

Head's Weekly Newsletter Week 4



Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to today's newsletter.

We have some real talent and some characters, too (!) here at Abbot's Lea School and it is wonderful to see the early impact of the past three weeks of schooling on our students' progress and achievement.

Attendance at school is the first key to any such success and so, it is crucial that we work together to secure 100% attendance of every child and young person, where possible. We are here to help if there is a problem so please contact us for assistance and we will do our best to support.

Once on site, engagement in learning is the second key to such success and we have an amazing team of teachers and support staff, as well as now enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team. Can you believe that, in the third week of teaching and learning, the caseload of the MDT is already at capacity! That said, please have a look at the training and development opportunities that we have planned for the families – there are some really interesting topics and we always look forward to hearing from you about what more we can help with. If there is a topic we have not tackled, let us know and we will address. Thank you!

Purposeful, well-paced, personalised and suitably challenging learning opportunities come next; our focus remains firmly on our Philosophy of Education: the ASD Model © with equal importance being assigned to:

- Academic studies
- Specialist therapeutic support
- Development of life skills

Linked to that is the brilliant result of the recent DfE-commissioned SEND Review of Abbot's Lea School which confirmed that we are firmly on the right track in terms of our work, and that, as result of that, our students' needs are met at every key stage.

With that positive end of the week, I wish you all a very good weekend and I look forward to seeing all students on Monday morning.

With kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey

Headteacher

I have always practised an 'open door' policy and so I really encourage you to take advantage of this – please contact me whenever issues arise – and whilst I have had to put a temporary stop to my open invitation for you to just come in to say 'hello', I continue to welcome direct communication via my personal email address: headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

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Key Diary Dates

School Year Calendar

Term Dates for School Year 2022-23 (next academic year) - Term dates 2022-23

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

Term 1 1 – 2 September – INSET 5 September – students return Ends: 21 October 2022 at 3pm Half term: Monday 24 to Friday 28 October

Term 2 31 October – students return Ends: 21 December 2022 at 1:30pm Christmas break: Thursday 22 December to Tuesday 3 January 2023

Term 3 4 January – students return Ends: 10 February 2023 at 3pm Half term: Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2023

<u>Term 4</u> 20 February – students start Ends: Friday 31 March 2023at 1:30pm Easter break: Monday 3 to Friday 14 April 2023

Term 5 17 April – students return May day: Monday 1 May Ends: Friday, 26 May 2023 at 3pm Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

Term 6 5 June – students return 30 June – School Leavers' Date 7 July – Transition INSET 10-14 Transition Week Ends: 14 July 2023 at 1:30pm 17-18 July – INSET (worked in lieu as twilights throughout the year)

Key Diary Dates for the remainder of Term 1

(26.9.22-21.10.22)

| Date | Activity | Notes |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Monday 26 September | European Languages Day | Students will enjoy a range of activities in their classrooms and there will be an opportunity to taste test a range of European foods. |
| Wednesday 28 September | Mop-up school photographs | Students who were absent on the previous photograph day are asked to attend in full formal uniform) |
| Friday 30 September | Weekly open assemblies and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 – 10:00 – KS4 and 5 10:05 – 10:35 – Primary 10.40 – 11:10 – KS3 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am Head's Weekly Newsletter published on our website and shared via Parentmail and FB page | We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at <u>Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</u> |
| Friday 30 September | Student Council elections | The Secondary Department will elect their representatives for the Student Council (while Primary Department applications automatically join our Young Student Leaders' Club) |
| Tuesday 4 October | Online training (Zoom) Working with and for families (Dr Sara Muršić) | Online event (Zoom) Find out about our support and events offer this year. Information is available on our Facebook, Twitter and Webpage. Two sessions will be delivered: • 12 pm (lunchtime) • 6pm (after school) |
| Thursday 6 October | National Poetry Day (Class Choice) | Students will enjoy a range of activities in their classrooms |
| Friday 7 October | Weekly open assemblies and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 – 10:00 – KS4 and 5 10:05 – 10:35 – Primary 10.40 – 11:10 – KS3 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am Head's Weekly Newsletter | We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at <u>Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</u> |
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| | page | | |
| Friday 7 October | World Dyslexia Awareness Day | Students will enjoy a range of activities in | |
| | (Class Choice) | their classrooms | |
| Monday 10 | World Mental Health Day (Class | Students will enjoy a range of activities in | |
| October | Choice) | their classrooms | |
| Friday 14 October | Weekly open assemblies and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 – 10:00 – KS4 and 5 10:05 – 10:35 – Primary 10.40 – 11:10 – KS3 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am Head's Weekly Newsletter published on our website and shared via Parentmail and FB | We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at <u>Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</u> | |
| Monday 17 October | page World Food Day (Whole School) | Students will enjoy a range of activities in their classrooms | |
| Tuesday 18 October | Discussion with an expert – Dr Anna Mariguddi: Music in Education Online (Zoom) 3.00 – 4.00pm | Online event – Zoom Discussion about the impact music has on creativity and development of students Information is available on our Facebook, Twitter and Webpage. | |
| Friday 21 October | No assemblies No coffee morning Head's Weekly Newsletter published on our website and shared via Parentmail and FB page | | |
| Friday 21 October | Sharing of Term 1's Learning Journey | Each term, your child's teacher will share with you their learning journey via email. | |
| Friday, 21 October | School closes for October break after students leave at 3pm | | |

