

Head's Weekly Newsletter Week 5



Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

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

The first term is an odd one; by its very position in the academic year, it is a transitional one: transitioning into the school, into a new key stage or class or, in a very human way, quite simply getting to know one another, fine-tuning school activities and developing relationships. All that is complex to navigate and yet, we always get "there" in the end, ending the term with a greater clarity about what is what than when we start it.

Sadly, it is also a term during which we see the unfortunate impact - on students and the staff alike – of the "fresher's lurgy". I am sending my very best wishes for a speedy recovery to all those who are unwell at present and I thank all students and staff who were present this week for their amazing adaptive skills and flexibility in helping make sure that we continue to remain open to all students (even if with the very creative grouping or activities!).

With three weeks of this term remaining, I would like to launch a whole-school community charitable initiative: **Socktober 2022!**

Socktober is a Whitechapel campaign, aimed at helping those in need. A profound project, with a bit of fun and an invitation to all of us to take part. The plan is simple: on the last day of this term – Friday, 21 October – all students and staff are invited to wear "funky socks", and bring a £1 voluntary contribution towards the cause. Additionally, any person wishing to donate a brand new pair/pack of socks – in child or adult size – is warmly welcome to send it into the school from Monday until that last day of term, so that collectively, we can keep many feet warm this winter!

With the energy crisis affecting us all, it will be a lovely project to make a real, tangible difference to the world around us.

Our Key Stage 5 students will be promoting this event in the coming days and will assist in getting the donations to the Whitechapel.

Until then – I wish you all a very good weekend and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

With kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey Headteacher

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Key Diary Dates

School Year Calendar

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



Term 1

1 – 2 September – INSET5 September – students returnEnds: 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

Term 4

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 Term 1 (30.9.22-21.10.22)

Date	Activity	Notes	
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	National Poetry Day (Class	Students will enjoy a range of activities in their classrooms	
October Friday 7 October	Choice) 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	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 Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk	
Friday 7 October	World Dyslexia Awareness Day (Class Choice)	Students will enjoy a range of activities in their classrooms	
Monday 10 October	World Mental Health Day (Class Choice)	Students will enjoy a range of activities in 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	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 Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk	
Monday 17 October	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 Socktober "funky socks" day and Whitechapel donations close		
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 6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Homemade Pizza served with Wedges and Beans	Homemade Chicken Tikka Curry served with Basmati Rice and Mango Chutney	Turkey Roast Dinner with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Spaghetti and Meatballs in Tomato Sauce topped with Cheddar Cheese.	Fish Fingers served with Chips and Garden Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Spanish Omelette	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche	Vegetable Stir Fry	Stuffed Peppers with Feta and Rice	Veggie Sausage Roll
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Tomato and Basil	Broccoli and Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Pizza Base	Rice	Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Pasta	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Red Peppers	Broccoli	Carrots	Beans
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection low-fat yoghurts and homemade	Fresh Fruit Salad	Shortbread Biscuits	Sponge Cake topped with Jam and Whipped Cream	Apple Flapjacks	Cheese and Crackers
puddings available every lunch	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

Student of the Week

Class	Student	Reason why	
Key Stage 1			
Ireland	Rio	For his beautiful singing during rhyme time	
Wales	Bella	For joining in with Nursery Rhyme time and showing us some fantastic dance moves!	
Key Stage 2			
Canada	Erin	For always being really enthusiastic towards her work.	
Italy	Zaynab	For being here every day with the most positive attitude	
Portugal	Theo	For being a lovely friend, confidently speaking in front of class and trying hard to develop his speech and language.	
France	Lucas	For trying really hard to follow our golden rules! Keep it up Lucas!	
Spain	Rhys	For trying his best to share with his class and using his manners always!	
USA	Archie	For fantastic Math's work	
Key Stage 3			
Brazil	Adam	For a very positive week and being kind to others.	
Peru	Anthony	For being considerate and showing kindness to others.	
Mozambique	Brogan	Brogan has had a great week and been very enthusiastic to work hard and learn in all subjects. Well done Brogan!	
Botswana	Isaac	For putting in lots of effort and for making lots of progress in his handwriting practice	
Madagascar	Joshua	For working hard on a piece of English work. Well done Josh!	
Kenya	Charlie	For having a great start at Abbot's Lea and always trying really hard in all subjects.	
Seychelles	Jamie	For overcoming adversity throughout the week and always putting smiles on other people's faces. Hard work and positivity have been the Motto for Jamie.	
Cape Verde	Jack	For demonstrating maturity and getting stuck in during the food technology lesson	

