult learning, and bidding farewell to any students and colleagues leaving us this year for pastures new. There will be tears, for sure!

What remains unchanged for now is the continuous set of restrictions related to Covid-19 in schools. As such, we are so sorry that, whilst we will have internal celebrations here on site, this year, like the last, we will not be opening our doors to the families and friends of Abbot’s Lea School. Safety must, unapologetically, come first and I would hate to contribute to anyone starting their school holidays in self-isolation...

So, optimistically and with hope for a healthy, uninterrupted, sunny and reflective Term 6 – I wish you all a very good weekend and I look forward to seeing you – in person or remotely – very soon!

Before I go, however – may I just say: Abbot’s Lea’s Got Talent this afternoon blew me away (again!!!) – huge thanks to all for organising, taking part and supporting our students and congratulations to all those who took part and to the overall winner – Paul – whose music was simply inspiring! More on that event in the next issue!

Kind regards,

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

Exams – June

28 May 2021

Dear Families

Ref: Exams – June 2021

I write to formally update you on the arrangements for exams taking place at Abbot's Lea School next term.

All students in years 11, 12, 13 and 14 took part in the exams series in May. Students approached the exams in a mature manner, showing great resilience and determination.

All students have another opportunity to sit the exams towards the end of June. The exams will take place on:

Monday, 28 June 2021 - Functional Skills Maths papers (calculator and non-calculator) at 9:30am

Tuesday, 29 June 2021 - Functional Skills English (reading and writing) at 9:30am and 12:30pm

Wednesday, 30 June 2021 - Functional Skills ICT at 9:30am.

Students taking Entry Level 1 – 3 exams will take a paper based exam. Students taking Level 1 and 2 exams will take an online exam using school laptops.

The exams will take place in the school hall and also in some designated classrooms, as has been the case this term. All students will have access to the support they are entitled to.

As mentioned previously, students who remain with us next year will have another opportunity to engage with the accredited learning in 2021-22. Students progressing to other educational establishments at the end of this school year will also have such opportunities extended to them by their Further Education provider.

If you have any questions regarding the June exams, please contact:

For Key Stage 4 students: Mr Lyons KS4 Leader: matthew.lyons@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

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We are all very proud of our students' engagement in the exams and we wish them every success during the next round of the accredited learning tests.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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Whittakers Schoolwear are now fully open with no appointment necessary! Our uniform is stocked in Southport and available online.



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COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

Our risk assessment has been updated and can be found on our website:

<http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Risk-Assessment-v27-18.5.2021.pdf>

Please note that, despite the governmental guidance relaxing many control measures, we will continue to operate high level of infection controls until at least the end of this school year, including restricted site visits to ALS, use of PPE when outside of the bubbles and enhanced cleaning regime. The news of new variants is also being closely monitored and we will act accordingly, in light of the evidence arising.

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.

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2020-21 Term dates

STUDENTS' SCHOOL DAY:

8:30am – 2:30pm

Term 6:

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 19 July to Tuesday, 31 August 2021

2021-22 Term dates

STUDENTS' SCHOOL DAY: 9:00-15:00

Term 1

INSET – 1, 2, 3 September 2021

6 September 2021– students return

Ends: 22 October 2021 at 3pm

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 3pm

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 3pm

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

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Emily Tobin, Deputy Headteacher

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Dear Families

As you will know, each student at Abbot's Lea School has a My Plan ©.

For the past two terms, 5 of our teachers across the school have been trailing retaining those plans on Evidence for Learning, rather than keeping them as a word document. Those teachers have concluded that this has been a really great improvement in our personalised My Plan © practice.

The reason they like having the My Plan © set up on Evidence for Learning is that we will be able to see the entire history of a student's targets and therefore, of their progress. Also, the photos and videos which demonstrate a student working on their targets can be fed into the My Plan © making it far more interactive and meaningful.

As you know, we have been steadily rolling out Evidence for Learning since September and this is the latest development.

There are lots more in the pipeline being worked on as we speak – so watch this space!