Next Week's Menu

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| Week 4 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from | Homemade Pizza with Wholemeal Pizza Base served with Homemade Wedges and Salad | Homemade Scouse served with Crusty Bread and Beetroot | Homemade Tomato and Basil Pasta served with Crusty Bread | Homemade Sausage and Mashed Potato with Onion Gravy, Peas, and Sweetcorn | Fish Fingers with Chips and Baked Beans |
| Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily | Broccoli and Cream Cheese Pasta Bake | Pesto Pasta | Salmon Fish Pie | Cheese and Tomato Toasties | Veggie Sausage Roll |
| Homemade Soup | Carrot and Coriander | Tomato and Basil | Red pepper Soup | Chef Choice | Chef Choice |
| Starchy Food Various bread choices available | Pizza Base | Potato | Pasta | Mashed Potato | Chips |
| Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus | Tomatoes | Carrots and Leeks | Broccoli | Carrots | Baked Beans |
| Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts | Fresh Fruit Salad | Cherry Bakewell Slice served with Custard | Carrot Cake | Fresh Fruit Jelly | 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

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child. You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you

Student of the Week

| Class | Student | Reason why |
|-------------|-----------|---|
| Key Stage 1 | | |
| Ireland | Thomas | For painting a beautiful Autumn picture |
| Wales | Harley | For fantastic use of mathematical language in his play. |
| Key Stage 2 | | |
| Canada | Mikey | For being a caring and helpful student to friends and staff |
| Italy | Charlie | For outstanding efforts in every single activity. |
| Portugal | Dominic | For trying really hard to engage in all lessons and making good choices throughout the school day. As well as being a lovely friend and a great helper. |
| France | Layal | For being such a kind friend! |
| Spain | Ansel | For completing work this week including a friendship jar for his class! |
| USA | Charlotte | For brilliant work ethic and being kind and helpful |
| Key Stage 3 | | |
| Brazil | Jay Jay | For having a positive attitude throughout the week. |
| Peru | Jack | For showing great resilience towards work and friendships |
| Mozambique | Jayden | For having a fantastic week and working really hard in Maths - we are so proud of you! |
| Botswana | John | For writing an amazing piece of creative writing in his English lesson |
| Madagascar | Ben | For being a fantastic student all week |
| Kenya | Olivia | For giving considerate answers in a RE lesson about forgiveness. |
| Seychelles | Jamie | For always completing his work and giving 100% effort every time. For maturing and overcoming obstacles. |
| Cape Verde | Ellis | For always giving 100% in lessons. |

Student of the Week

| Key Stage 4 | | |
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| Australia | Sam | For consistently contributing to class discussions with such maturity. |
| Tasmania | Leighton | For showing excellent tolerance and understanding of others behaviour. |
| Samoa | Ashley | For pushing himself outside of his comfort zone and always being kind and respectful in class. |
| New Zealand | Arshia | For persistently trying hard in every lesson and improving his ability to talk to staff |
| Key Stage 5 | | |
| Malawi | Nicholas | For showing off his excellent maths skills. |
| Christmas Island | Lewis | For being a constant ray of sunshine in Christmas Island class, always supporting other students and being kind to all. |
| Fiji | Spencer | For being a positive influence in Fiji class, working hard and being kind to classmates. |
| PNG | Andrew | For consistent hard work since being back after the summer break. |

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ireland class

This week in Ireland Class we have enjoyed learning all about Autumn! We have talked about the leaves changing colour, painted our own Autumn tree picture and went for an Autumn walk in the school forest area to collect leaves and decorate our leaf hedgehogs!

