



# Head's Weekly Newsletter

## Week 18



### Message from the Headteacher

Mrs Ania Hildrey, Headteacher, [headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk)

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to today's newsletter – despite the many superstitions surround Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>, our day, and the whole week in fact, proved to be simply wonderful! I hope you enjoy looking over the photos of the week from each of our classes.

I wish to thank all staff for their hard work and congratulate students on their successes – whether education took place on site or offsite this week, we had stories of much-improved attendance, engagement, learning and fantastic conduct. Well done!

I wish to also extend my thanks to the team of staff who hosted this week's Open Evening for prospective students and their families – we had a hall full of hopeful individuals, "fighting" for the right provision for their loved ones. Whilst it is heart-warming that they see Abbot's Lea School as the right place for their child, it is, nonetheless, equally heart-breaking to know that fight they must.... There is insufficient number of specialist places in the city and we are all bracing for impact of that on our limited space. To that end, I met with the Local Authority today to confirm that we have only 24 classrooms for next year and we have been asked to prioritise admissions for students with very complex needs. Diagnosis of Autism and learning difficulties will continue to be the necessary criteria for admission.

Linked to that is the need for all of our 2023 leavers to make their transition decisions this term. As ever, our team will skilfully advise students about their options and recommend pathways for educational options that we think are in their best interest. For most of our students in Year 11 and above this will mean progression to FE Colleges, whilst for some we will promote Supported Internship. Some feel ready for the world of work, whilst others need another year at ALS to make their decisions about the future confidently.

We look forward to using Term 3 to support them all!

Happy weekend, everyone!

Mrs A Hildrey  
Headteacher

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# Key Diary Dates

## School Year Calendar

Term Dates for next academic year:

<http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Term-dates-2023-24.pdf>



**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 1pm**

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 1pm**

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 1pm**

17-18 July – INSET (worked in lieu as twilights throughout the year)



# Key Diary Dates

	<p>Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 KS4 and 5 10.05 – 10.35 – Primary 10.40 – 11.10 – KS3</p> <p>Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am</p>	<p>mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at <a href="mailto:Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk">Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</a></p>
Monday 30 January	Healthy Child Programme	The students in Year 9 will complete a health questionnaire with the school Health Team
Friday 3 February	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 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 <a href="mailto:Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk">Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</a></p>
Monday 6 February – Friday 10 February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (Class Choice)	Class teams will be running suitably pitched activities in classes which will enhance our constant commitment to supporting children's mental health
Monday 6 February – Friday 10 February	National Apprenticeship Week	The students will be learning about apprenticeships and will have chance to talk to employees who followed this route
Wednesday 8 February	Research Cafe	<p><b>Voices of Inclusion – Dr Clare Woolhouse</b> Join us in a discussion about children and young people and the ways we are exploring their experiences of inclusive education.</p> <p>02:00 PM – registration: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411111111">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411111111</a></p>
Thursday 9 February	Merseyside Schools Ten Pin Bowling Event	<p>Any secondary students who would like to take part should share their interest with Mr Hodgson or Mr Lyons. Class teams will ask students to share their interest when we return in January. The event will take place 10.30am to 1pm</p> <p>Hollywood Bowl, Edge Lane</p>

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](mailto:headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk)

# Key Diary Dates

Thursday 9 February	History Theatre Workshop KS3	Key Stage 3 will be treated to a dramatic workshop to enhance their history learning
Friday 10 February	Valentine's Day - Bring A Loved One To Lunch	There will be no assembly this week as we prepare to welcome you for lunch. Details will be shared when we return in January
Friday 10 February	Last day of school for students	School closes at 3pm for the February half term break and opens again on Monday 20 February

## Assemblies

Assemblies are facilitated by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher.) However, each week a different person or class will lead the assembly. When your child's class leads the assembly, their teacher will contact you in advance to let you know.

## Weekly Attendance Reports

There is clear evidence that strong attendance at school links to strong educational outcomes for students. Mrs Hildrey set out in her letter last week the processes regarding student attendance. Each Friday you will be sent your child's attendance data so that you can support the school in ensuring it remains as close to 100% as possible.

## Student Progress Reports

You will receive a mid-term progress report (21 February 2023) and an end of year report (5 July 2023) for you child. This report will summarise progress in all areas of the curriculum as well as providing a summary of the qualities your child displays at school.

