

Head's Weekly Newsletter Week 14



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!

Full moon, first snow on site and Strep A warnings – it has certainly been an eventful week that has kept us all on our toes!

Despite the challenges, the week has ended with a Christmas Jumper and Accessory Day and it was lovely to see so many of our students and staff embrace this fun occasion.

With only 8 days of school left until the Christmas holidays, I wish to remind all families of the Key Diary Dates for next week:

Thursday, 15 December – Pantomime Trip – full formal school uniform

Friday, 16 December – Our Nativity! Assembly – 10am (please note that the performing students are those of Primary school age only and yet, we welcome families of our Secondary students, should they wish to view the performance); there is no onsite parking, so please allow for the time to park in the neighbouring roads and make your way to the hall for a 10am start. Thank you!

As the festive season approaches, we greet the turn in the weather conditions. With that in mind, please may I kindly ask that all students should come to school with suitable outerwear – a winter coat, hat, gloves, etc., with all such items labelled in case they get misplaced. Thank you!

Lastly, whilst we are prepared as a site to cope with snow, we accept that due to our hilly location, approach to the site can, at times, become problematic. Please ensure that you monitor Parentmail communications and our Facebook page for updates on any changes to the normal operation. Thank you!

With kindest regards and warm wishes for the cold weekend ahead,

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 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 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

Key Diary Dates for Term 2 (31.10.22-21.12.22)

Date	Activity	Notes
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! 10am	Please come and join our Christmas nativity assembly.
Monday 19 December	Christmas Dinner	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

Next Week's Menu

Week 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Veggie Stir Fry served with Noodles and Spring Rolls	Homemade Vegetable Enchilada Served with Herby Potatoes	Christmas Dinner with Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Pigs in Blanket, Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Homemade Broccoli and Cream Cheese Pasta Bake	Fish Cake or Fish Fingers and Chips served with Mushy Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Cherry Tomato Quiche served with Crisp Fresh Salad	Tuna Pasta with Cucumber and Red Onion	Veggie Xmas Dinner	Twice Baked Jacket Potatoes	Tandoori Salmon served with Pitta Bread
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Leek and Potato	Chef choice	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Pasta	Homemade Wedges	Roast Potatoes	Potato/Pasta	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Green Beans	Sprouts	Peppers	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection	Iced Shortbread	Fruit Jelly	Christmas Tree Ice Cream Or Christ	Fresh Fruit Salad	Cheese and Crackers
of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	mas Pudding Fresh Fruit	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	Thomas	For making good choices all week	
Wales	Addley	For engaging in some fantastic reading this week!	
Key Stage 2			
Canada	Jamal	For having a positive attitude towards work	
Italy	Zaynab	For fantastic singing in Italy class and making her friend a Morocco flag after their historic win.	
Portugal	Joel	For always using beautiful manners and engaging well in all lessons.	
France	Thor	For amazing maths this week! You have been busy multiplying and dividing by 10!	
Spain	Ansel	For taking part in all activities and responding well to staff.	
USA	Charlotte	For brilliant attitude to work in class	
Key Stage 3			
Brazil	Jack	For his fantastic drawing skills in his art activity!	
Peru	Jessica	For being a good friend to everyone in class	
Mozambique	Jayden	For fantastic work in English this week!	
Botswana	Isaac	For showing amazing understanding of music theory in a music lesson.	
Madagascar	Maxi	For working hard and being nice at all times. Well done !.	
Kenya	Ethan	For working really hard in his MVP training and for creating some excellent sentences in English	
Seychelles	Taki	For overcoming their barriers within school and participating in activities in class.	
Cape Verde	Charlie	For writing an excellent comparison of 2 poems	