Student of the Week

Key Stage 4		
Australia	Jimmy	For increased independence and resilience when completing tasks.
Tasmania	Jake	For stepping out of his comfort zone in lessons especially in DT.
Samoa	Dylan	For making great choices this week and getting more involved with all activities.
New Zealand	Madeline	For ringing a love of learning and personality to all lessons and being a happy member of the class
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Calum	For having an amazing week, completing all work and being super helpful.
Christmas Island	Louis	For persevering in every task even when he is distracted or the task is difficult. For listening to staff instructions and always being a positive influence.
Fiji	Francis	For working hard and never giving up on himself. Francis has set himself the goal of leaving no piece of work unfinished and has been working with determination to achieve this.
PNG	Ciaran	For being so very thoughtful around peers and staff.

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ireland class

This week in Ireland class we have been working towards recognising familiar prints and logos. The boys and girls have recognised their own names and pictures of their families.

They have all worked hard practising their pencil control skills and developing their mark making. Ireland class have enjoyed getting ready for outdoor play in Autumn by wearing our wet suits and wellies to explore the outdoor learning area and play park.

The children love collecting the different coloured leaves and listening to them crunch under their feet. The children have also enjoyed engaging with phonics listening activities in small groups with their class friends.

Wales class

In their Maths work this week Wales Class have been looking at matching items and learning how to find two objects that are the same.

The children have been matching socks, Numicon pieces and lots of other things. 'Old McDonald' has proven to be the favourite Nursery Rhyme of the week with lots of requests for it and some of the pupils helped to build a farm yard out of blocks one day.

They have also been looking at print in the environment and had great fun decorating their first initial and hunting for different logos in the tuff tray. Have a wonderful weekend Wales Class!





Key Stage 2

Canada class

Canada class started the week with a session with LFC coaches learning different techniques.

We also looked at a range of countries learning about the European languages, for European languages day which is celebrated every year, we tried a range of different foods and enjoyed recognizing the flags.

We also made some delicious banana splits in food technology and ate them in class. A very busy but productive week in class.

Portugal class

Portugal class have had a lovely week. We have made lots of progress in phonics and maths - investigating phonemes, exploring part-whole models and recognising smaller than, more than and equal to symbols.

We have also enjoyed making banana split in food technology and investigating the story behind Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot in History.

Portugal team are all very proud of the progress the children are making.

Spain class

Spain class this week have been learning about countries around the world! We have enjoyed making our own flags, trying different foods and making postcards for our friends in Brazil class!

Spain have had a lovely week learning and exploring with each other, well done Spain class!

USA class

This week in USA we have learnt about European Languages for European Languages day and the countries in Europe. In maths we have done more than and lesser than as well as hundreds, tens and ones. In life skills we learnt about friendships and being kind. Well done USA!

France class

"France class have had an amazing week. In English, we have been reading the book 'Peace at Last'. We drew and labelled pictures of the main characters and have been sequencing the story. In Maths, we have been representing numbers on a tens frame.

In Science this week, we have been learning about amphibians and the life cycle of a frog. In Art this week, we have continued to explore colour and learnt about how to make colours both lighter and darker - we painted some beautiful artwork. In History, we have continued to learn about the 'Gun Powder Plot' and some of us are getting excited for Bonfire night already!

Keep up the hard work!

Italy class

Italy class have loved celebrating European day of languages week this week! We've tried different foods from various European countries our favourites were the Italian pizza and French baguettes. In English we wrote postcodes to PNG class to tell them all about Italy!

We've enjoyed lots of time outside in waterproofs the weather hasn't been the best but we've still loved it. We've had so many discussions about seasons and we can definitely see that we're in Autumn now, the school grounds are looking wonderful. We can't believe we're over half way through term one already!

Have a wonderful weekend, please remember to email Mrs Leyland photos of your weekend. These photos are used in Monday's English lesson to encourage communication:) Italy class team!



Key Stage 3

Mozambique class

Mozambique class have worked hard in all subjects. In Food Technology we made stuffed peppers. In History we learnt about Ancient Greece. In Art we made our own pieces of pointillism artwork. Have a great weekend!

Cape Verde class

This week here in Cape Verde class, Students made stuffed peppers, the process involved hollowing out their pepper, chopping veg and then stuffing the pepper with couscous, the chopped veg and grated cheese, these were then cooked in the oven, yum! In art, we continued to learn about pointillism. Students studied pieces of pointillist art and made observations about the techniques used.

They then had a go at doing their own pointillist shading, trying out different depths of shade. In maths we learnt about investing money and took part in a dice-based game that allowed us to explore investing money and the returns made. In Science Cape Verde learnt about the different phases of the moon cycle, and labelled their own moon cycle diagrams.