Mrs Tobin
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Head of Autism Research & Development

Miss Sara Muršić, Head of Autism Research & Development

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Dear colleagues, families and friends of Abbot's Lea School

I hope you had a fun, active and sunny half term break. Following our participation in Liverpool Heartbeat competition, each student received a Liverpool Sculpture Trail map to encourage exploration of our local culture. If you had a chance to walk around the city centre and find some of the sculptures, you will be happy to hear that fun does not stop there.

Our school library now has 10 copies of the "Statues of Liverpool" comic book. This publication, created by the Marvel editor and illustrator Tim Quinn, follows a group of superheroes exploring stories behind our local statues. It is a great activity to follow the Sculpture trail walk around the city. If you would like your own copy, they are available in the online shop: <https://www.liverpoolheartbeat.co.uk/shop/>

Family Drop-in Sessions are now available!

I would like to use this opportunity to inform our families and carers of the drop-in sessions which are now available 3 times per week. These sessions are organised to give you an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about autism, sensory processing, developmental stages, appropriate treatments and support, daily problems around food, relationships, communication, puberty, learning, employment or anything else that I could find an answer for you in research or through contacts with other services.

You can book your drop-in session here: <https://calendly.com/sara-mursic/drop-in-for-families> (numbers are limited, but new sessions become available each week)

- Tuesday 5-6 pm
- Thursday 8:30-9:30 am
- Friday 1-2 pm

Remember that there are no silly questions and that we all learn in this process. While I can share new knowledge in the field of Autism, your experience will help me contextualise research findings and evidence.

Ms Sara Muršić
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Care and Safeguarding

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This week is Infant Mental Health Awareness week. Infant mental health refers to the social and emotional wellbeing and development of children in the earliest years of life. The theme for Infant Mental Health Awareness Week 2021 is 'including infants in children and young people's mental health.' The goal of this year's theme is to encourage everyone working in children and young people's mental health policies, strategies and services to both think about and include babies.

As a parent or caregiver, giving babies a sense of security and belonging is an early sign of positive infant mental health. Loving, nurturing, responsive relationships provide young children with a sense of comfort, safety and confidence and lays a foundation for lifelong mental and physical health. A child's brain makes one million neural connections every single second, and positive and supportive experiences with parents and carers from birth can help children learn how to control their emotions, cope with stress and develop new skills that serve as a foundation for later life.

Babies' emotional wellbeing influences how they experience, manage and express emotions. Parents' responses shape their learning and as adults we can offer physical touch and comfort, calm tone of voice, eye contact, smiles, repeated words, and praise. When we respond positively and meet their needs, babies develop trust, attachment, and confidence in us as caregivers.

Infant Mental Health Awareness Week "provides an opportunity for everyone working in the sector to raise awareness of the importance of babies' social and emotional development, and to share work they are doing," explains the Parent-Infant Foundation. One of the Parent-Infant Foundation's main aims is to raise awareness of the importance of infant mental health. The charity promotes a need to understand the first 1001 days from conception to age two, and how this stage is a period of rapid development where early experiences can affect not only babies' emotional wellbeing, but also influence how their bodies and brains develop. More information can be found by visiting this link to the charities website:

<https://parentinfantfoundation.org.uk>

The NSPCC have also been promoting Infant Mental Health Awareness week and have been posting lots of interesting content via their social media platforms. It is well worth a look:

Twitter: @NSPCC

Instagram: @NSPCC_official

I have also provided the links to two NSPCC videos on YouTube, both of which have excellent advice and information on Infant mental health:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMyDFYSkZSU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwYYN4eALik>

School Business Support

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It has been a period of change for our Facilities Team over the past two weeks and I would just like to thank the team for their continued hard work and positive attitude displayed.

Jamie, continues to ensure all tasks he is given are done in a timely and thorough manner and is always happy to help. George, who supports opening and closing the building, does so in a meticulous way, almost unseen at times and keeps me up to date of any issues found. Alex, our caretaker, really has stepped up to the challenge, he has been proactive with his support and has been a huge help to me.

Between them, they are keeping the school running whilst we recruit a new Facilities Manager, for which we have had lots of interest, and I am grateful to the three of them for their hard work and support.

School Business Support

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This week we have had some four-legged visitors to school in the form of the animals from Alldays Farm. Our students loved the experience and the Facilities Team were thankful for the visit as they won't need to mow the grass this week! Thanks for Mrs Roberts for organising.

