



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 12



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!

Last Friday, I shared with you the ups and downs of headship – from the worries about the budgets to the celebration of our school's provision at the Educate Awards!

I am pleased to tell you that the delegation of the staff from the school did me proud – even though we did not scoop the top winning award, the team rejoiced in being recognised as one of the top 3 Special Educational Needs Provisions in the North West!!! I am proud of all of the students and the staff and yet, want to pause to pay my particular tributes to three exceptional young people:

Lewis, Caitlin and Nathan – our wonderful, amazing and inspiring students – worked tirelessly, alongside the organisers of this event – to make it not only possible but simply flawless!

They volunteered for this project and were trustworthy, hardworking, punctual and diligent in all that was asked of them. They used their initiatives and proved to be irreplaceable in the lead-up to the big day.

Congratulations and thank you!!!

The school life continues this week and I want to highlight for your awareness, a few key diary dates for the remainder of Term 2:

- Next Friday, 2 December 12-2pm – Christmas Fair at ALS! We hope you can join us
- The following Friday – 9 December – Christmas Jumper or accessory day for all students (non-uniform day, if preferred)
- Friday, 16 December – Our Nativity Assembly!
- Wednesday, 21 December 1pm – school closes for the holidays.

I sincerely hope to see some of you join us next week, as well as on the 16 December – let the season begin!

With kindest regards

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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School Year Calendar

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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

Term 4

20 February – students start

Ends: Friday 31 March 2023 at 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

Date	Activity	Notes
Friday 2 December	Christmas Fair	<p>There will be no assembly on this day as we will be getting ready to welcome as many of you as possible to our Christmas Fair!</p> <p>This will take place 12pm – 2pm in our School Hall.</p> <p>There will be a range of experiences on offer, a performance from our school choir and a chance to purchase some beautiful gift for the family.</p> <p>A free re-homing nearly new uniform stall and book stall will be available for those who wish to take some lovely items and give them a new loving home! If you wish to contribute, please send any good quality clean uniform items or good quality books (appropriate for school) ahead of the day.</p> <p>Please note that there will be very limited first-come-first-served parking for only a few cars, so parking in the neighbourhood and making way to the school on pedestrian route is advisable.</p> <p>Any families planning to collect their child from school that afternoon earlier than 3pm, are welcome to do so with the prior notification to the office@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
Friday 9 December	Christmas Jumper Day	<p>Students are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or a Christmas accessory and may make a voluntary £1 donation toward Abbot's Lea School charitable fund, raising money for future school trips.</p>
Friday 9 December	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 – 10.00 – KS4 and 5 10.05 – 10.35 – Primary 10.40 – 11.10 – KS3</p> <p>Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am</p>	<p>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</p>

Thursday 15 December	Christmas Pantomime trip	Will will be visiting the Epstein Theatre to watch Goldilocks and the Three Bears. There will be no additional cost to the families for this trip and all students will be invited.
Friday 16 December	Our Nativity Assembly! Timings for performances will be sent nearer the time but all performances will take place in the morning	Please come and join our Christmas nativity assembly.
Monday 19 December	Christmas Dinners	All students and staff are invited to enjoy a full Christmas Dinner with crackers and the works!
Wednesday 21 December	Last day of school	School will close at 1pm Students will be given a packed lunch that day prior to leaving.
Final week of term	Sharing of Term 2's Learning Journey	Each term, your child's teacher will share with you their learning journey via email.

Next Week's Menu

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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	Homemade Chip shop Curry Sauce with Basmati Rice, Green Beans and Mango Chutney	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese served with Fresh Garlic Bread	Sausage and Homemade Mashed Potato with Gravy and Peas	Homemade Chicken and Leek Pie served with Herby New Potatoes and Seasonal Veg	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 Tomato Panini	Homemade Quiche	Veggie Burger in a Bun
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn	Chef Choice	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Rice	Spaghetti	Mashed Potato	New Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Green Beans	Broccoli	Peas	Carrots and Broccoli	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Apple and Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream Fresh Fruit	Homemade Rice Pudding served with Strawberry Jam Fresh Fruit	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurts	Cheese and Crackers 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

