

Head's Weekly Newsletter Week 33



Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of this term. Term 5 finishes next Friday, 27 May 2022 at 3pm, and students and staff return to school for Term 6 on Monday, 6 June 2022.

Reflecting on this week, I want to share with you just how proud I am of our students and the team:

From the WOW moment of one of our youngest children speaking for the first time ever this week, all the way through to our most senior students sitting their end-of-school exams: I have seen the personal growth, social interactions, effective communication, as well as maturity and adaptive skills, demonstrating emotional strength and resilience. Well done – sincere congratulations!

Naturally, not all moments were a success – the struggle and failure are as important in the process of learning, growing up and maturing, as the moments of achievement.

This is where our team of staff come in. Naturally, following November's Ofsted inspection, we have been working together to strengthen both our leadership and management and our team unity. That task is never truly complete and yet, I am utterly inspired by my team:

- the job we do here is most certainly not for everyone; it requires exceptional people and skilled professionals
- only staff who are truly child-centred can withstand the long-term pressures
- consistently applying evidence-based, diverse child-led methods of working takes a systemic approach but also a high degree of teacher/staff autonomy to dynamically risk assess and adapt their interventions; this takes courage, as well as skills
- we do not give up, no matter how challenging the task is this takes dedication, selflessness and endurance
- we always believe that we can help, develop, educate, support and improve. This keeps us going when progress is slow or temporary regression seen. All is OK in the end! THANK YOU!!!

With kindest regards for the weekend ahead

Mrs A Hildrey

Headteacher

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School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2021-22 (current academic year) – <u>Term dates 2021-22</u>

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This term

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



Key Diary Dates for Week 34

The key dates for Week 34		
w/b 23 May 2022	British Sandwich Week	
23 May 2022	Drumming Sessions	
23 May 2022	Year 11-14 Maths Exams	
24 May 2022	Year 11-14 English Exams	
25 May 2022	Year 11-14 ICT Exams	
25 May 2022	Prospective Families Tour – 3.15pm	
26 May 2022	Year 9 and 10 Vaccinations (Booster, Meningitis, COVID)	
26-27 May 2022	Year 11-14 Speaking and Listening Exams	
27 May 2022	Jubilee Celebrations	
27 May 2022	No Open Assemblies or Family Coffee Morning this week	
27 May 2022	School closes for half term at 3pm	

Key Diary Dates

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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

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

We will be selling raffle tickets at 50p per ticket or £2.50 per book. Tickets will be sent home, and if you would like to purchase them, please send the stub back to school with the money.

We will also be running an own clothes day for students on Friday 10 June 2022, and would welcome any families to send in a chocolate donation for the tombola stall, rather than a monetary donation.

We are also looking for volunteers to help organise the event, run the event and tidy up after the event!

Anyone keen to help is asked to contact Dr Mursic on sara.mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk or Mrs Myers on keri.myers@abbotsleaschool.co.uk



Students of the Week

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Class	Student	Reason	
Early Years and Key			
Ireland	Jacob	For amazing number work in Maths.	
Key Stage 2			
Portugal	Oscar	For working very hard in all lessons and for being a	
		superstar swimmer!	
France	Imogen	For becoming more confident walking around the pool side.	
Spain	Bobby	For communicating and working with staff about how he feels and identifying what helps him the most.	
Italy	Daniel	For a great phonics lesson.	
Peru	Erin	For being extremely helpful around the classroom and continually offering to help everyone.	
Key Stage 3			
Mozambique	Sam	For outstanding knowledge and research for his History project, well done Sam!	
Madagascar	Cameron	For following staff instructions and being a kind and helpful friend.	
USA	Jakob	For using great expression whilst performing.	
Brazil	Jacob	For working hard all week, well done!	
Kenya	Finley	For inspiring unity within the classroom.	
Cape Verde	Ruben	For designing a detailed maze for our science experiment.	
Seychelles	Sean	For understanding how to work out the difference between centimetres and millimetres in Maths.	
Botswana	Jack	For having a great week back in school, being in everyday for the first time since Christmas.	
Key Stage 4			
Australia	Alex	For outstanding efforts during Assessment Week.	
Samoa	Anthony	For showing amazing responsibility when taking care of his school sunflowers, independently making sure they are taken care of and protected.	
New Zealand	Scott	For trying his best with tasks that he find difficult.	
Papua New Guinea	Dylan	For handing in his electronics independently every day.	
Key Stage 5			
Malawi	Arrianne	For working hard in her lessons and helping others.	
Christmas Island	Megan	For engaging with a meeting regarding her future, showing her maturity and ambitions in life.	
Fiji	Kieran	For settling into Fiji Class!	
Nurture Provision			
Wales	Charlie	For amazing communication this week.	
Canada	Daniel	For continuous effort and hard work in all activities.	
Tasmania	Andy	For engaging with another student during a good tech activity.	