# Next Week's Menu

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FOOD  
FOR  
THOUGHT

## Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 16/01/23

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> 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 Scouse served with Beetroot and Crusty Bread	Ham Roast Dinner Served with Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing and Roast Potatoes	Homemade Chicken Curry served with Rice and Naan Bread	Fish Cake or Fish Fingers and Chips served with Mushy Peas
<b>Alternative</b> Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Cherry Tomato Quiche served with Crisp Fresh Salad	Tuna Pasta with Cucumber and Red Onion	Twice Baked Jacket Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Toasties	Tandoori Salmon served with Pitta Bread
<b>Homemade Soup</b>	Chef Choice	Leek and Potato	Red pepper Soup	Tomato and Basil	Chef Choice
<b>Starchy Food</b> Various bread choices available	Noodles	Potato	Roast Potatoes	Basmati Rice	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b> Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Carrots and Swede	Cabbage	Peppers	Mushy Peas
<b>Dessert</b> Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Ginger Biscuits  Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad  Fresh Fruit	Apple Pie with pouring Cream  Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Trifle  Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers  Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

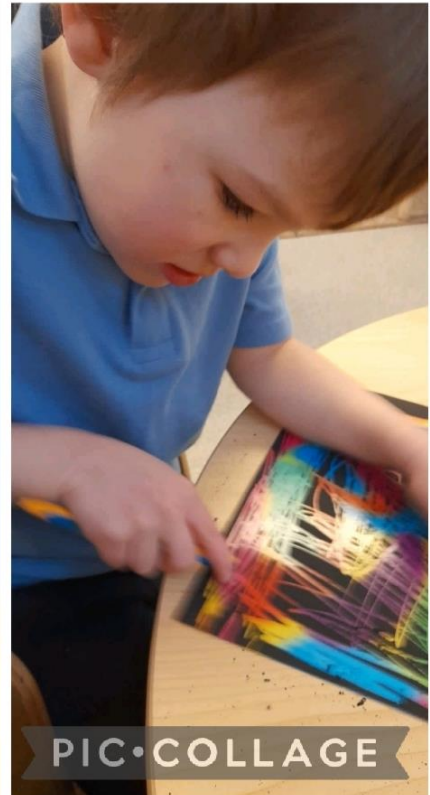
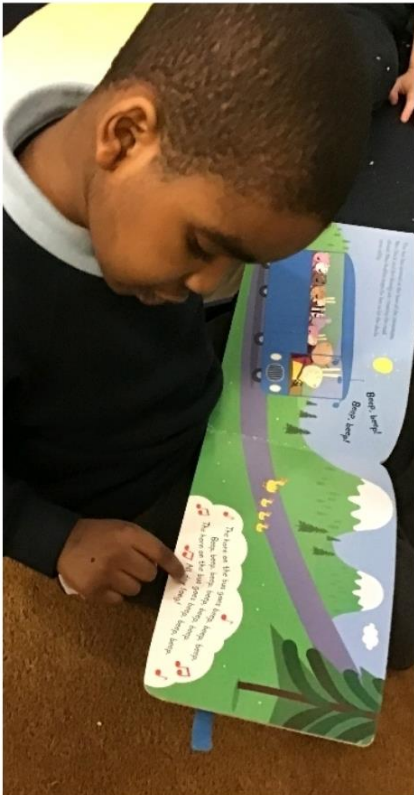
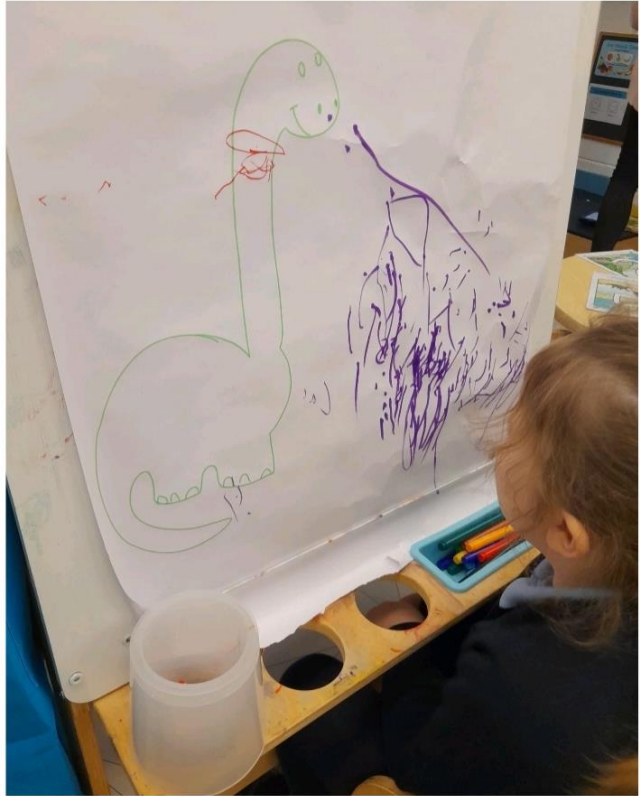
Ask for daily chef specials