Ireland Class have also enjoyed using funnels, jugs, guttering and spinners in the water and sand to explore different materials and tools. We also love to use our outdoor learning space to use our climbing wall and construction area.

Have a lovely weekend!

Wales class

This week Wales class have been working hard on their mark making and numbers. The class have worked hard creating both art work and written words. Nursery rhymes have been thoroughly enjoyed this week by all students including 'Wind the bobbin up' with lots of hand actions and using all our muscles. Water play and mathematical language has been used while pouring, splashing and enjoying bubbles.



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Key Stage 2

Canada class

Canada class enjoyed the bank holiday and learning lots of information relating to the queen. We have been looking at hundreds and thousands in Math's in English we have worked on story maps and the big bag of worries book, looking at the start middle and the end of the book. In RE we learnt about special important leaders. A very busy and fun but short week for Canada class.

Portugal class

Portugal class have had a lovely week. We have enjoyed, looking at place value in maths, baking cookies for food tech, playing games in phonics, finding out who Guy Fawkes is and why we celebrate bonfire night as well as practicing the ABC in French. We are really proud of how all students have engaged in lessons this week and the continued friendship bonds that are being made. So lovely to see.

Spain class

This week Spain class have been learning all about recycling, Spain have loved making their own lemon cupcakes and have worked together to make a friendship jar, choosing all the things that make a good friend, well done Spain class!

USA class

This week in USA we have looked at different species in Science and on well-being Wednesday we learnt about friendship and this week in geography the difference between manmade and natural spaces

France class

France class have had an excellent week. In English we have read Peace at Last and took part in some role play using the environmental sounds in the story. In maths we have been looking at place value and representing numbers.

In science we have been learning about the characteristics of reptiles and birds. We were able to sort out all the toys by using our astounding knowledge! In French, we used water balloons so help us learn some new vocabulary based on words we would use in our classroom and in history we learnt about the exciting story of The Gunpowder Plot. We were able to recognise how significant events of the past shape our lives today and are excited to celebrate on 5th November! In art, we continued our work on colour by mixing the primary colours to create secondary ones. We used these to create a collaborative masterpiece using different types of brushes and utensils. We also linked this with a science experiment using coloured ice cubes. We predicted what would happen if we left the primarycoloured ice blocks on a plate and observed carefully as they melted and changed colour.

What a short but fun-filled week, France class. We are so proud of you all.

Italy class

Italy class have had a lovely week celebrating recycling week. We have loved phonics and enjoyed playing phonics games in class. We have enjoyed lots of time in the outdoors talking about what habitats different animals live in. We used Lemons to create lemon drizzle cake for recycling week!



Key Stage 3

Mozambique class

This week Mozambique class have continued working on their fitness testing in Physical Education. In English we finished our class book 'The Voices'. In Food Technology we made jam tarts, filled with fresh strawberries and apples. In Math students have worked really hard on place value, Mozambique class team are really proud of all students. Have a great weekend!

Cape Verde class

This week, Cape Verde have continued to learn about modal verbs and have been creating their own sentences with the use of modal verbs. We also continued to read the story 'Stig in the Mud'. In food technology, Cape Verde made fruit and jam tarts. In P.E Cape Verde joined with Botswana class to do circuit training. We continue to explore the sun and its relation to the earth in science and how it effects the seasons. Students completed their own graphs which demonstrated the length of days during each month, in both the northern and southern hemisphere.

Madagascar class

Madagascar class have been looking at newspaper articles about the Great Fire of London. We have used the 5W's to help plan our own articles. In Maths we have been learning about shape, some students have been looking at properties of shapes and some students have been recognising angles. Well done Madagascar class.

Kenya class

This week in Kenya, the class completed the following activities:

In English, we have been looking about the different types of fronted adverbials we can use in a sentence. In Maths, the students have been learning how to tell the time on a clock using half past, quarter past and quarter to. And finally, for RE, the pupils were shown a story about forgiveness and punishment and had to give reasons as to whether the character in the story deserved or did not deserve to be punished.

As always well-done Kenya for all your hard work!

Seychelles class

This week in Seychelles, we have enjoyed testing our fitness in PE and measuring our heartbeats. In Art we continued investigating Pointillism and experimented with techniques to mimic Seurat's work. Whilst working on place value in maths, we also covered our Roman numerals. Finally, in History the class explored where we would have rather lived in Ancient Greece, which involved choosing between Athens and Sparta.