Next Week's Menu

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Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 23/05/22

Week 5	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Vegetable Stir Fry served with Egg Noodles and Stir Fry Vegetables	Homemade Chicken Pie with Mash Potato and Green Beans	All Day Breakfast with Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Wholemeal Toast, Mushrooms, Tomatoes	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise served with Crusty Bread	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Feta and Vegetable Pasta	Veggie spring Rolls with Sweet Chilli Sauce and Salad	Cheese and Onion Quiche	Macaroni Cheese and Peas	Veggie Burger in a Bun
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcom	Chefs Choice	Tomato and Basil	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Noodles	Mash Potato	Wholemeal Toast	Spaghetti	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Carrots and Peppers	Green Beans	Mushrooms	Tomatoes	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts	Apple and Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream	Ice Cream	Sponge Cake with Custard	Homemade Cookies	Cheese and Crackers
and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit	Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

Ask for daily chef specials

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

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

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ireland Class

Teacher: Miss Hattersley Ireland Class have enjoyed planning and drawing their own farms and then making them 3D using recycling materials. The boys worked together to help each other create masterpieces!

The boys have tried really hard with their reading this week. They have enjoyed reading with staff and practising their phonics sounds.

Ireland Class have loved exploring in our outdoor area this week. They have used carrots to mark make in paint and mix the colours, had sand and water play with the farm animals and planted and dug up some carrots in the soil.











Portugal Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	Portugal Class have had a great week. We continued our swimming lessons and everybody has worked so hard and improved so much. Well done Portugal Class! In Food Technology we made fifteens. The students really enjoyed making these and enjoyed eating them even more! In RE we learnt about Hindu weddings and then completed a range of activities, such as painting rangoli patterns and drawing henna tattoos. In PE we played different games and practiced our underarm throwing, hurdles and long jump skills in preparation for Sports Day.
France Class Teacher: Miss Last	France Class have had another busy week. We have enjoyed our last week of swimming lessons and all the students have grown in confidence in the pool. In Food Technology we made a delicious dessert called fifteens. We carefully followed the recipe and instructions. They were super tasty. In French this week, we learnt the numbers 1 to 10 in French. In Art, we continued looking at art work by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. Andy Goldsworthy uses natural materials to create his art work. We decided to go on a nature walk around school and collected natural materials and then created our own art work using the materials. In RE, we learnt about the Hindu Festival of Raksha Bandhan. During the festival siblings give each other a bracelet. We then designed our own bracelets. This week we also enjoyed a visit from our class buddy, who is a student in KS5. They came to class to talk about the importance of exercise, how dance can be a fun exercise and then taught us a dance routine.
Spain Class Teacher: Miss Ledward	Spain Class have had a lovely week! We have started our new story in English 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have had so much fun sequencing the story. We had a taste test of all the different fruits and thought of different adjectives to describe them. For Maths in our groups we have started working out subtraction questions up to 20 and working out how to subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using the crossing out method. We made fifteens in Food Technology. We also celebrated Outdoor Learning Day on Thursday by making bird feeders and hung them outside. In History we went on a nature walk to collect materials to build our own castles and labelled it. In PE we have developed our athletics skills by practicing our techniques for sprinting and long jump! Well done Spain Class, have a lovely weekend.
Italy Class Teacher: Mrs Cooney	Wow Italy Class have been so busy this week! We started our new History topic - castles! The children have loved building and designing their own models with different materials. We looked at all the different features of castles and incorporated them into our designs. Drawbridges, moats, towers, turrets! This week our story was George and the Dragon and the children have loved roleplaying as the knight! In Maths we continued our number work on more or less. On Wednesday afternoon the children enjoyed a session on our trikes and bikes. Thursday was Outdoor Learning Day so we enjoyed a sensory walk in our forest area and built castles with sticks and leaves. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!
Peru Class Teacher: Miss Laird	This week in Peru Class we have enjoyed learning all about bees and how we can help protect bees in preparation for our class assembly celebrating 'World Bee Day'. We were given the chance to try honey and create our own Honey Cornflake cakes. On Thursday, we celebrated Outdoor Learning Day