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

## Ireland Class



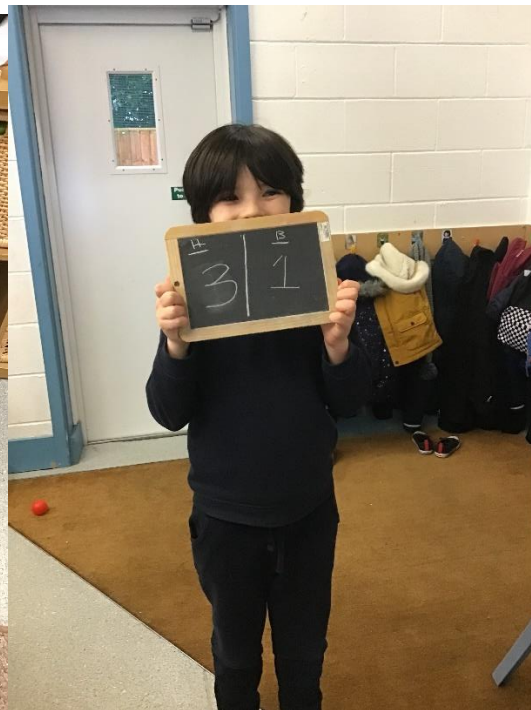
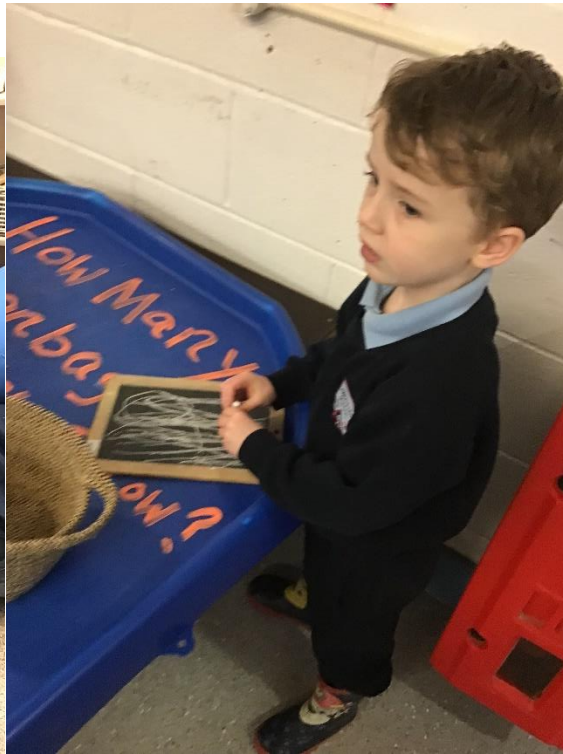
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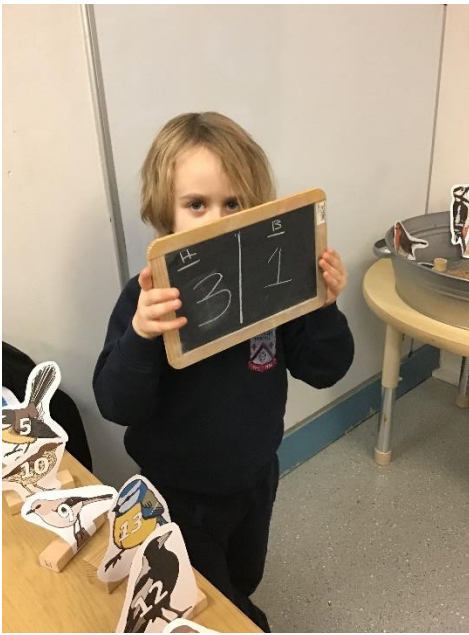
