



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 19



Message from the Headteacher

Mrs Ania Hildrey, Headteacher, headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to today's newsletter – I hope you enjoy seeing some of the examples of our students' learning opportunities and join me in congratulating all of our young people on their achievements!

We have three weeks of Term 3 left and the efforts of make the best of every single school day are evident in the learning walks, professional focus and drive for ongoing progress.

I want to thank all staff for making Abbot's Lea School such a brilliant place to learn and also to work.

Next Friday, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Twomey, our Head of Care and Safeguarding, as she moves on to pastures new. Miss Twomey has been instrumental in supporting my vision for the school's holistic ethos and multi-disciplinary provision. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her outstanding leadership of safeguarding at Abbot's Lea, which has been recognised (time and time again) as "forensic" in its focus on individual's needs and supportive provision. I know you will join me in using her last week to say goodbye and pass on your best wishes for her future. She will certainly be missed but we know that she will now benefit others through sharing of her knowledge and expertise.

Mrs Tobin, our Deputy Headteacher will take a role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead and can be contacted directly via deputy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk. Ms Claire Welch, our Positive Behaviour Support Leader will take interim charge of the Multidisciplinary Team of therapists and you can contact her directly on claire.welch@abbotsleaschool.co.uk. As always, my door is also open and should you contact me, please direct all such requests to my PA, Jan Ennis on pa@abbotsleaschool.co.uk – she will arrange for us to meet as soon as possible.

For now, I wish you all a very restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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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

Key Diary Dates for Term 3 (4.1.2023-10.2.2023)

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 23 January – Friday 3 February	KS4 swimming	Key Stage 4 students will have swimming lessons during this fortnight. The class team will advise you as to your child's day for swimming and what they need
Friday 27 January	Girls' Football Tournament	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 tournament is at Greenbank Sports Academy - 10.30am to 2.30pm.
Friday 27 January	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 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 30 January	Healthy Child Programme	The students in Year 9 will complete a health questionnaire with the school Health Team
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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

Key Diary Dates

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
All week	Valentine's Day – Make A Loved One Lunch	Students will be making delicious meals at school and will bring an extra portion home at some point this week for you to sample and enjoy!
Wednesday 8 February	Research Cafe	Voices of Inclusion – Dr Clare Woolhouse Join us in a discussion about children and young people and the ways we are exploring their experiences of inclusive education. 02:00 PM – registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMvCu-gqz8sEtHn22wyz3g_3dO7_QdtR1A8
Thursday 9 February	Merseyside Schools Ten Pin Bowling Event	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 Hollywood Bowl, Edge Lane
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	Last day of school for students	There will be no assembly this week as it is the last week of term. 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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Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 23/01/23

Week 4	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 with Wholemeal Pizza Base served with Homemade Wedges and Salad	Homemade Steak Pie served with Butter Glazed New Potatoes and Green Beans	Homemade Tomato and Basil Pasta served with Crusty Bread	Sausage and Mash with Onion Gravy, Peas, and Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers with Chips and Baked Beans
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Broccoli and Cream Cheese Pasta Bake	Pesto Pasta	Salmon Fish Pie	Macaroni and Cheese	Veggie Sausage Roll
Homemade Soup	Carrot and Coriander	Tomato and Basil	Red pepper Soup	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Pizza Base	New Potatoes	Pasta	Mashed Potato	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Peppers	Green Beans	Tomatoes	Peas	Baked Beans
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Fresh Fruit Salad Fresh Fruit	Apple Flapjack Fresh Fruit	Carrot Cake Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit	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 its 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