with a Maths scavenger hunt and creating our own bird feeders, which we placed around the school. Within Life Skills, we have been focusing on personal hygiene and we discussed the importance of staying clean, how we can stay clean and how puberty may need us to change our routines. Well done Peru Class, you have all worked hard this week!









Mozambique Class Teacher: Mr Hodgson	This week Mozambique Class have learnt about proper and improper fractions. Students have worked hard to identify whole fractions and recognise the numerator and denominator. In Food Technology, we made roasted parsnips with pancetta and mozzarella. In English we continued reading The Hobbit and students wrote their own scripts and predictions on what will happen next in the next chapter. Mozambique Class really enjoyed taking part in the Outdoor Learning Day, which was held on Thursday. Students learnt how to make a den, build their own dreamcatcher and look for shelter in the woodland area. Have a great weekend!
Madagascar Class Teacher: Miss Jennings	This week in Madagascar Class we have continued to explore magnets. We tested a range of objects to test if they were magnetic or non-magnetic, after we made predictions. We created great animations during Computing and enjoyed mud painting during our Outdoor Learning Day. We have also enjoyed completing an athletic course in PE where we timed how long it took to jump over hurdles, dribble around cones and throw small rings into hula hoops. Once we completed the course once, we completed it for a second time with the aim to beat our own personal best time. WE ALL BEAT OUR FIRST TIMES and had so much fun. We look forward to our last week at school next week before half term. We wish you all a restful yet enjoyable weekend.
USA Class Teacher: Mrs Suku	This week USA Class have loved reading a play script and practising their performance skills. We have been experimenting using magnets in Science and have been really interested in looking at the terracotta warriors in Art.
Brazil Class Teacher: Mrs Rodway	Brazil Class have been working on measure this week in Maths. We have been looking at weight and mass of objects. In English we have continued to read our book Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. We are up to the part when Mike Teavee enters the chocolate TV room, I wonder what will happen to him? In Art we have been looking at Chinese writing and in History we have been finding out about what life was like during the Shang Dynasty. Well done Brazil Class for another great week!
Kenya Class Teacher: Miss McClintock	This week in Kenya Class we have enjoyed learning about play scripts. We have looked at the roles of characters and how to title a scene. We also took part in an escape room this week, working together as a team to solve the case. In Maths, we have been learning how to tell time as well as useful ways to remember how many days there are in each month. In Science we experimented with magnets and what in our classroom is magnetic. This week we celebrated Outdoor Learning Day. We made Art using natural resources we could find, we used each other's shadows to create images and we used a scouts survival kit to build ourselves a den. Well done Kenya Class!
Cape Verde Class Teacher: Mr Hatton	This week in Cape Verde Class students have been learning about o'clock and half past in Maths. Students are working extremely hard to recognise the difference between them. In English we have moved onto poetry and the different tools that are used in a poem. We are able to recognise similes, metaphors and onomatopoeia. In History we have continued on the Shang Dynasty and how the peasants lived. In Science we designed and created