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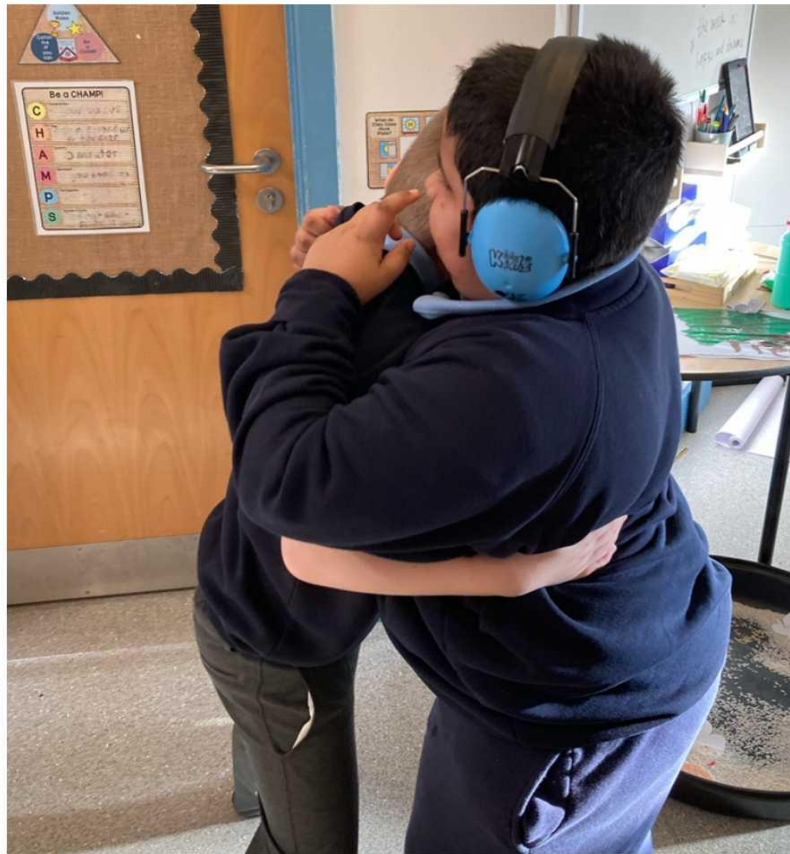
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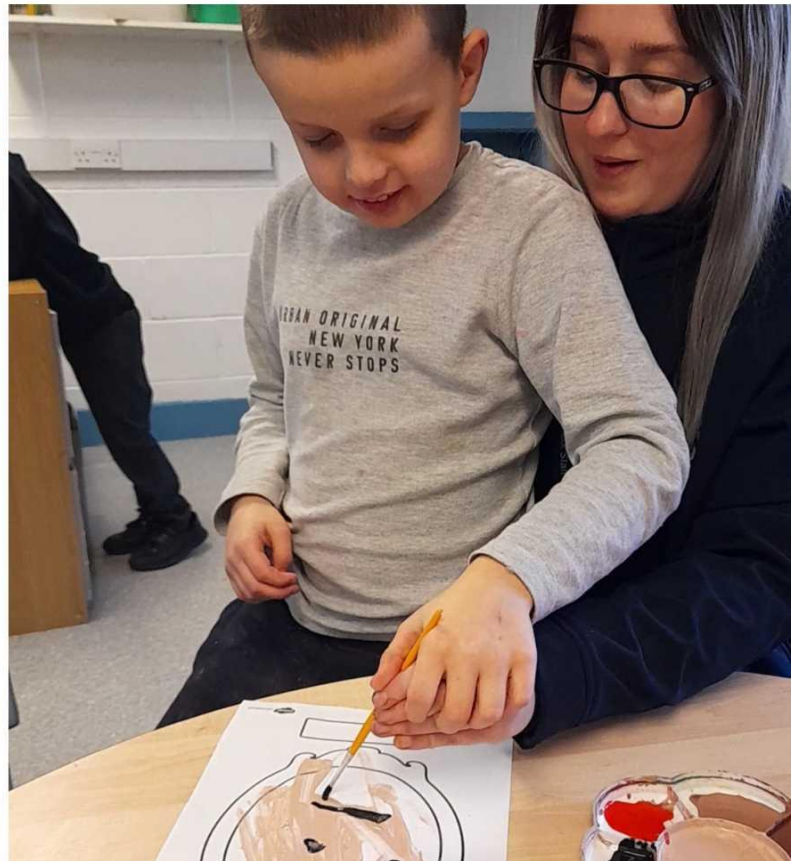
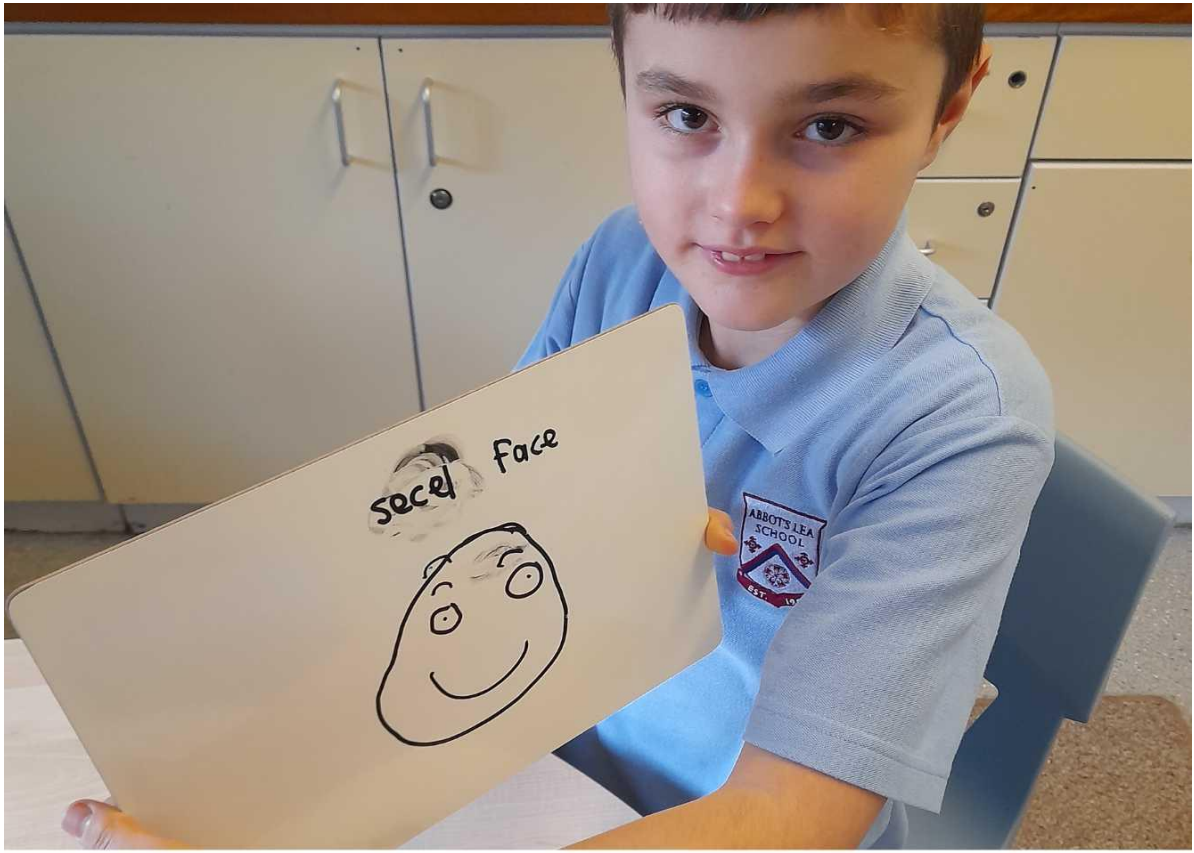