Ireland Class



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Class News

Wales Class



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Italy Class



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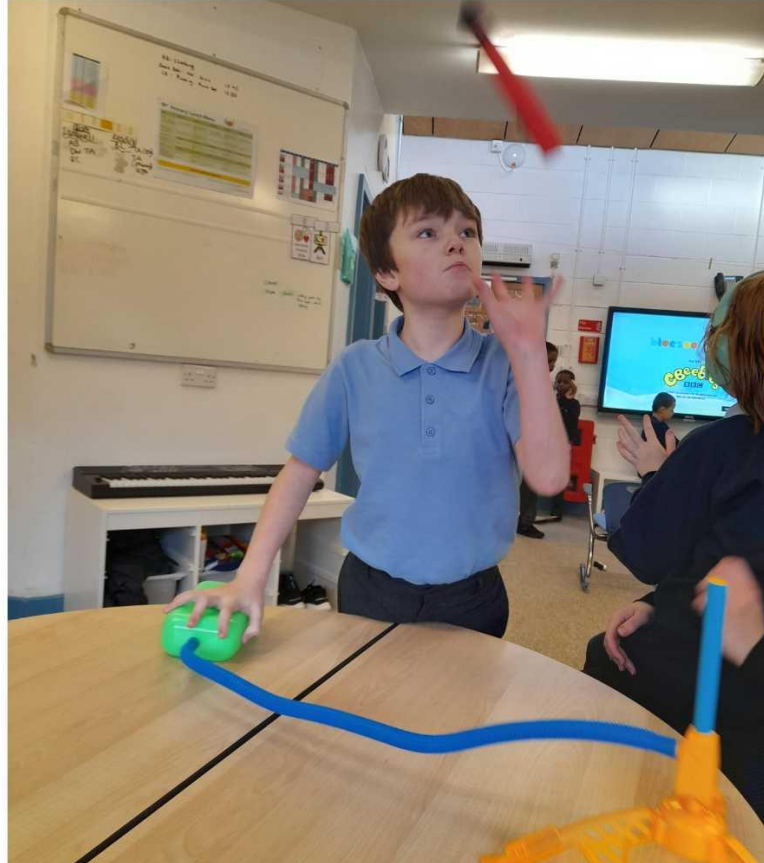
Portugal Class



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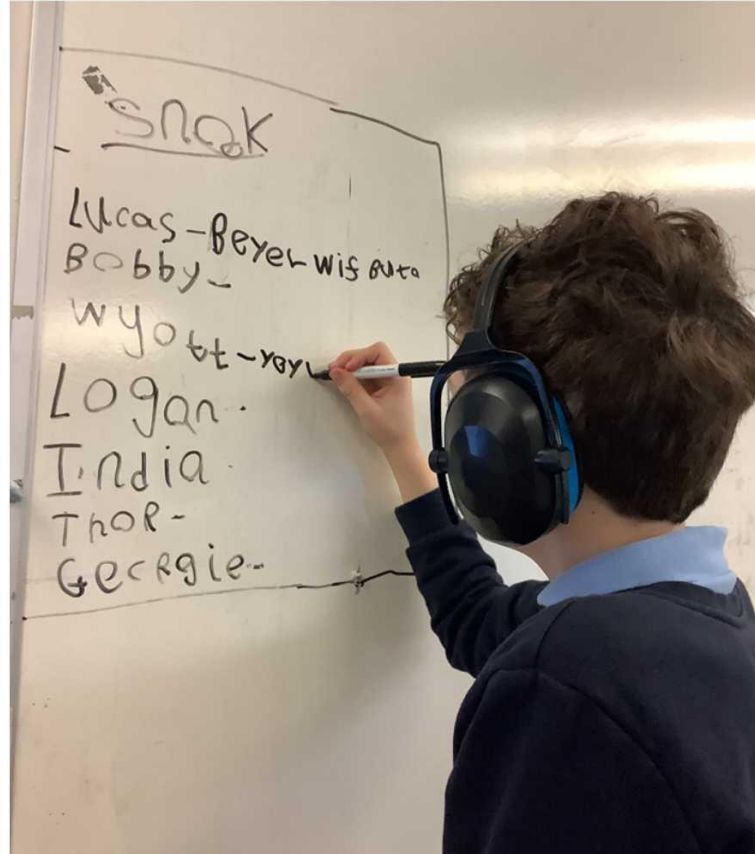
Spain Class