Our recruitment continues with successful appointments to our IT Apprentice, Horticulture Apprentice and Data Analyst positions. Staff will be starting later in the summer.

We are currently advertising for several posts - Facilities Manager, Key Stage 2 Leader, HLTA (maternity cover), TA's (full time and job share) and Educational Psychologist. Full details are on our website - <http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

Hope everyone makes the most of the lovely weather predicated for this weekend.

Key Stage News and Updates

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Miss O'Neill

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Ireland

Ireland Class have had an excellent week back! We participated in the Bike-a-bility session where we rode bikes after learning how to ride them correctly and safely. We also visited the farm that came to our school where we saw and petted different farm animals, such as pigs, sheep, a pony, rabbits, chickens, a chinchilla and guinea pigs. We also experienced our first Judo session in our PE lesson, which was great fun! We enjoyed our Music lesson on Monday too where we used different musical instruments to copy the beat!

Have a lovely weekend!

Wales

Class Wales have had an action packed first week back full of amazing visits! We had a visit from Alldays Farm. We got the chance to meet and pet different farm animals such as goats, pigs, sheep and a pony! We discussed how to care for them, where they originate from and what types of food they eat. We had an amazing time and learnt so much! We also had a visit from Cycle for life, the children completed different circuits, which helped us practice skills that we need to ride a bike such as balance, core strength and coordination. We then got the chance to ride bikes and discussed how to stay safe on the roads. We had a great morning in the sun! We also had a Judo session with Paul the children practiced different skills such as different ways of moving and explored different Judo holds such as the chest hold and how we can escape from it.

This term our new topic is the seaside. In Geography, we used all of our senses to explore what we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch as the seaside. We thought of our own ideas and then discussed different ideas as a class. In English, we read Sally and the limpet. We explored different objects to identify the setting of the story and we then sequenced the story. In Maths, we explored doubling. In food tech we made our own apple crumble, we followed a set of instructions and learnt some new cooking techniques to create it. It was so yummy! In Art, we created our own desert island using pencil and coloured pencils. We practiced our pencil control and made sure we stayed in the lines when colouring in. In PSHE, we discussed ways to make our environment cleaner. We also performed our class dance for Abbot's Lea's Got Talent final! We were amazing, and are hope we win!

We have had a great week, and would like to thank all of our visitors!

Have a lovely weekend,

Class Wales Team

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 2

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Italy

Italy Class have had a busy first week of term. We started our week with a visit from the farm, the farmers talked about lots of different animals and how to care for them. Italy class had a go at brushing the pony. In maths, we have been learning about fractions, how to equally share objects into the correct fraction. In English, we have been learning about poetry and recognising rhyming words. We have started our new topic of plants and looked at what is the most common types of wildflowers we can see around our school and at our houses. We finished the week with bike-a-bility practicing and learning how to ride a bike. Well done Italy Class.

France

We have had a wonderful, fun filled first week of Term 6. The students have come back refreshed from their break and settled right back into our routine and activities. On Monday, we had a visit from a local farm. The class loved learning about the different animals, in particular the miniature pony who they had a chance to groom! On Tuesday, we started our new topic, which focuses on what is inside our gardens. We spoke about what plants, trees and mini-beasts we find in our own gardens then went on a lovely walk around the school grounds to identify different flowers and plants. On Wednesday, we continued with our Topic work by planting our class sunflowers. We've set up an investigation with our plants to see how they grow in different conditions- we're looking forward to watching them grow over the next few weeks and seeing if your predictions were correct! For PE this week we have also started our new Yoga sessions. The class, thoroughly enjoyed their first session and are looking forward to more over the rest of the term.

Keep up the hard work class France!