Brazil class

This week Brazil class have been learning all about recycling. We have be playing some fun sorting games to help us distinguish between rubbish and reusable waste. We are really looking forward to making our 'Junk Models'. At the beginning of the week Brazil class written a letter of condolence to King Charles. Well done Brazil class for all your efforts this week!

Botswana class

This week in Botswana the students have been working on their computing skills. The students had a challenge to make a Google Logo by using only shapes. Some of our students made some incredible pieces of work.

The students also participated in a PE lesson where they completed a circuit training work out.



Key Stage 4

Australia class

This week we have explored story telling in English this was a fantastic discussion about what earth would be like in 100 years. Students listened to their classmates and then shared their own vision of the future, earth is in good hands!

In Maths we have continued with sequences focusing on explaining the term by term rule. This involved using various mathematical resources to help explain the rules.

We enjoyed a challenging PE lesson looking at different types of training. This involved two competitive games of human tic tac toe and hoop rock paper scissors.

In RE we explored what the Holy books say about the nature of God and also spent some time reflecting on the life and work of Mother Theresa.

We are already looking forward to next week, enjoy the weekend Class Australia!

Tasmania class

Tasmania tried to achieve our best in this week.

In English, we continued practising on the use of punctuation at the end of sentences and the correct use of capital letter. We introduced creative writing which linked with the two 19th century text we read in previous lessons. We planned the opening of a narrative which described a particular place that gave us a strong feeling. We also discussed with our partners and wrote down their feedback. Some of us have started putting our planning into writing.

In Maths, we continued with linear and non-linear sequences. We took the opportunity to engage in some outdoor learning where we used items such as leaves, twigs and seeds to create our own sequences. We practised describing our sequences to our partners using maths terminologies such as term, increase and decrease.

In Science, we talked about cell organisation and how cells can be arranged into tissues, organs, organ systems and finally into an organism. In Food Tech, we focused on food hygiene theory and reviewed on what is food hygiene and its importance. We learned about cross contamination and the symptoms we might get when we eat food that is contaminated. We also looked at the different bacteria which can be found on contaminated food and discussed about how we can reduce the risk of food contamination.

In PE, we did some workout includes lunges, legged squats, shoulder touches, plank jump, sit-ups and sitting twist. We went to our school library and learned about our new library system. Each of us have borrowed 1-2 books from the library which we can read in class during morning reading and transition time.

Samoa class

This week in Samoa we have been working really hard! We have had some time to reflect on the previous weeks and discuss what we are enjoying about our new class so far.

In English, we have begun our creative writing task. We have looked at some WOW words we can swap into our writing and had a go at some inference tasks. We are working hard this week to improve our Oracy!

In Maths, we have continued our topic of sequences. We have looked and what makes a linear sequence and how to continue them on. We even went outdoors to create our own sequence using natural materials.

In Food Tech, we have been learning about food hygiene and food safety. We have discussed why these are both important aspects of a lesson and how we must keep safe when cooking and preparing food.

In PE, we had a class competition with relay races using hula hoops. We worked in partners to race to the end of the field using only the hoops. This was a great display of verbal communication and teamwork across the class.

Samoa class have put in so much effort this week and the class team are so impressed!

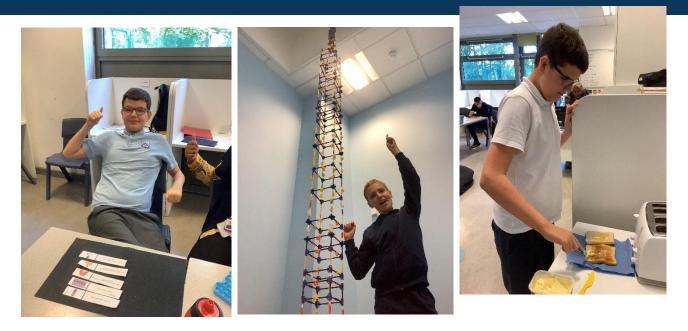
New Zealand class

This week the class have been looking at writing fiction texts. The class managed to plan their own story and some members used their imagination really well and tried writing their tale!

A big shout out to both Isobella and Joe for their creative stories about space.



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Key Stage 5

Malawi class

This week has been great for Malawi class. This week we have continued to read more of our class book survivor which we are really enjoying. In maths, we carried on ordering numbers up to 1 million and also started to look at percentages and their fraction and decimal equivalent. In food technology this week we made a fantastic spaghetti carbonara.

Overall it has been a brilliant week for all students in Malawi class, well done everyone!!