Student of the Week

Key Stage 4			
Australia	Lucas	For an outstanding performance at the Christmas fair and a positive attitude towards learning.	
Tasmania	Finlay	For working hard on his independent skills and completing work in all lessons!	
Samoa	Ashley	For always ensuring that our classroom is clean and tidy and for being a superstar in our Food Technology lessons.	
New Zealand	Tunji	For improving his attendance, working hard and being a kind member of the class.	
Key Stage 5			
Malawi	Hamza	For having an excellent attitude and being such a kind member of the class!	
Christmas Island	Alfie	For returning to school even when feeling ill and persevering, whilst also being a very kind classmate to all students.	
Fiji		For being tolerant and cooperative in all lessons.	
	Kazie		
PNG	Frankie	For amazing positive energy and following the Golden Rule of Not Giving Up	

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ireland class

Ireland class have had a fun-filled festive week! We have enjoyed painting and decorating baubles, presents and Christmas trees. The boys and girls have enjoyed singing Christmas songs to get ready for our Nativity next week. We have been exploring natural materials in and outdoors and went for a Nature walk in our forest school area. The children talked about what they could see and hear and used fantastic describing words such as 'crunchy leaves' and 'frosty grass'. Ireland class have been reading our story of the week "Dear Santa" and we made letters to Santa to send off to the North Pole! Have a lovely weekend!

Wales class

This week Wales class have been focusing on Christmas themed maths activities the children have been counting bows and adding them to presents This week we decorated our class Christmas tree and counted the baubles as we did so. Wales class students have been enjoying engaging in different craft activities relating to Christmas, they have made cards, calendars and baubles. The students have heard the story of Christmas and enjoyed singing our Christmas songs.









Key Stage 2

Canada class

This week in Canada class we have been rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity, we have also been doing Christingle and learning about the Christmas story. LFC have continued to work with Canada class and Chris the music man has been teaching us Christmas songs using the bells. We are looking forward to Christmas jumper day, the school pantomime in Liverpool and school Christmas dinner, we have so much to look forward to on our final full week in school.

Portugal class

Portugal class have had a lovely week. They have adapted really well to the changes in class this week. The children have been amazing at playing jingle bells on the bells in music and have done exceptionally well with their reading this week. Well Done Portugal Class!

Spain class

This week in Spain class be have been celebrating World Disney Week and enjoying lots of festive activities. We have completed lots of Art work such as making Christmas wreaths, tree ornaments, Olaf pictures and Disney silhouette art. We did a Frozen sensory story, exploring different materials, such as eruption snow from bicarb and vinegar, crushed ice, sparkly materials and flashing lights. We have been working hard on making decorations for our Christmas Party and practicing walking like perfect donkeys for our Christmas Nativity. We have enjoyed unwrapping the different shapes and matching them to their shadow. We have also continued to practice brushing our teeth to the brush bus song. We hope you have a restful weekend and looking forward to the week ahead completing more fun and festive activities.

France class

France class have had another amazing week. We have enjoyed listening to the 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. We worked together to create our own post-box and have been busy making cards and envelopes before posting them. We created our own wrapping station and have been practicing our cutting and wrapping skills. On Monday, we entered the class to find a melting snowman. We had lots of discussion around why we thought it might be melting and what we could do to prevent it melting further - France Class had amazing ideas!

Keep up the hard work France Class!

Italy class

This week Italy class learned to experience being made cold by the weather and then how to warm up by putting on coats, gloves, hats and scarfs. This included drawing ourselves and labelling our winter items of clothing as well as role play.

In the build up to Christmas we made fake snow and made Christmas cards and delivered them around the school.

We also made our life cycles drawing ourselves from a baby right up to being an elder.

We also enjoyed catching up on the world cup after Morocco's win against Spain.

USA class

USA class has been learning colours in French. In Maths we have been looking at measurement and using meter rulers. In English we did Excitable Edgar and after the story we used sensory feely bags to feel different things linking to the story and had to match the bags to what part of the story they could be matched too. We had a speaker into class who talked to us about respect, what racism was and about being kind to each other, We have also looked at our well-being and things that help us feel calm. USA Class have worked really hard this week well done!













Key Stage 3

Mozambique class

We have finally finished our class story - the Butterfly Lion! We all enjoyed the story a lot and are looking forward to choosing our next book. We did really well in P.E this week, focusing on passing skills in football. In Geography we learnt about the rivers of the UK and their features.