	our own maze to use as part of our science experiment on magnets. Students will test out each other's maze using magnets on top and below to try and solve the way out. Cape Verde have worked extremely hard this week. Well done!
Seychelles Class Teacher: Miss Joyce	This week Seychelles Class have completed the following activities: In Maths, we have looked at comparing measurements in millimetres and centimetres as well as looking at the area of shapes. In English, we have finished writing our letters in order to persuade people from cutting down trees. For ICT, we have used an app on the iPads to create our own stop
	animations using materials in class. And finally, for Science we investigated which materials would be magnetic and non-magnetic. As always well done Seychelles Class for all your hard work!
Botswana Class	This week in Botswana Class we have been enjoying the brilliant weather we have been given by spending lots of time outdoors. This included our Outdoor
Teacher: Miss Caveney	Learning Day we experienced on Thursday, making dens and spending time in the woods. In Food Technology this week we made roast parsnips with bacon and cheese. The reactions from the students were mixed, but we are very proud of the students' cooking ability. We also had our first in school game of Warhammer with the figures that the students have painted. It was a tough fought battle between the Space Marines and the Tyranids. Some of our class have also started rehearsing with the school choir, preparing for the performance to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We hope everyone has a great weekend before the last week before half term.









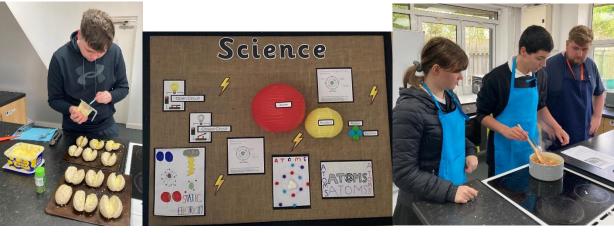


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Australia Class Teacher: Mr Lyons	This week in Australia Class we have been completing mock assessments in preparation for our exams in the forthcoming weeks. We have been making spring rolls in Food Technology and we enjoyed outdoor learning on Thursday completing teepee building and dreamer catcher making amongst other activities.
Samoa Class Teacher: Miss Gibney	We have had another hardworking week in Samoa, in preparation for our end of year exams. The students have been working exceptionally hard, revising all the work that's been done this year and focusing on any areas they are unsure of in order to do the best they can in their exams. We want to wish our class and all KS4 students completing exams the best of luck for next week! In Science we have also been calculating the speed of acceleration of a given moment. We have also completed multiple GL assessments in reading, spelling and maths. In RE, we have been discussing forgiveness and exploring what the meaning of forgiveness is and how it can benefit people. On Thursday, we had a very special Outdoor Learning Day to celebrate, where we completed activities such as creating a teepee, leaf art and dreamcatchers from the amazing resources nature has to offer. As per usual this term we have been working hard in our various Accredited Learning courses. Our very own student Githan has said that art is his favourite Accredited Learning lesson as it is "fun" and he enjoys being creative! In Life Skills we focused on rights and responsibilities in school, and how to respect each other inside and outside of school.
New Zealand Class Teacher: Mr Spillane	This week in New Zealand Class we have been working hard, preparing for our exams and also doing some assessments in English and Maths. We looked at forces in Science, including why do planes fly and boats float. In Life Skills we are busily preparing our art work and starting to curate an exhibition. On Thursday we had our Outdoor Learning Day. We made dreamcatchers and leaf rubbings and got to spend time in the forest school area.
Papua New Guinea Class Teacher: Mrs Wong	PNG Class had a busy week this week! In English, we were practising our ten minute tests in preparation for our mock exam. In Maths, we had gained a better understanding on decimal multiplication. In Science, we continued on our science booklets. In our Life Skills lessons, we focused on the risk and danger of alcohol, drugs and smoking. We also discussed on how peer pressure can affect our choices. In our PE lesson, we did judo and learnt how to do a safe body drop. We practised the moves we learned previously in partners. On Thursday, we had our Outdoor Learning Day. Every morning we settled in by challenging ourselves on Wordle, Worldle, Heardle and Globle together. We expanded our horizon during our Accredited Learning lessons in Art, Design Technology, History, Music and PE.