Class News

Student of the Week

Class	Student	Reason why
Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Mason Madden	For his fantastic Phonics work!
Wales	Jacob Marshall	For starting independent toileting!
Key Stage 2		
Canada	Mikey	For always being a kind, polite and helpful member of our class.
Italy	Reem	For fantastic interaction with peers and using the zones of regulation when needed.
Portugal	Perry Cooper	For engaging in a Science experiment testing different materials for different uses!
France	India	For amazing work in Maths this week! You can subtract numbers within 20!
Spain	Charlie	For joining in in all activities
USA	Riley	For being a good friend and working hard in all lessons
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	JayJay	For trying his very best in English lessons!
Peru	Charlie	For amazing direction, filming skills and editing of our class production.
Mozambique	Brandon	Brandon has had a fantastic week and been very helpful in class. We are really proud of you!
Botswana	Hayden	For creating a brilliant piece of music on a loop station in an external lesson and for also completing all of his set tasks in class to a great standard.
Madagascar	Louie	For fantastic engagement during our PE lesson. Well done Louie.
Kenya	Stephen	a great effort in lessons especially Maths.
Seychelles	Ciaran	This pupil has shown fantastic empathy when a friend was upset. He maturely acknowledged that the student needed an apology and took it upon himself to make things right.
Cape Verde	David	For being able to speak and express when he is feeling and taking himself away from difficult situations.

Class News

Student of the Week

Key Stage 4		
Australia	Patrice	For being an exemplary member of Australia class and always giving 110%!
Tasmania	Kyle	For working hard in lessons and being supportive towards peers.
Samoa	Kyle	For showing confidence when talking to visitors in school.
New Zealand	Isobella	For being a hard-working member of the class and showing massive improvements this week in her reading and writing in English.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Liam	For doing amazing in both school and work experience.
Christmas Island	Jack	For working to the best of his ability and having positive interactions with both staff and students.
Fiji	Francis	For always helping in class and being kind to others.
PNG	Joshua	By not only completing Entry Level 1 and 2 in maths, but absolutely smashing both exams. WELL DONE JOSHUA.

Class News

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ireland class

This week in Ireland class we have been reading our story of the week 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey'. The boys and girls have enjoyed exploring our monkey themed tuff tray to repeat phrases from the book and develop our play around familiar stories. Our rhyme of the week is '5 little monkeys' and the children have created monkey headbands and puppets. Ireland class have been practising their cutting and fine motor skills by using squeeze scissors to cut out their monkey puppet templates and using the playdough to make their own interpretation of a monkey from our story. The children have been so excited all week about leading the KS1/2 assembly! They have been perfecting their singing voices ready for Friday! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Wales class

This week Wales Class have been developing their independent mark making and focusing on making marks that represent their name. They have completed personalised name puzzles and have printed over their names. This term we are looking at day and night we have heard the story "peace at last" and completed a range of activities around this text. The children have made both a starry night and sunny day collage. Have a lovely weekend!



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Class News

Key Stage 2

Canada class

This week Canada Class have been really enjoying our music sessions with Chris - we were using the bells to play along with him. We have also continued to improve our football skills with the help of the LFC coaches. In Design Technology we have all enjoyed being creative when we designed our own vehicles. We continued with our creative skills in English and wrote a whole class, funny poem!

Portugal class

Portugal Class have had a fantastic week! We have looked at rhyming words and poetry in English, in Maths have started our new topic of 'Time', in Design and Technology we used cardboard to make and paint our own vehicles and in French we looked at giving opinions on different foods. Portugal Class have worked really hard and we are so proud of them! Have a lovely weekend.

Spain class

This week in Spain class we have been celebrating the World Cup! We have loved our ball games, rice sensory exploration and our songs! Spain have been amazing at turn taking and waiting with our sensory bucket times this week, learning to work with and alongside each other. Spain class have loved messy play this week! Jumping in puddles and exploring the different textures of kinetic sand, play do and oats using their words to describe the actions we can do, such as pour, sprinkle, fill and squish!

Well done Spain

France class

France class have had a great week! Our theme for this week has been 'saying sorry'. We have been learning all about why it is important to say sorry when we have done something wrong or upset somebody. We have been learning about different ways we can show that we are sorry - France class had some amazing ideas! In Maths this week, we have been learning about subtraction. On Tuesday, we enjoyed some chocolate cake for a student's birthday.

Keep up the hard work France Class!