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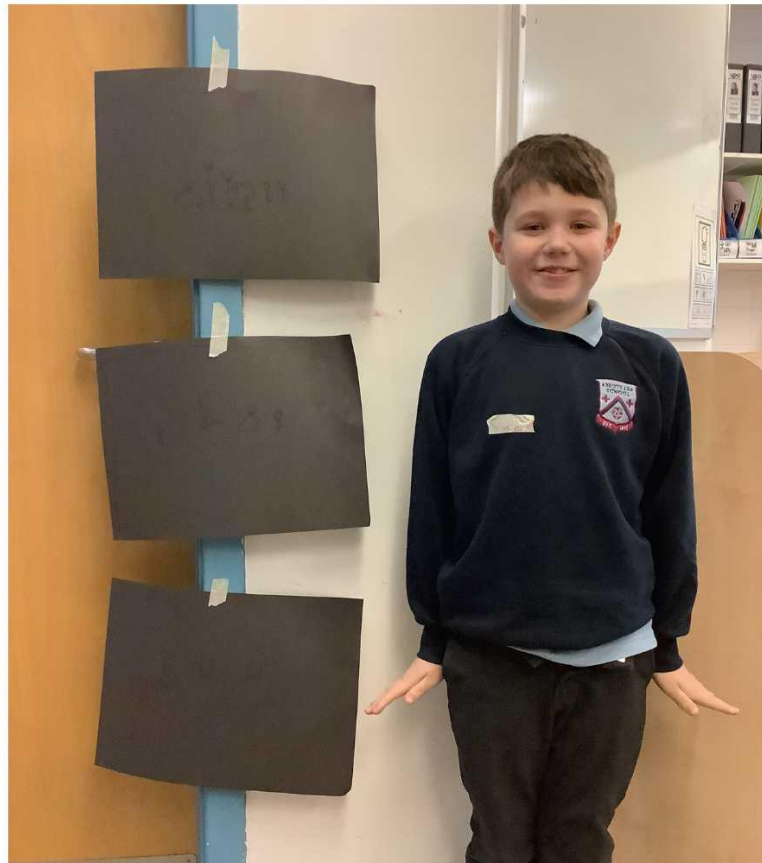
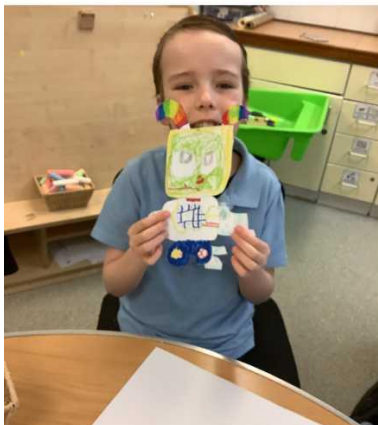
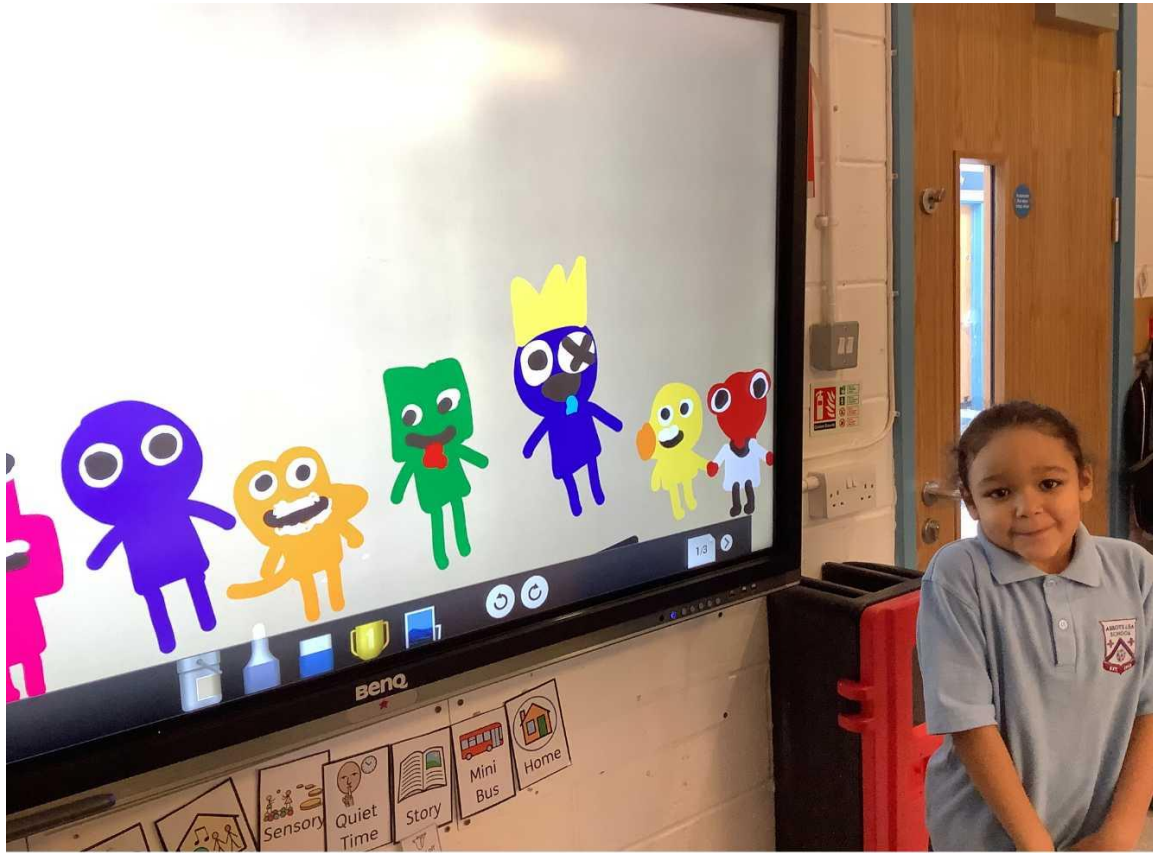