Cape Verde class

This week in Cape Verde we have enjoyed using the table tennis during our personal interest time, and have even organised a KS3 tournament!

We have been focusing on writing P.E.E paragraphs in English in order to compare and analysis 2 wintery poems. While in Geography this week we have compared and contrasted different mountain ranges in the UK.

Well done Cape Verde on your hard work this week!!

Madagascar class

Madagascar class have been reading poetry this week. We took a part each and performed the poem to the class. As a class we described the poem and answered comprehension questions about it. In geography we looked at a timeline of London and how it has changed over time. We found out different names that London has been called. In RE we have been learning about Christianity and how Christians worship in a church. We made advent wreaths to celebrate the countdown to Christmas. Well done Madagascar class for a great week!

Kenya class

We have had a busy week in Kenya Class! In English, we are preparing to write biographies about famous people. We have researched their lives and also practised using formal language and sentence starters.

In science, we looked at how pulleys, gears and levers make it easier to lift heavy objects. We then created our own catapults out of lolly sticks!

In DT, we carried on with our kite building. We have used lots of different materials and our teamwork skills to construct kites and we are going to have a competition soon!

In French, we continued naming parts of our school uniform. Kenya Class were great at pronouncing the words and matching them to the correct picture.

Thank you for all your hard work this week, Kenya!

Seychelles class

This week in Seychelles, we have had a fantastic week. The students have been engaged in music, where they constructed cords in small teams to perform the song "Wild Thing" by The Troggs. Also, this week, students have been creating complex character descriptions from 'The Hobbit' using adjectives to bring their work to life. As our class enjoys sport, we continued to keep up-to-date with the World Cup progression using our wall chart to track our selected teams

Brazil class

This week in Brazil class, our theme has been Walt Disney!

On Monday, we started off the week by sharing our weekend news, Brazil class did great listening and asked questions to continue a conversation!

This week we have been playing body-part bingo to help us understand the different parts of a human body, Brazil class did a brilliant job at bingo, we are all super competitive!

Also, we have a special birthday in Brazil class this week, Miss Williams! We have been planning a birthday party with all of Miss Williams' favourite things and taking into consideration that we all like different things. We have been creating invitations and making lists ready to do a shop.

For Walt Disney week, we have been having so much fun! We made Rice Krispie treats filled with sprinkles and marshmallows in the shape of Mickey Mouse, delicious! We have focused super hard when we attempted to draw Disney characters step-by-step, Brazil class is full of talent!

In "my independence" we are looking at dressing and undressing. Brazil class are working together to identify different items of clothing and where the item of clothing go, Brazil class enjoyed this activity.

Lastly, we have been doing travel training. The students are attempting to collect objects independently from the classroom all the way to the house with no instructions from staff, some students found it challenging but stayed calm and with some encouragement, they did it successfully! Well done Brazil class, another fantastic week:)

Botswana class

Botswana class have been hard at work this week.

The class have continued to plough through The Hobbit. This week the students have been writing diary entries from the perspective of Bilbo Baggins. They have been using all the writing techniques that they have learned all term to write descriptive and emotive recounts.

In science this week we have been exploring forces and friction. The class took part in an experiment to test the effect of friction on how much force is needed to move an object. The students also had a great music lesson, developing their music theory knowledge. The students learnt about chords and how to create them using a musical scale. The students also explored the music of Motown and discussed their opinions on a few famous songs.

This week in preparation for Christmas, the students decorated baubles. They were given lots of different arts and craft materials and encouraged to be as creative as possible.

We hope everyone has a great weekend and we're looking forward to our last full week of school before the holidays.

Peru class

We have really enjoyed our week in Peru class this week. In English we have embraced the festive spirit and written stories based on the characters from 'The Snowman'. We used our imagination to send the characters on some great new adventures and tried really hard to include speech using appropriate punctuation. We continued the festivities in RE looking at how Christmas is celebrated around the world. We discovered there are lots of similarities between how Christmas is celebrated in the UK and other countries. We continued the discussion by talking about our family celebrations and what we do that is similar or different to our peers. In PE we loved being active and playing a game of football outdoors.