Canada

We have had a great first week back after half term and have been really enjoying the lovely weather! We have begun a new science unit looking at growing things and mini-beasts. We walked around the school grounds and found lots of flowers and weeds and we then learned to identify the parts of a plant. On Tuesday, we were so lucky to see the farm that came to school! We loved stroking the pigs, rabbits and the rest of the animals. Canada class' favourite was Mr Tumble the pony! We also had a great dance lesson on Tuesday and really enjoyed playing lots of fun games to music. On Wednesday, we learned about money in life skills. We learned to identify the different coins and notes and discussed what we need money for and how to get it. This week we have also been observing our caterpillars and they have now all hatched from their chrysalises as butterflies! We cannot wait to release them and watch them fly away. In maths, we have begun learning about fractions and splitting things into halves and quarters and in English we are going to be planning our very own picnic after having read the Teddy Bear's Picnic! Canada class have worked so hard, and the staff team are so proud!

USA

USA have had an amazing week. We started the week with a visit from the farm. We saw so many animals. There were pigs, goats, chinchillas and a sheep that was so big Miss Davies thought it was a cow!! When we got back to class, we researched our favourite farm animal

and made a PowerPoint to present the information to the class. On Tuesday, we had such a lovely day. We went to our outdoor learning area to see how many mini beasts we could find. There were so many, we looked underneath rocks and logs and saw the bugs in their natural habitat. We were very careful to put them back where we got them. We had then planned to go to Crosby Beach but unfortunately, due to roadworks it would take too long to get there so we changed our plans and went to Otterspool Promenade instead. We were so proud of USA class, they were phenomenal advocates for the school. During Life Skills, we learnt about different ways to pay for things, and the best payment method for larger or smaller items. We then did food technology and made delicious scrambled eggs. Some students said they did not like them but they still tried them, which was fantastic. Well done, on a brilliant first week back USA! We know we are going to have an amazing final term.

Spain

Spain class worked really well this week.

We are still learning about fractions in Maths, now moving onto quarters.

Plant life cycle has been the topic in Science.

The class really enjoyed visiting the farm.

We have been following the 'What the ladybird heard' story in English. The class also made clay ladybirds.

The class has also done some phonics and reading every day.

Portugal

This week in Class Portugal, we have been learning about mini beasts and exploring their movements. We read 'Dear Zoo' for English and made animals from paper plates and paint. In Life Skills, we looked at ocean pollution, how plastic affects all the animals living in and around the sea. We were lucky to see some animals brought into our school by the farm. These animals included pigs, goats, rabbits and many more. On Thursday, we enjoyed a trip to New Brighton beach and had an amazing time with our friends.

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 3

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Brazil

This week has been a brilliant first week back for Brazil class. In Food Technology, the students' made tuna pasta and are developing an awareness of cooking simple and quick meals. On Tuesday, we were lucky to have a visit from the farm, the students enjoyed looking and stroking a variety of animals and learning how to care for them. On Thursday we made the most of the lovely weather and went to Sefton Park for our PSHE trip, we took a walk around the palm house and enjoyed being out in the community. We look forward to another great week next week."

Peru

Hello from Peru Class! A busy week has been had by us all. We started our new project topic which is I am Warrior, to introduce it we played a game of 'Capture the Flag', splitting the class into two groups one being the Celts and the other the Romans. The players used the grounds

of the school to hide their flag and worked together to try to get their opponents flag; fun was had by all. On Monday, we watched some videos on recycling and completed a comprehension linked to this to embrace World Environment Day, which had actually fallen on the Saturday of half term. Maths this week has been based on angles and turns, Peru class physically made the turns using a hoop to stand in and used a clock to help find quarter, half, three quarter and full turns. We completed some worksheets to show we understood how this worked. Abbot's Lea have had the farm in this week and Peru class had a time slot to go and see the animals. We saw pigs, sheep, a pony, rabbits and chickens. We discovered that Chinchillas do not bathe in water, as their coats are too thick so they use sand and we had the pleasure of seeing this in action, he was super cute! English this week we looked at traditional poetry and rated them using a traffic light code saying we liked it, thought it was all right or we did not like it. The poets we looked at were Eleanor Farjeon and Charles Causley. P.E this week we had a game of quick cricket. Hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and see everyone on Monday.