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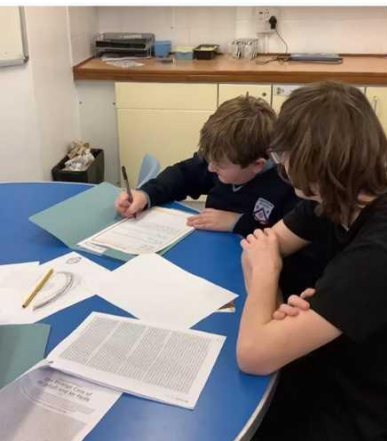


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## Seychelles Class



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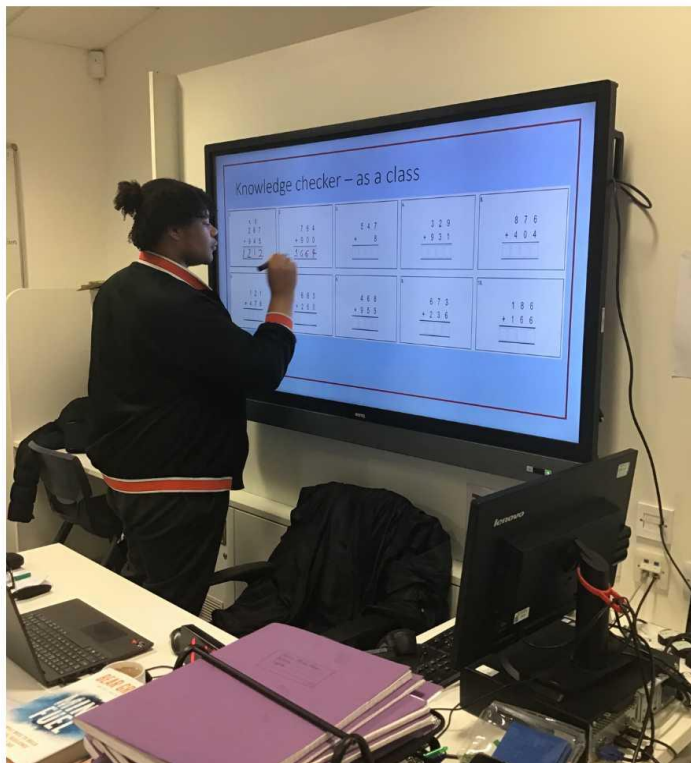


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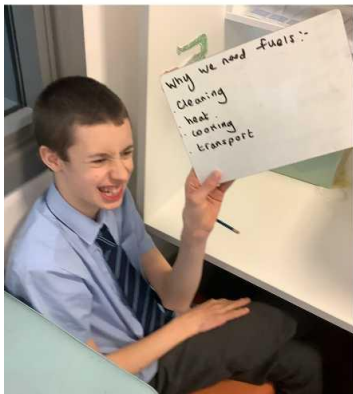