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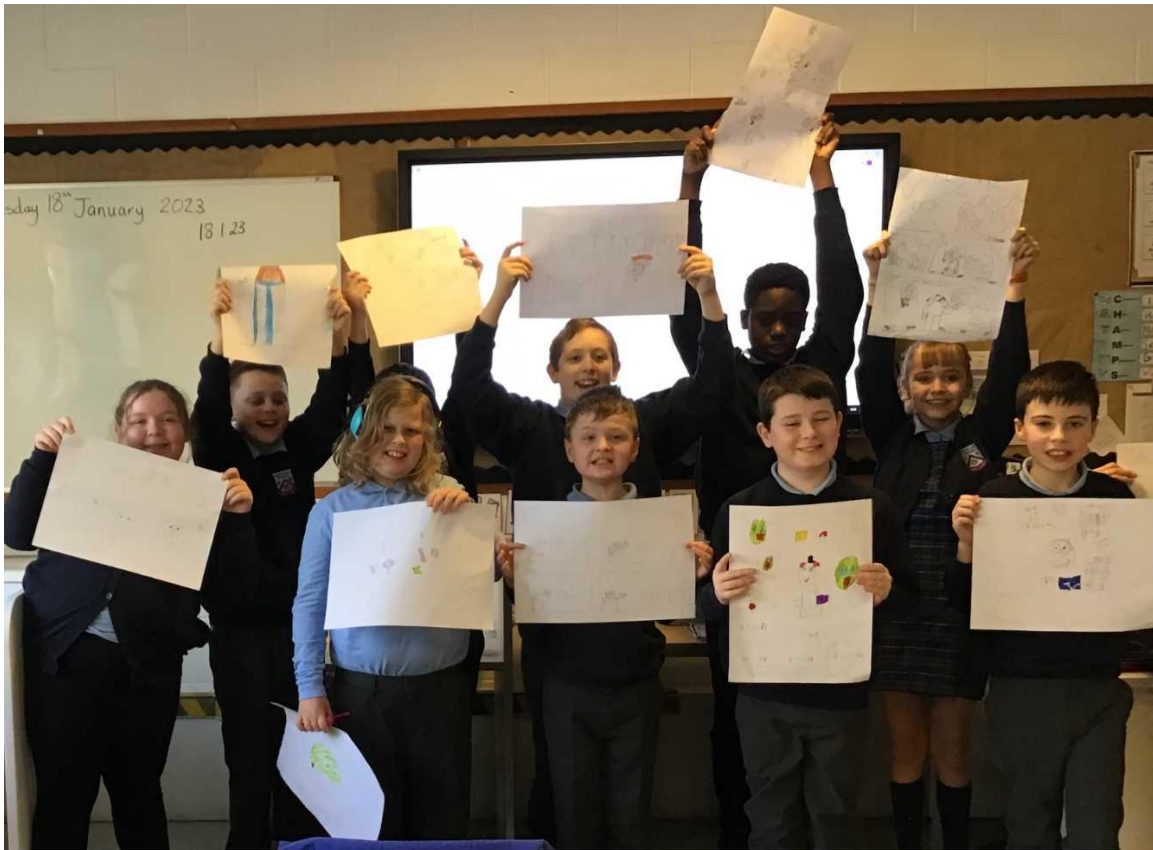
France Class



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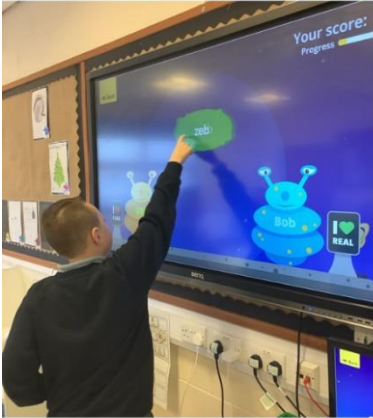
Canada Class



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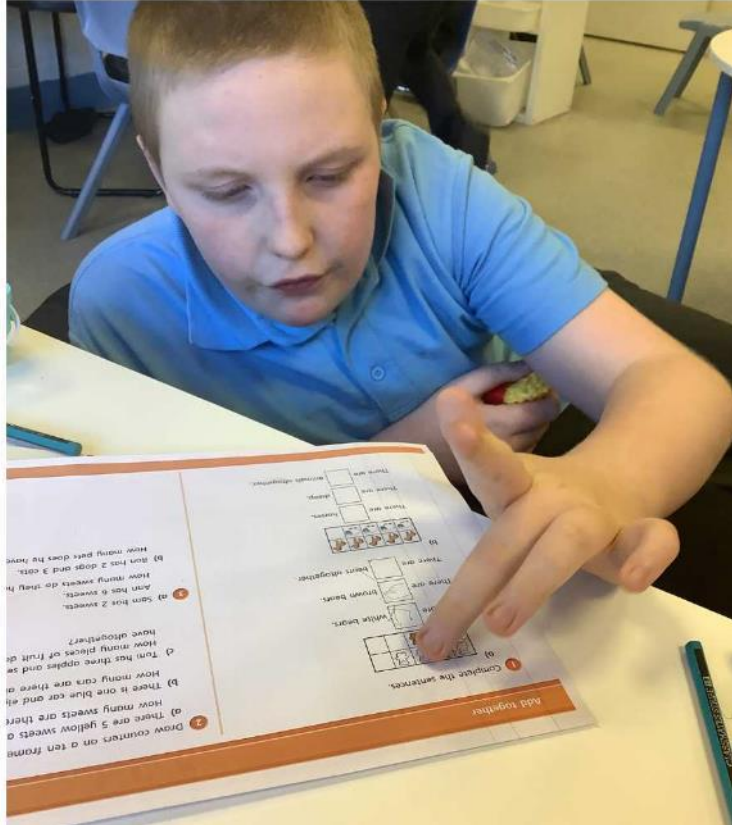
USA Class