Botswana

This week in Botswana, we have been recapping making 2d and 3d shapes. In English we have learnt about proverbs, we shared some we already know and researched the meaning of others. We had so much fun at the farm, learning about all the different animals and petting them. We enjoyed watching the grand finale of ALS got talent, and we want to congratulate all of the participants and of course the winner Paul; you were all amazing! We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend 😊

Mozambique

This week in Mozambique class, we have started looking at our new topic 'I am warrior' and explored Roman and Celtic warriors. In literacy, we learnt about world ocean day and wrote our own acrostic poems. In Life skills, we began a new topic of personal hygiene and paid particular attention to oral health. In food tech, we made our very own tuna pasta and we also really enjoyed a visit from the farm where we got to see and touch a variety of small animals.

Madagascar

This week Madagascar have been busy again, in English students have explored non-chronological reports and looked at the elements they should include such as captions, headings, sub headings and introductions. In Maths, students have been looking at angles. In food technology students made tuna pasta with mayonnaise, onions and sweetcorn before tasting a little of this.

In their project lesson, students have explored a Roman timeline, discussed where a Roman fortress could be built and why and designed their own Roman shield. Well done Madagascar class.

Kenya

Kenya have been working hard this week. In Maths, we have been learning about coordinates. We are able to solve problems finding and plotting coordinates on a graph. We have started looking at the early history of Britain, this week we have been learning the Celts. In Life Skills, we have been learning about 'Puberty'. The students were very sensible and were able to talk about changes that happen in both males and females. We had an unexpected Yoga session on Thursday, Kenya really enjoyed this and learnt lots of new poses. We are looking forward to more sessions for the remainder of the term. We also had a visit from the farm this week. Kenya enjoyed learning facts about the many animals that were brought in and enjoyed petting them. Apologies to all the parents who now have requests for new pets! Keep up the hard work Kenya!

Seychelles

Seychelles have enjoyed their first week back after half term. In PE, we went onto the school field and did some 50-meter sprints. In English, we started to read the Demon Dentist as a class taking it in turns to read. We also did some work on past tenses. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Alldays Farm who brought along different animals including Pigs, Goats, Rabbits, Guinea pigs, Chinchillas, a Cockerel and a Pony. The pupils stroked the animals if they wished to and told different facts about the animals. During life skills, we talked about personal hygiene, how we have to look after ourselves and then discussed different scenarios, which we may face in everyday life. In History this week, we started our new topic Iron Warriors and we talked about Roman Soldiers and Celtic Warriors. We have been working in groups to research facts about them and record our findings. Have a lovely weekend.

Fiji

Fiji class have had a wonderful first week back. We have spent each morning at Swimming. The students have made excellent progress and will be bringing home their swimming certificates today. We have introduced our new topic - I am a Warrior! We have also had an amazing life skills lesson based on personal hygiene. The students enjoyed practicing getting themselves dressed, undressed and folding clothes. We had an amazing catwalk to present our outfits! We definitely have some fashionistas in the class! Have a wonderful weekend - Fiji Class Team.

Cape Verde

This week in Cape Verde, we started our new project for this term, 'I Am Warrior'. As part of this, we designed our own warrior shield and looked at Roman numerals. In maths, we looked at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, whilst in English we consolidated our comprehension skills. In PE, we created an obstacle course and timed ourselves going around it. We also had an enthusiastic game of dodge ball! We really enjoyed reading this week, including 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' and 'Best Nerds Forever'. Well done, for a great first week back Cape Verde!

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 4

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Australia

It has been a good start back after half term for Class Australia. We have had great week of swimming lessons in the mornings, which most of the students have greatly enjoyed and have learned some essential swimming skills. As a class, we also enjoyed the visit of a local farm to the school. We were able to meet pigs, sheep, a pony, goats and chickens amongst other animals. In Life Skills, students enjoyed some real-life challenges e.g. getting out of a human knot. We are looking forward to our last term as Class Australia.