Papua New Guinea class

PNG class have been working so hard this week. Bearing in mind a shorter week given the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on Monday.

Students have been contributing well on our weekly theme of recycling. We have done well on grouping and sorting various items. All students showed great interest and knowledge. Well done class PNG.

We then discovered useful ways we can use things that we would normally discard. For this we gathered various boxes, paper cups etc. and made some musical instruments. This proved to be a great activity and students appeared to thoroughly enjoy!

For PE, we have carried on with our fitness routine, taking it from indoors to outdoor.

Fiji class

Fiji have had a busy week this week. In maths we have moved on from odd and even numbers to look at column addition. Everyone worked hard on adding double, triple, and even quadruple digit numbers with many students gaining confidence in these more complicated sums.

In English, we have been working with dictionaries. Students enjoyed a dictionary scavenger hunt - searching for unusual words and learning how best to the dictionary for checking meanings and spellings of words. We also had a chance to reflect on our enrichment day on Roald Dahl last week, with students discussing what they enjoyed and what they learnt for life skills and employability. Some

thoughtful reflections included the ability to adapt to change, having clear hand writing, and researching new topics.

Science class this week focusses on organ systems in the human body, with students gaining deeper understanding of this level of organisation in organisms. Students have also enjoyed going to their accredited learning in the afternoons, with some highlights including making fresh fruit salad in Food Tech and researching and designing original graffiti in Art.

Fiji class is getting active in PE with circuit training every Friday morning; students do a warm up and stretches all together, followed by an obstacle course style circuit - things can get quite competitive but Fiji class all cheer each other on.

It's been a great week, with everyone getting settled into their new class routine. Well done Fiji Class, we all look forward to another exciting week next week.

Christmas Island class

It has been a shorter week but an eventful week for Christmas Islands class. In Maths we have been converting different fractions to percentages, to decimal numbers.

In PSHE the class discussed different ways of communicating with each other, exploring what is appropriate and what we should avoid in order to not hurt other people's feelings. In English the students looked at news extracts, including fake news articles. They took turns reading out loud and discussed the advantages and disadvantages, focusing on the key points. In Employability we discussed different job opportunities and explored where we can look to find jobs, such as job centres, recruitment centres and agencies.

Each day the class have been completing maths and English interventions independently, by reading a chosen book in the morning and completing online maths activities after lunch. Students have been enjoying their enrichment clubs, independently making hot and cold drinks in food tech, cleaning and weeding an area of the school to create a seating area in gardening, and explored different warmups in PE.

The class continued in their different accredited learning lessons, they particularly enjoyed exploring different types of transport in Liverpool, including planes, trains and taxis.

We also had one of our students attend English and Maths GCSE lessons in the school next door, SFX, exploring poetry and lowest common multiples. In food tech we made spaghetti carbonara and in PE we explored fitness and athletics, making sure to do the correct stretches to prepare for physical exercise.

In Science class we continued to focus on the human anatomy.







Useful Information and Resources

Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool



SKY - open access group for 16-25-year olds

When: Mon, 26 September, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Where: 36 Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX, UK (map)

Description

SKY is for 16-25-year-old young people. It provides a safe, comfortable space in a relaxed environment. You can drop in for a chat, meet new people, discuss YPAS's services or take part in informal education sessions. A member of staff is always available to meet and assist you if you need support.

Tea & Talk - parent/carer well-being drop-in

When: Tue, 27 September, 10am – 12pm

Where: Young Persons Advisory Service, Croxdale Rd W, Liverpool L14 8YA, UK

Description

Parents and Carers Wellbeing Drop-in Mornings Offering a range of themed wellbeing and selfcare activities, hosted by YPAS Parenting Team. For more information please contact: <u>parentingteam@ypas.org.uk</u>

SMARTY'S - open access group for primary school age children

When: Thu, 29 September, 4:00pm - 5:45pm

Where: YPAS North Community Hub, Croxdale Road West, Liverpool L14 8YA

Description

Smarty's is an open access group for primary school aged children. Smarty's provides a secure, happy and stimulating environment; enabling children to learn and develop attitudes, skills and abilities. Smarty's offers a wide range of activities including creative play, arts, drama, dance and singing etc. Registration will require parent/carers consent. Please contact us to complete a registration pack.

Useful Information and Resources

Human Resources

We are continuing to expand our school team and are looking for a Teaching Assistant and Executive Assistant to join us.

Further details are on our website

http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/vacancies/



If you know of any additional service or resource that would be useful to the rest of our school community, please share it with our office via <u>reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</u>