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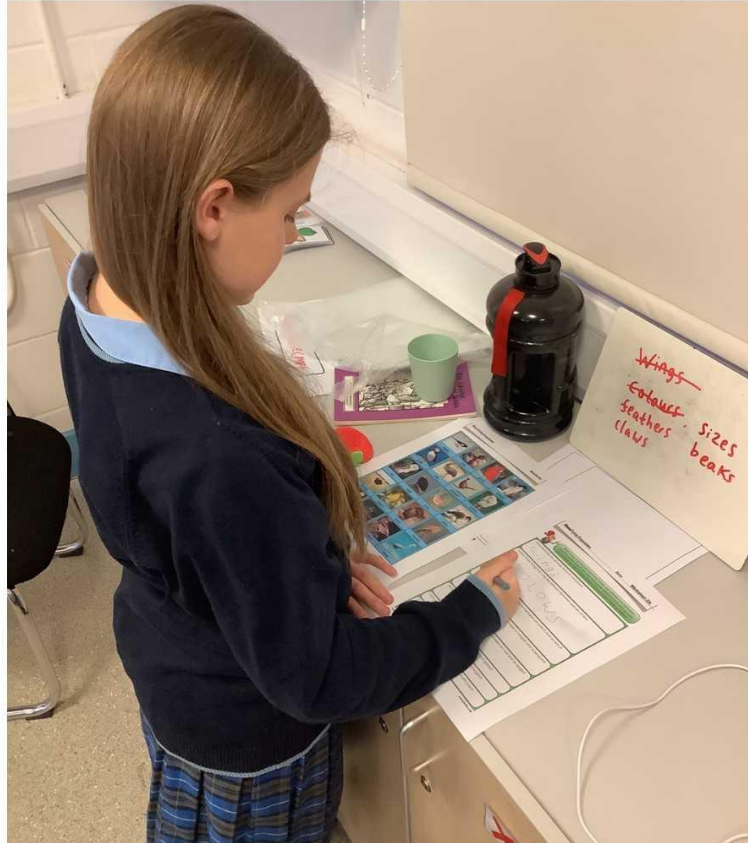
Brazil Class



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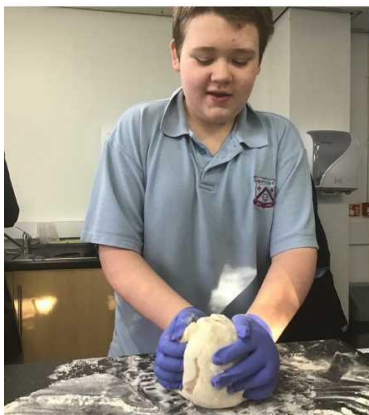
Peru Class



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Mozambique Class



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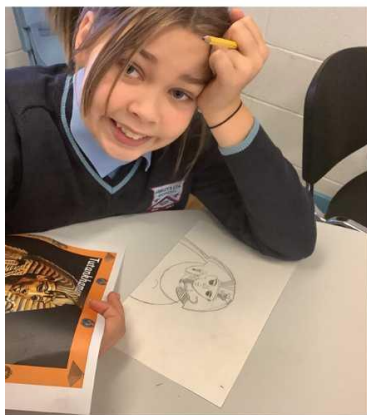
Cape Verde



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Botswana Class



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Seychelles Class



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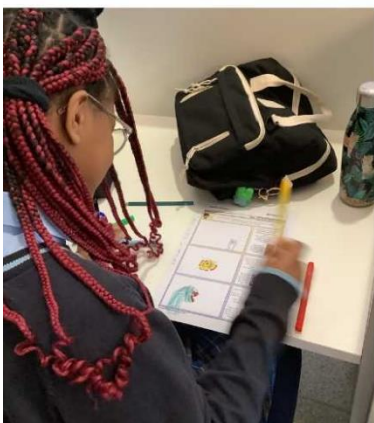
Madagascar Class