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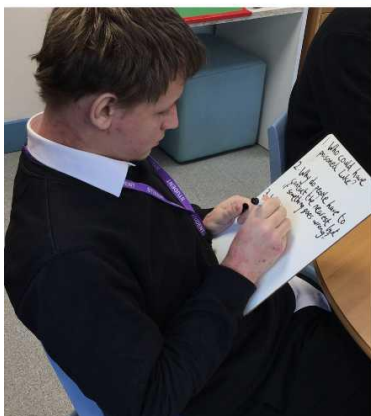
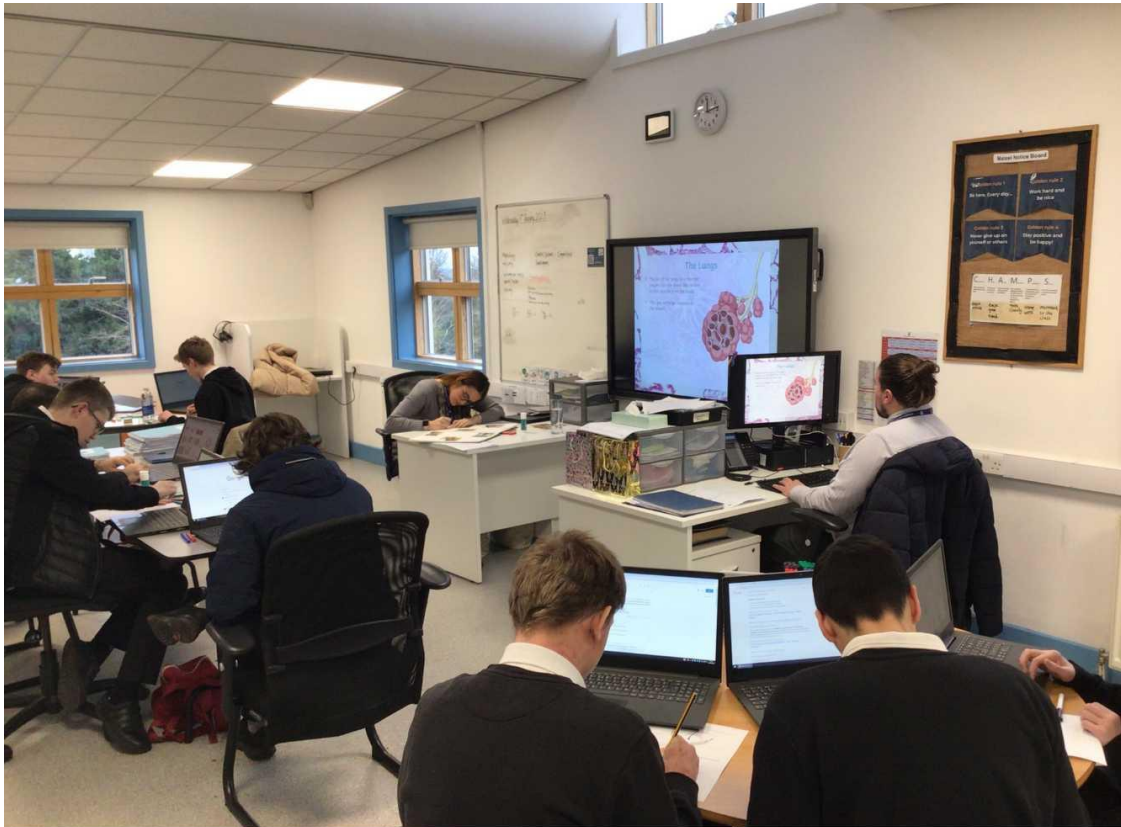
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## Malawi Class

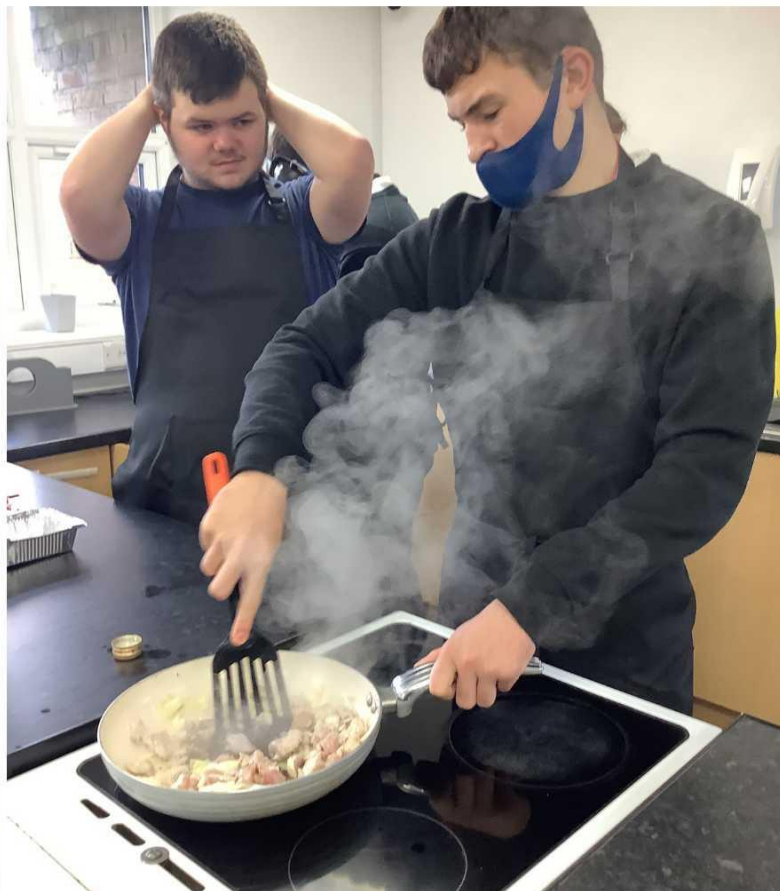
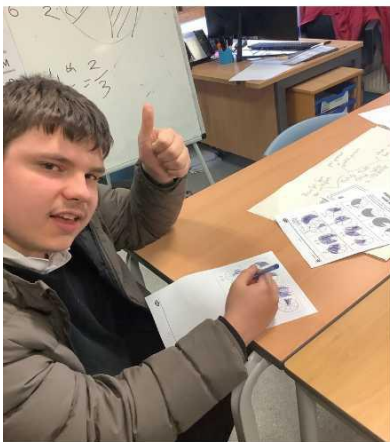