Key Stage 4

Australia class

Australia class have had yet another fantastic week!

As a class we have visited three colleges including Hugh Baird, Knowsley Community and Greenbank College. The students received a tour of each campus and were given the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about their potential future at college.

In terms of lessons, the students have been working hard, as always, in order to enhance their skills and ability in each subject. The class have worked on using the SQI method in English, using a number line to order positive and negative integers in Math's and explored the structure and functions of the nervous system in Science.

In Food Tech, the students continued their focus of creating quick foods by following a framework to make Veggie Snacks. The students took turns to wash and cut the vegetables before dipping the veggies in a hummus dip.

The several students that partake in work experience at the Quirky Quarter had a very exciting week this week as they were able to assist with a huge booking in which approximately 100 people visited the attraction. Our students assisted the visitors by giving them a guided tour around the facility and taking pictures for the customers. A great day was had by all involved!

Well done for all your hard work this week, Australia class! Have a lovely weekend.

New Zealand class

This week in New Zealand class, we have made big progress in our fractions journey. We have also concluded our work on the skeletal system and a short recap on the circulatory system in science. We will now be moving onto the nervous system.

Samoa class

We have had such a busy week in Samoa class!

The students have visited a number of colleges including; Hugh Baird, Greenbank, Myerscough and Knowsley college - this gave the students the opportunity to see what the different colleges had to offer and what the facilities on campus were like. These college visits give the students the opportunity to explore all options available to them when they finish year 11.

All of the Samoa students showed a lot of maturity during these trips and were a credit to Abbot's Lea School - Well Done Everyone!

Tasmania class

Tasmania class had started visiting colleges this week. On Monday we visited Hugh Baird College and on Thursday we visited the Greenbank College. We walked round the college looking at their facilities and some students were able to ask questions about the courses they might be interested in applying in the future.

In English, we practised on applying basic English grammar skills correctly in writing. We focused on verb tenses and sentence structure.

In Maths we learned and practised on prime and composite number. Students are now able to use mathematical terms such as odd, even, factor, multiple, prime and composite when describing numbers and their properties.

In Science we reviewed on the different types of blood vessel and how their structures help them carry out their jobs effectively. We then moved on to our next topic - nervous system. We looked at the basic differences between the central nervous system and the peripheral nervous system.

In ICT we reviewed on using formulae in Excel spreadsheet. We also learned how to create a graph based on the data presented in a table and sort the data using the filter function.

In Food tech we used cucumber, pepper, celery, yogurt, hummus and chives to make some veggie snacks. We recapped on how we can use our knives safely using the claw and bridge method. In PE we learned more about rugby tackles and practised with our partners. We also made some Christmas craft for our Christmas party.



Key Stage 5

Malawi class

This week has been quiet for Malawi class with a lot of illnesses going around our class. However, the students who have been in class have had an amazing week!!

In maths this week, the class have looked at probability, this included worded probability and numbered probability. When finding the numbered probability, students had to use their knowledge of converting fractions, decimals and percentages.

This week in English, students have continued to read our class book survivor. We have also looked at effective usage of punctuation, finding examples in the book. In food technology this week we made ham and cheese rolls.

We have continued to plan for the Christmas party too, which the class are really excited for. Overall, this week has been great for Malawi class, well done everyone and we hope that everyone who is ill gets better soon!!

Enjoy your weekend!!

Papua New Guinea class

PNG have been really hard at work this week looking at a variety of topics. In food tech we created some out of this world Cornish Pasties which they were able to share to a number of peers and staff with a universal thumbs up on how amazing they were.

The class then followed this amazing work with carrying on to look at some great training in circuits in PE Mr Slyde was out of breath just watching them all hard at work. In maths we are continuing to look at budgeting and being able to identify the best prices for items when we do a shop. And in English we have looked at a variety of poems and songs from well-known Disney movies which not only the pupils enjoyed but the whole staff team did as well.