Madagascar class

Madagascar class have been working hard this week finishing of their newspaper articles in English. In Maths we have continued to look at 2d shape. Some of the students have been learning to recognise lines of symmetry in shape and some students have been learning to recognise angles. On Monday we celebrated European Languages Day, we tasted food from different European countries and we made chocolate croissants. Well done everyone!

Kenya class

This week Kenya class completed the following activities:

On Monday, we celebrated national European languages day by trying different foods around Europe. For English the students have started to read 'Demon Dentist' by David Walliams.

In Science, the pupils had to find out interesting facts about the planets in the solar system. And finally, in Maths we have been recapping different times shown on an analogue clock.

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

Seychelles class

Seychelles had a fun week engaging in different activities in Science Maths and Art.

in Art, Seychelles completed primary and secondary paintings, identifying the different colours that we can create using primary and secondary colours.

In Maths we have been learning about the different types of angles and identifying angles based on the type. The students have been amazing at figuring which angles are obtuse, right angle and acute.

Brazil class

Brazil Class have enjoyed our theme this week 'European Languages Day' they have been sending and receiving postcards from Spain Class. Students have learnt some interesting facts about Spain. On Monday students had a food tasting afternoon where they tried different European foods. They tried foods from France, Italy, Spain and Germany. Brazil Class have also worked hard in P.E and are enjoying our circuit training.

Well done Brazil class!

Botswana class

This week in Botswana, the class have been working hard on their handwriting. Every morning Botswana class have been practicing their handwriting skills and then using these skills in all of their other lessons.

The class also joined the school in celebrating European Day of Languages. The students tried lots of food from different European countries as well and participating in European themed quizzes.

In food tech this week, the students made stuffed peppers. The students had lots of fun using their culinary skills to make something that lots of them had not eaten before. The students also have been working on their fitness, doing circuit training and running lots of laps of the field.









Key Stage 4

Australia class

This week in Australia class we have thoroughly enjoyed European Languages week, exploring how languages differ whilst sampling some of the country's native cuisines.

In English we have developed our persuasive arguments for and against fast food and Maths we have moved on from sequences to round numbers.

In Food technology we have talked about the importance of food hygiene, preventing foods from becoming contaminated.

Samoa class

This week in Samoa, we have begun to get to know our peers a little bit better through activity and team work tasks.

In PE, we completed an 'across the river' race as a warm up activity. We got placed into a group outside of our usual circle of friends and had to communicate and use team work to cross the river!

In English we are studying our extract of Mary Anning. We have researched and found out more about Mary and her early life. We are going to take part in an outdoor curiosity hunt in our forest school.

In Maths, we have finished our topic of sequence and completed our end of topic review.

We have had such a positive start to our first term and the class team are so excited to see the progress throughout the year ahead!

Tasmania class

Tasmania had a fantastic week this week!

In English, we have been introduced to 19th century non-fiction text. We discussed briefly the events that took place during that period of time and read an extract 'Making a Fossil Hunter', All the Year Round. We highlighted unfamiliar vocabulary from the extract. We discussed the meaning of these vocabulary as a class and discovered some facts from the abstract. We also found evidence from the text to help us understand how the writer felt towards Mary Anning.

In Maths, we learned the basics of place values and practised multiplying whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In Food Tech, we discussed what can be potential hazards in the kitchen. We learned about the different microbiological hazard and allergenic hazards. We also discussed on the different ways in which we can prevent hazards.

In Science, we revised on the differences between an animal and plant cell; and the level of organisation in multicellular organisms (cell, tissue, organ and organ system). We also identified the key organs in the human body and some of us have tried to locate where the organs might be in our bodies.

In Employability, we engaged in a zoom meeting where Mrs Tobin shared her stories and experience in learning foreign languages and how this had helped her in career building. In ICT, we practised more on Microsoft Word with font size, borders and shades editing.

New Zealand class

This week New Zealand class have been looking at non-fiction texts. The class took part in a wonderful discussion about the future and how important keeping the environment safe is and how sustainable living has changed the way we live now compared to the past. Some students had some really good opinions about what life would look like in the next hundred years.



Key Stage 5

Malawi class

This week has been an amazing week for Malawi class!!

In maths this week, we have focused on imperial measurements which can be tricky but students in Malawi class have done great with it.

In English this week, we have continued to read our class book survivor, and continued to look at fiction texts focusing on the NHS.

In food technology, we made a tasty meatball marinara. In science this week, we looked at different body parts and organs and gained knowledge on their role in the body.

Well done Malawi class, it has been an excellent week.