Italy class

This week in Italy class we have been learning all about friendship and what saying 'sorry' means to us. In our food tech, Italy class made some delicious Australian Fairy bread and shared this with friends. Italy class had fun creating different scenarios in role play with friends. We hope everyone has a great weekend.

USA class

USA class this week have worked really hard in design technology we looked at the chassis, axle and wheels of a vehicle and then made our own vehicles out of Lego and K'Nex. In life skills we did about managing anger and earning ways to help us calm. In PSHE we looked at safety in the home.

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Key Stage 3

Mozambique class

Mozambique have had another great week. In Math we continued to learn about fractions and what equivalent fractions are. In Design Technology we made our own compasses and learnt about when the first compass was ever made. In Religious Education we learnt about churches and how important they are for the community. Have a lovely weekend!

Cape Verde class

This week Cape Verde class has continued to look at biographies. The students got to pick a famous person of their choosing. Once their biography was completed the students worked together to peer assess each other's work. In maths key stage three have continued with their maths sets, the students have been looking at mix numbers and improper fractions. This term the sport in PE is football the students have been improving their skill set and working on their control. As the world cup is in full swing this week Cape Verde class has really enjoyed cheering England on and watching and supporting the other nations.

Madagascar class

This week Madagascar have written plans and then created their non-chronological reports. We used the information texts on barn owls to do this. In Maths we have continued with our fraction work. During our RE lessons we have been talking about special places. We shared where our spaces are. Well done Madagascar class.

Kenya class

This week in Kenya the class completed the following activities:

For English, the students have created their own free verse poems based on things that they like. In Maths, the class have been able to work out different types of fractions. For Science, the class made an experiment that looked at what sized bin bag would make the best parachute. And finally, in computing the pupils identified which types of websites are reliable or trustworthy by looking at the domain name.

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

Seychelles class

Seychelles class have had a great week researching the history of the world cup. Each student has been designated a team to follow creating a competitive environment within the class. For Music, the students looked at a variety of different national anthems that will be used during the world cup, identifying the different instruments in the process.

In PE, the students learnt different techniques used by players in the world cup. Then the class alongside another class played a mini version of world cup.

In science we looked at Air resistance and how using a parachute, we were able to manipulate the speed at which an item fell. The students, using their own string, jelly baby and plastic bag, were able to create a parachute for the jelly baby. Each student tested their parachute from a high wall and timed how long it took to land on the floor.

Class News

Brazil class

Our theme in Brazil class this week is saying sorry. We have been learning how to be a kind friend and what we can say and do to make our friends feel happy again. Brazil class have been coming up with some great ideas. We have written apology letters, made cupcakes and even made sorry cards in French!

Brazil class have been learning what it takes to work in a post office by role playing being an employee and a customer! Brazil class have been helping the rest of the school deliver letters and parcels with a friendly service.

We are practising our football skills in PE, learning how to work in a team and to use a ball.

Also, we have been practising how to tie our shoe laces. Brazil class have continued to focus and work hard this week but most importantly have fun.

Have a restful weekend!

Botswana class

This week in Botswana class, we have been working on our football skills led by our very own qualified football coach. The lesson has been focusing on first touch, passing and shooting. One particular student has been learning to become a goalkeeper with more presence. In the class room, we have been doing Maths and working on our fractions. English, we have been going through the Hobbit book. The class have been discussing the journey of Gandalf and the hobbits. DT has been looking at the 5 best creations that the Chinese have invented. IT, the class has been looking at the different types of technology that we use on the day to day.

Peru class

We have had a great week in Peru class this week. In English we have worked on our spelling skills, practicing high frequency words and testing each other. In music we listened to the national anthems of different countries and talked about the instruments we could hear and gave our opinions on the anthems. Have a great weekend Peru Class.



Class News

Key Stage 4

Australia class

Australia class have had an excellent week.

Following on from the mock exams last week, Australia class looked back on their test papers and explored certain elements that could be improved. As a result of this, in English the students focused on writing articles. The class discussed the importance of planning before writing and used the lessons to create a mind map to write down all their ideas before collating their ideas into an article. In Math's, we revisited the topics of how to work out the mean, median and range, as well as understanding how to work out the area and the perimeter of shapes.