An amazing week PNG keep it up!!

Fiji class

Fiji class have had a really good week food technology we made Cornish pasties mashing the potatoes and rolling out the pastry adding all the filling. In English, we have been writing our own versions of the Christmas story using descriptive writing.

In Maths we have been looking at time analogue and digital. Science we have started to look at the structure of the atom and the periodic table. We also got a visit from Jonny the elf on the shelf doing various things in our class.

Have a lovely weekend Fiji team.

Christmas Island class

In maths lessons this week Christmas Islands class learnt how to accurately draw a line graph. They ensured to include important aspects such as a title, key, measurements and ensured to label both the X and Y axis.

In our ICT lesson Christmas Islands class explored excel, entering in data and using the auto sum function. They worked to solve any problems that may arise. In English the class practiced their speaking and listening skills by using scenario cards to discuss whether they would agree or disagree and why to different social file and e.g. would you let someone log into your bank account or would you drive over the legal alcohol limit after a party.

In employability Christmas Islands class focused on their planning of the Christmas party, where they created posters to advertise the party around the school. They made different posters appropriate to key stages across the school and ensured to include necessary information such as the location, time, date and what would be offered at the party.

In Science Christmas Islands class focused on isotopes, they gave a definition for an isotope and looked at the make-up of a carbon atom, exploring how many protons and neutrons it has. In PSHE students worked on posters for the Christmas Party. Students had to include factual information like location, time and date, decorative elements like borders, formatting and pictures, and use an engaging style of writing. Students also had to adapt their poster for their assigned key stage by using appropriate language and images for age of audience. Students received feedback on their posters and made changes to address this feedback. In food tech students made Cornish pasties.



Intern News

Over the last few weeks, our Interns have really started to demonstrate their skills and independence. Two now travel to their work placements via public transport, using timekeeping and observation skills learnt during their travel training. Feedback from colleagues is that the Interns are becoming invaluable members of their teams.

During the study day we have been concentrating on completing module 1 of their ASDAN qualification, it's great to see how their knowledge of maintaining work standards and expectations of their work places has grown.

Nathan and Caitlin also volunteered to help out at the Christmas Fayre, working on the raffle, name a bear and guess the sweets, well done and thanks to them both.

We have also had updates from last year's Interns, Sean won an award for his work ethic and Dan celebrated with Speke Hall in receiving their partnership award, both from Intern2WorkLiv.









Useful Information and Resources

Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

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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 L3 5LX

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



GYRO LGBTQ+ (16-25 years)

When: Tue, 13 December, 4:30pm - 6:00pm

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

Description

. NEED A SAFE SPACE?

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.

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

When: Wed, 14 December, 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.

Chat & Chill

When: Thu, 15 December, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Where: YPAS Central Community Hub, 36 Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX

Description

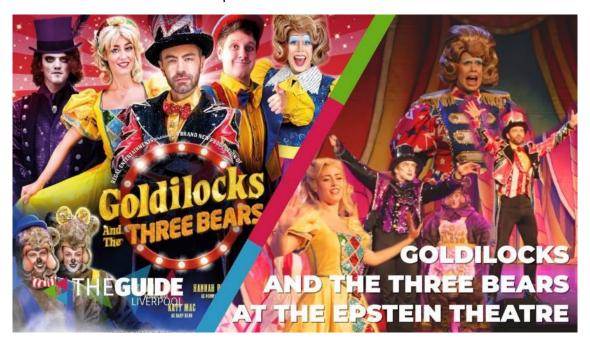
The daily drop-in service based at our Central Community Hub offers a safe, comfortable space where 16-25-year olds can gain information, support and advice across a range of different issues. Young people can take part in activities and meet new people in a safe space.

Useful Information and Resources

Upcoming Events

Christmas Pantomime trip - Thursday 15 December

We 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.



Abbots Lea School Nativity Assembly – Friday 16 December

Our Nativity Assembly! Timings for performances will be sent nearer to the time but all performances will take place in the morning.



Please come and join our Christmas nativity assembly.