Papua New Guinea class

Class PNG have had a busy week. We have done some fantastic work on flags. Wow, the knowledge of our students on this is phenomenal. Well done all. Our work continues on the solar system. "Earth and Space", discovering how information on the solar system works.

We have also enjoyed some circuit work in PE.

Well done class PNG. You are all amazing!

Fiji class

Fiji class enjoyed an action-packed week 5. We began the week with European Day of Languages on the 26th September. Students tried foods and languages from different European countries.

In maths students have moved onto subtracting three-digit numbers with exchanging. Some students enjoyed working on word problems, putting their adding and subtracting skills to the test in practical examples.

In English, students worked on reading and understanding texts, working in small groups to answer comprehension questions.

Students cooked spaghetti Bolognese in Food Tech, working together to prepare mince meat, vegetables, and pasta in the appropriate ways. Students sampled their meal afterwards and reflected on how to make it even better.

In PSHE, students worked together to talk about appropriate social interactions, thinking about how their behaviour impacts real life situations.

Finally, Fiji class celebrated the birthday of one of our students. Happy 18th to them!

Well done Fiji class, we all look forward to the week ahead.

Christmas Island class

In ICT the class completed an online scavenger hunt where they used the internet to independently search for different information on the world wide web. In employability Christmas Islands explored the use of modern foreign language and how knowing different languages can benefit you throughout your life. They watched an interview with our Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Tobin about her knowledge of different languages and how she uses them in everyday life and in employment. They also enjoyed a European tasking board with different foods across the world, including pasta, chorizo and Swedish cheese.

In English we looked at different nonfiction text features such as glossaries, indexes, headings and subheadings. In maths lessons we have been revisiting rounding to the closest tens, hundredths and thousandths and applied this to their knowledge of money.

One of our students completed another week of GCSE maths lessons in SFX, looking at expressing a number as a product of its prime factors and worked on different past paper GCSE maths questions. In Geography accredited learning the class labelled capital cities in the UK and Europe and the distance between these places. In art accredited learning students explored all that there is to know about graffiti art, its culture and began to plan their very own graffiti art.

In gardening enrichment club, the students explored different plants that grow in the environment, completing fact files on different flowers and trees.

Christmas Island class also used some communication prompts to encourage social interaction amongst the class. They discussed things such as their favourite memories and what responsibilities they have at home and in school. In food tech this week the class made meatballs, we also celebrated a student's birthday this week with Fiji class, enjoying some social interaction time.









Useful Information and Resources

Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

CRISIS DROP-IN'S



- STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- · YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE IN A CRISIS?
- · FEELING LONELY & ISOLATED?
- NEED A LISTENING EAR?

NEED A SAFE SPACE?



CRISIS DROP-IN'S

Across 3 Community Hubs

YPAS North Hub Croxdale Road West **L148YA**

Monday: 9am -8pm Tuesday: 9am - 8pm Wednesday: 9am - 8pm Thursday: 9am - 8pm

YPAS South Hub Lyndene Road L25 1NG

Monday: 9am -8pm Tuesday: 9am - 8pm Wednesday: 9am - 8pm Thursday: 9am - 8pm

YPAS Central Hub 36 Bolton Street L35LX

Monday: 9am -8pm Tuesday: 9am - 8pm Wednesday: 9am - 8pm Thursday: 9am - 8pm Friday: 9am - 8pm Saturday: 1pm - 6pm



GYRO LGBTQ+ (12-16 years)

When: Tue, 4 October, 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Where: Young Persons Advisory Service, 36 Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX, UK (map)

Description

GYRO are award-winning LGBTQ+ groups for young people aged 12-25 who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or are Questioning their sexuality or gender identity. 1 to 1 appointments are available with a worker with an LGBTQ+ specialism for confidential support if you feel groups aren't right for

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

When: Mon, 3 October, 10am - 12pm

Where: YPAS Plus South Hub, 35 Lyndene Rd, Liverpool L25 1NG, 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: parentingteam@ypas.org.uk

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

When: Wed, 19 October, 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

Working with families – 4 October 2022

Dear Families,

Next week we start with our online family training.

Join us and hear about the family advice and support activities we offer this year. We want to work with and for families - our leaders would like to hear your ideas and get you involved.

To make sure all of our families can join us, we have organised two sessions - at 12 and 6 pm. Click on the event and register for the session that suits you.



To join us live on Zoom, please register on the link below (this will enable a reminder to be sent to your email address):

Register for the lunchtime session:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pcO6hqjoqH913TqXlkGofxk4yFneM3qNq

Register for the evening session:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucOitqTluGdfxpJjtGjJKm8n1Ppt8BHX2

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.