Our students added another quick recipe to their cookbooks this week as they learnt how to create a 'Cherry Tomato Omelette' in Food Tech. The class worked together and followed a recipe step by step in order to create a delicious finished product. The students then discussed what ingredients they would substitute or add next time in order to enhance the recipe.

During PE, our students continued to work on their skills and knowledge in regards to Rugby. We focused particularly on being able to tackle other players safely and being able to run with the ball.

Have a fantastic weekend, see you all on Monday!

New Zealand class

In New Zealand class this week we have been learning about the skeletal system. The class have been testing their knowledge of the different bones in the body by doing interactive quizzes!

Tasmania class

Tasmania has had a busy week!

In English we explored how the poet uses key images to present ideas through studying a 19th century poem - A Railway Carriage. We discussed how the rhythm in the poem helped creating the sense of a train travelling at high speed. We also discussed on the key features of a poem and the literary techniques used in the poem. For our English grammar skills, we reviewed on the use of capital letters, past tense and the subject and verb in a sentence.

In Maths, we learned about numbers types and number properties. We are able to find factors pairs of numbers using multiplication facts. We are able to identify prime and composite numbers by working out how many factor pairs they have.

In Food tech, we made scrambled egg with cherry tomatoes on toast. Everyone showed compassion and team work spirit.

In Science, We continued on the topic of circulatory system. We looked at the three main types of blood vessels and their properties.

As a class, we celebrated England's victory in World Cup on Monday.

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Key Stage 5

Malawi class

This week has been a fantastic week in Malawi class.

On Wednesday this week, we had a careers fair in school which the students in Malawi class visited. Students behaved brilliantly and used their knowledge from research to ask appropriate questions to each stall. Well done guys!!

In maths this week, we have been focusing on a topic that is slightly tricky, the area and circumference of a circle. The class have done amazing with this and gained lots of new knowledge.

In English this week, we have been looking at different types of texts and comparing and contrasting them.

The focus in science this week was atoms. Looking at the structure of an atom including the protons, neutrons and electrons then leading on to the atomic number of different elements.

In food tech this week we made a traditional fish and chips which students really enjoyed.

Overall, we have had an amazing week in Malawi class!!

Papua New Guinea class

What a jam packed week in PNG. WOW!

We have been looking at why it is important to say sorry. We combined this with formal letter writing and shared with other key stages.

We have also had a lot of fun making parachutes using a variety of different materials, ranging from paper and tin foil to plastic bags.

Artemis 1 was the first craft to visit the moon this week, we have enjoyed tracking it's progress and have also found out that a manned mission is planned.

In PE we have concentrated on grip strength and hand eye coordination by having rugby training sessions.

Fiji class

Fiji class this week have had a good week we have been looking at the digestive system in science. Food technology was fish and chips the students decided they wanted to make fish finger butty's and what sauce they wanted to have with it.

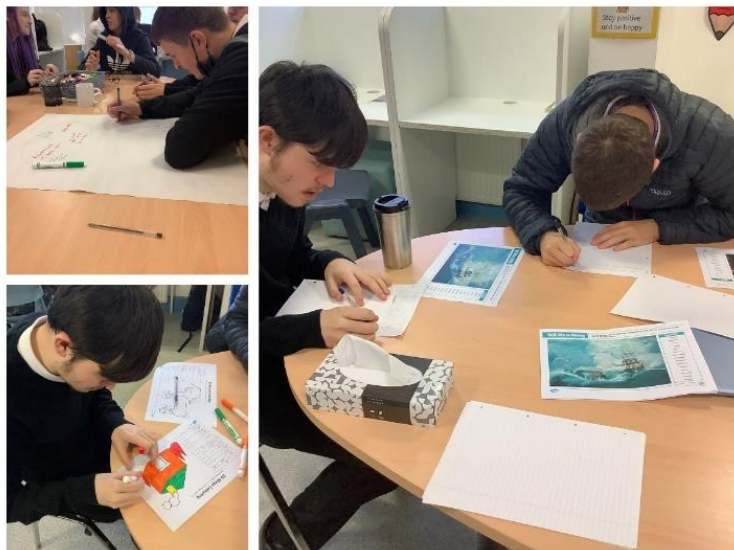
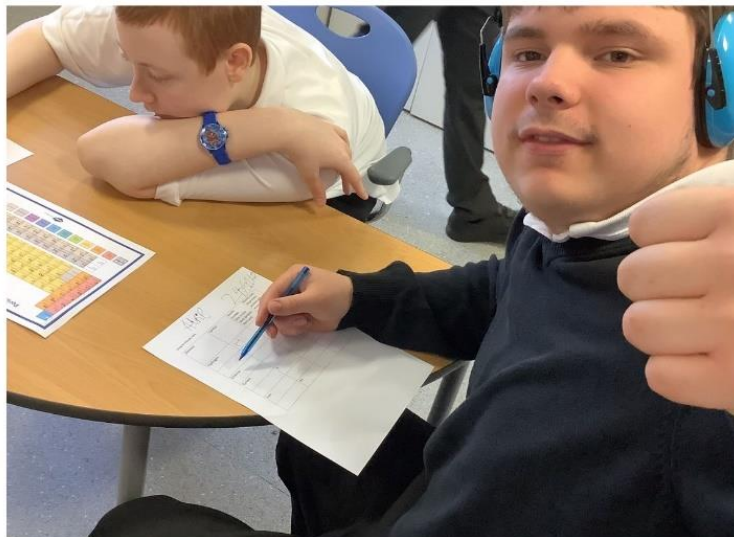
English we have been concentrating on our writing and writing about our weekend and our class book 'Grandpa's Great Escape'.