Malawi Class Teacher: Mr Mason	This week, Malawi Class has been busy with revision for their upcoming exams next week. They made a carrot and coriander soup in Food Technology and studied more about circuits in Science, learning all about voltage and batteries. They have also enjoyed Outdoor Learning Day where they did some leaf art, built a teepee and made some s'mores - needless to say, the s'mores were a big success!
Christmas Island Class Teacher: Mr Griffiths	This week in Christmas Island Class we have been revising for our exams next week. We have been doing past papers in English and Maths. We also practiced our speaking and listening. We spoke about what films we liked and asked each other questions. We had a practical Science lesson too and enjoyed making our own circuits and spotting mistakes to make the buzzer and bulbs work. During Outdoor Learning Day we made our own teepee and then used bushes to camouflage it! Have a wonderful weekend.
Fiji Class Teacher: Miss Ham	Fiji Class this week have had an amazing week! In Food Technology we made carrot and coriander soup with crusty rolls. In English we finished our Alice in Wonderland book and wrote a book review. During our Science lessons we looked at series and parallel circuits and how they work. On Thursday we had our Outdoor Learning Day and we made dream catchers, built a class teepee, created leaf art and made s'mores. Finally, on Friday we performed our class assembly all about Hamburger Month.





Nurture Provision

Wales Class	We have loved this week in Wales! We've celebrated British Sandwich Week by making our own sandwiches and sandwich recipes. We've carried on with our History
Teacher: Mrs Leyland	topic on castles by building a castle away from the thunderstorm! We've also celebrated Dinosaur Day, Baking Day, Numeracy Day and World Bee Day! In Maths this week we've looked at fractions, positional language and prepositions. We've enjoyed speaking French this week, learning all about pets, farm and zoo animals. We are looking forward to the last week of term next week and hope you have a lovely sunny weekend!
Canada Class Teacher: Mr Roach	Canada Class have had a really positive week exploring British Sandwich Week. This has included us tasting different sandwiches and evaluating them, designing our own sandwich, making our favourite and again evaluating this and giving reasons to why it is our favourite. Our English lessons have seen the pupils learning different sentencing types for a persuasive piece of writing; we have looked at groups of three sentences, emotive language sentences and factual sentences. Canada's favourite time of week is their Food Technology lesson and this week we explored how to make a sausage chilli, which all pupils thoroughly enjoyed.
Tasmania Class	Tasmania Class has really enjoyed making sandwiches as part of British Sandwich Week. We have researched where in the world our food is imported from and we
Teacher: Mr Terry	designed our favourite sandwich.

















Staff News

Online International Conference – 15 June 2022

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

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

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

Date: 15 June 2022

Location: Online (via Zoom)



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

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

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

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

Useful Information and Resources

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

Autism Friendly Far Away Land – Friday 1 July, 3-7pm



On Friday 1 July, Far Away Land has teamed up with Autism Adventures to host an Autism and Additional Needs friendly session. For full details and to book tickets, please visit the website: http://www.farawayland.co.uk/autism-friendly-sessions/

Charlie Waller Trust Mental Health Charity Webinars

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

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

Book the below free webinars here

- 25 May 6pm Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it
- 10 June 12pm Perfectionism in Young People: Practical Tips for Families and Staff
- 15 June 12pm County Lines and Safeguarding: The Teen Brain, Crime and Gangs
- 28 June 6pm County Lines and Safeguarding: The Teen Brain, Crime and Gangs
- 29 June 6pm Perfectionism in Young People: Practical Tips for Families and Staff

Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse Resource Booklet

The booklet has been designed by Liverpool City Council and other organisations across the region to support families experiencing this serious issue.

The booklet can be access on our website here.

Useful Information and Resources

Liverpool CAMHS Training

Liverpool CAMHS provide online bite-size training sessions on a variety of topics, from attachment, child worry, young carers, eating disorders and the relationship between social media and mental health.

All sessions can be booked on their website here.

Family Activity Sheets for Online Safety from ThinkuKnow

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

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

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

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

What's available?

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

You can see their calendar of activities for Liverpool parents <u>here</u> and also find information on the services <u>here</u>.