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## Christmas Island Class



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## PNG Class



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## Fiji Class



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# Useful Information and Resources

## Student of the Week

Class	Student	Reason why
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
Ireland	<b>Adam</b>	For trying his best to be here every day.
Wales	<b>Barnaby</b>	For drinking out of a big boy cup independently.
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
Canada	<b>Louise</b>	For a fantastic week in school with lots of positive learning.
Italy	<b>Franky</b>	Excellent Daily Mile
Portugal	<b>Sonny</b>	For understanding the zones of regulations and helping his friend with support strategies from the zones of regulation when they were in crisis.
France	<b>Bobby</b>	For being patient, using manners and fantastic engagement all week.
Spain	<b>Charlie</b>	For being more independent and using his communication more to ask for things.
USA	<b>Bobby</b>	For working really hard and being sensible
<b>Key Stage 3</b>		
Brazil	<b>Adam</b>	For having lots of WOW moments
Peru	<b>Jack</b>	Using great impatience with his friends
Mozambique	<b>Brogan</b>	Brogan has worked extremely hard in Maths and PE this week. We are very proud of you!
Botswana	<b>Louis</b>	For fantastic work in English.
Madagascar	<b>Archie</b>	For helping to cook and clean up in Food Tech.
Kenya	<b>Bupe</b>	For excellent work in English. Bupe wrote a very informative newspaper article and a really creative short story. Well done Bupe!
Seychelles	<b>Taki</b>	For consistently attending school with a positive can-do attitude, whilst overcoming adversity.
Cape Verde	<b>David</b>	For excellent engagement in all our lessons.



# Useful Information and Resources

## Student of the Week

Key Stage 4		
Australia	<b>Patrice</b>	For not giving up on himself and being determined to raise his reading score!
Tasmania	<b>Rebecca</b>	For working extremely hard throughout the week and engaging well in lessons.
Samoa	<b>Adam</b>	He has excelled this week in maths. Having him in the class more this week has been really good. As he has shared some really insightful opinions and worked well with his peers.
New Zealand	<b>Tunji</b>	For having an amazing start to 2023! For having improved confidence when engaging with staff and peers and for having a consistently improved attendance.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	<b>Anthony</b>	For having an amazing ready to learn attitude and always following the golden rules.
Christmas Island	<b>Dom</b>	For controlling his volume independently, trying his hardest in class and being very polite, kind, and helpful to staff and students.
Fiji	<b>Kyle</b>	For never giving up on himself or others and trying his best in all his lessons.
PNG	<b>Alex</b>	For being thoughtful and showing an important Golden Rule of Being Kind.



STOP PRESS: Canada Class have become detectives this week!

We have been trying to solve the case of the stolen doughnut. There were four suspects at the beginning of the week, a crime scene, statements from the suspects and a very keen team of detectives! With lots of investigation work and deduction, the culprit is....."

# 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

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**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?

**YPAS**  
Young Person's Advisory Service

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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:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 16:00 – 17:45

**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:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 16:30 -18:00

**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

## School Swimming 2023 (EYFS/KS1 - KS4)



EYFS/KS1 - KS4 Students will be having swimming lessons as a part of the Physical Educational Curriculum this academic year. Swimming sessions will take place between January and June 2023, with all classes assigned specific weeks.

A school minibus will take the children to Halewood Leisure centre during the morning sessions of their assigned weeks. The sessions are led by trained swimming instructors and are supported by the class team.

All EYFS/KS1 - KS4 Students will be included in these lessons; they will need to bring a small plastic bag or backpack containing:-

- Swimming kit (one piece swimming costume for girls please)
- Towel
- Hairbrush
- Bathing caps (All children with long hair must have their hair tied back)

If you require any further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Key Stage Leader.

# Useful Information and Resources

## Swimming Dates

Date	Class
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Samoa New Zealand Tasmania
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Australia Samoa New Zealand Tasmania
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Portugal France Mozambique Kenya
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Portugal France Mozambique Kenya
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Italy Spain Brazil Peru
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Italy Spain Brazil Peru
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Canada Ireland Madagascar Cape Verde
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