Have a lovely weekend Fiji team.

Class News

Christmas Island class

Christmas Islands have had a very busy week this week. They have been focusing on their Christmas party planning, making use of the budget to organise different food, drinks and decorations, as well as planning exciting activities to suit children of all ages. They have been working closely with Malawi class to create the best party possible! The students also enjoyed an on-site careers fair where they could explore different pathways for their future. They were able to ask different questions and discuss ideas about what their next step after Abbot's Lea will be. In PSHE, students worked on their charities PowerPoint. They researched information about what charities do, who they aim to support, when they were founded. Students made sure to include pictures, headings, and bold background colours/text fonts to interest the viewer. In ICT Christmas Islands class practiced using an excel spreadsheet. They transferred a student's monthly spending budget and transferred this into an excel spreadsheet. They calculated the total using auto sum and answered different written questions to extract information from the spreadsheet. In maths students started with a group activity, identifying the names of different 3D shapes displayed on the board. Next students completed worksheets, naming 3D shapes based on descriptions of their properties including number of vertices, shape of faces/surfaces, number and length of edges, number of vertices/apex. They then colour coding these shapes on a drawing. In English students completed a worksheet on the difference between your and you're. Students then completed a work sheet correcting misspelled words and finding spelling errors to correct. For their various accredited learning classes students learnt how to play a game of badminton, worked on a country presentation of their choice in Geography.



Useful Information and Resources

Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

CRISIS DROP-IN'S

Across 3 Community Hubs

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YPAS North Hub
Croxdale Road West
L14 8YA

YPAS Central Hub
36 Bolton Street
L3 5LX

YPAS South Hub
Lyndene Road
L25 1NG

We can support you through times of crisis

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

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Croxdale Road West
L14 8YA

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

YPAS Central Hub
36 Bolton Street
L3 5LX

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

YPAS South Hub
Lyndene Road
L25 1NG

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

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Chat & Chill

When: Wed, 30 November, 13:00 – 14:30

Where: YPAS Central Community Hub, 36 Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX ([map](#))

Description

The daily drop-in service based at our Central Community Hub offers a safe, comfortable space where 16-25-year olds can gain information, support and advice across a range of different issues. Young people can take part in activities and meet new people in a safe space.

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

When: Wednesday 30th November 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Where: YPAS North Community Hub, Croxdale Road West, Liverpool L14 8YA ([map](#))

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.

GYRO LGBTQ+ (16-25 years)

When: Thursday 1st December 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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.

Useful Information and Resources

Christmas Fair – Friday, 2 December 2022 12-2pm



You are all warmly invited to join us for the Christmas Fair 2022, which will take place on Friday, 2 December 2022 between 12-2pm here at the school.

There will be no assembly on this day as we will be getting ready to welcome as many of you as possible to our Christmas Fair!

There will be a range of experiences on offer, including a performance from our school choir and a chance to purchase some beautiful gift for the family and friends.

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In such cases, responsibility to cancel transport for that afternoon rests with the families.