Samoa

This first week back Samoa have had a productive and positive week. We have started looking at the Mode and Range in maths. Everyone was amazing at learning how to do the mode and range and picked it up super quick! For English we have started to design our own island, our

own country, a flag and we are hope to then plan our own holiday. We are then linking this with ICT and will be looking at how to book a holiday on SkyScanner. For life skills, we are looking at application forms, what it is like applying for a job and we did our own role-play for a job interview. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Samoa Class Team 😊

New Zealand

New Zealand have had a busy week at the swimming baths. We have been impressed with how much progress students' made with their stroke technique, especially with the crawl and breathing techniques. Well done to our swimmers. We have been continuing with our book study, looking at figurative language and identifying examples in the book. We have enjoyed hunting for metaphors, similes and onomatopoeia. Most of the students visited the mobile farm on-site. I think we all fell in love with the animals, especially the pigs. Our project this half term is Space and we have begun our learning by looking at the origins of the universe. I think everyone was fascinated with the story of the Big Bang, and how we know the universe is still expanding. A busy week with football time most days, with the perfect weather to be outdoors. Well done New Zealand for an enjoyable and productive week.

Tasmania

This week in Tasmania class, we have been taking part in our swimming lessons! We had a practice using the minibus to prepare for our daily routine of travelling to Halewood swimming baths. The students really enjoyed learning different swimming techniques and we are very proud of how well they listened to instructions and took part in the lessons. We also visited the farm this week on the school site. We learnt about Rabbits, Chickens, Goats, Sheep and Shetland Ponies.

Papua New Guinea

Welcome back PNG! After a restful half term, the class have come back and taken part in lots of interesting activities. For example, while continuing to read 'Al Capone does my shirts', PNG have been inspired to write diary entries in the perspective of a bystander or someone who is part of a gang. In Maths, students have used the SENECA learning platform to recap interpreting basic formulas such as addition, multiplication, division and subtraction. As it was 'World Oceans Day' on Tuesday, students have looked at the impact of how plastic and human waste has affected the sea life and ecosystems.

As well as this, the class also had the amazing opportunity to see and pet farm animals such as rabbits, chickens, pigs, sheep and goats. This was a very enjoyable task for students and staff!

Key Stage News and Updates

Key Stage 5

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Christmas Island and Malawi

This week in KS5, we have begun to prepare ourselves for the end of the year. We are continuing to revise for anyone who might need to re-sit their exams, and the students are more confident than ever.

We have also started planning the event that we will have to say goodbye to all the students who will be leaving us at the end of the year. The students are in charge of deciding what the event will entail as well as looking at budgeting and fundraising for the day.

In food tech this term, we are cooking BBQ food and this week we have started with hand-made burgers as well as cooking their own burger buns from scratch. There are rumours of a big BBQ at the leavers' event hopefully; all this practice will come into use.

The whole department really enjoying learning about all the animals that came onsite this week. The students found the experience both therapeutic and educational.



Primary Department

Logan for the 16 June

Secondary Department

**Theo for the 11 June
Charlie for the 13 June**



Students of the Week 34

Early Years and KS1		
Ireland	Harley	for great listening and engagement at the Bikeability session and at the farm!
Wales	Lucas	for taking part in discussions in class
Nurture Provision		
Spain	Sam	for working very hard and trying his best
Cape Verde	Karim	for being a good role model
Tasmania	Ciaran	for excellent listening during swimming
Key Stage 2		
Italy	Jack	for working hard in phonics all week
Portugal	Riley	for always trying his best!
France	Georgie	for fantastic improvement in handwriting and fine motor skills!
Canada	Thomas	for making excellent progress in reading. Well done, Thomas!
USA	Joshua	for listening to instructions and making excellent choices when we have been off site
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Jayden	for using his voice and communicating with staff
Peru	Ben	for trying hard in his work
Mozambique	David	for trying really hard with his reading
Botswana	Jack	for engaging in some activities in class with his peers and for his amazing piano skills
Madagascar	Isaac	for displaying an increased level of positive choices over the past week
Kenya	Jack	for trying hard on following instructions and engaging in his work.
Seychelles	Levi	for fantastic contribution to lessons
Fiji	Jake	for excellent progress in Swimming and managed to independently dress and confidently take part in the sessions
Key Stage 4		
Australia	Mai	for excellent effort in swimming
PNG	Caitlin	for completing a very detailed and interesting diary entry inspired by the life of Al Capone
Samoa	Francis	for having a positive attitude
New Zealand	Thomas	for great effort and progress in swimming this week, well done!
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Megan	for asking lots of great questions when the farm came in to school this week
Christmas Island	Lewis	for making great progress in phonics intervention

Week 34 in Pictures