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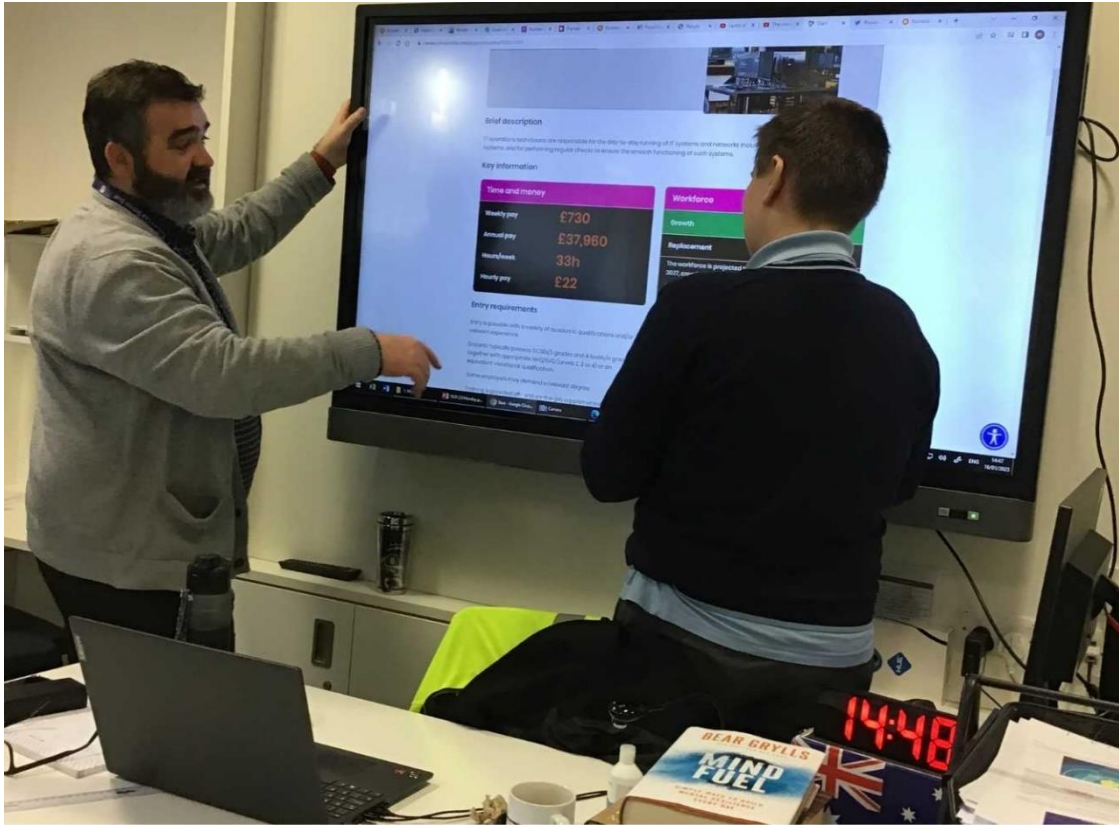
Kenya Class



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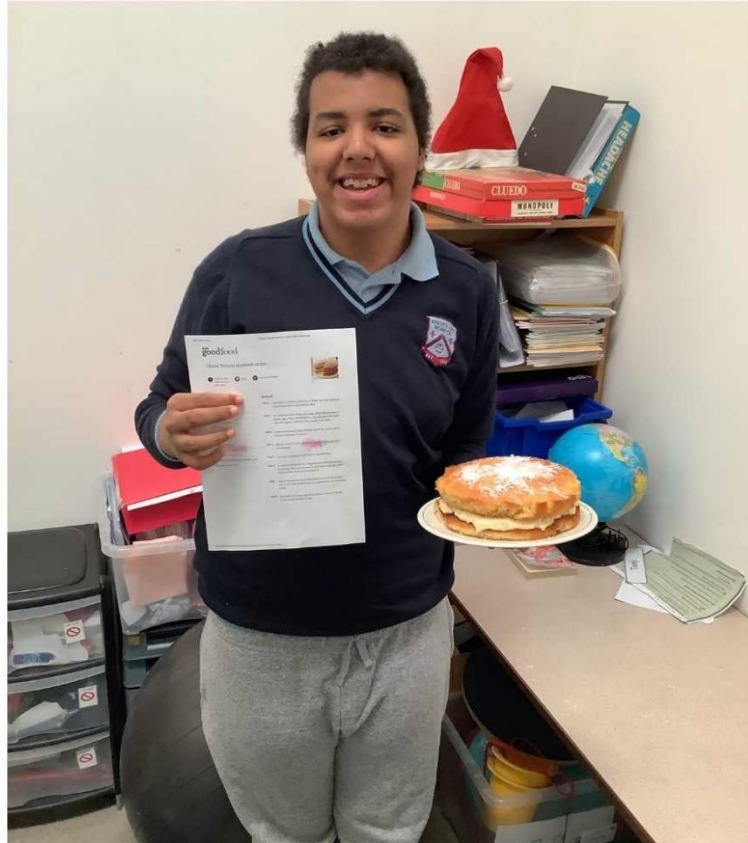
Australia Class



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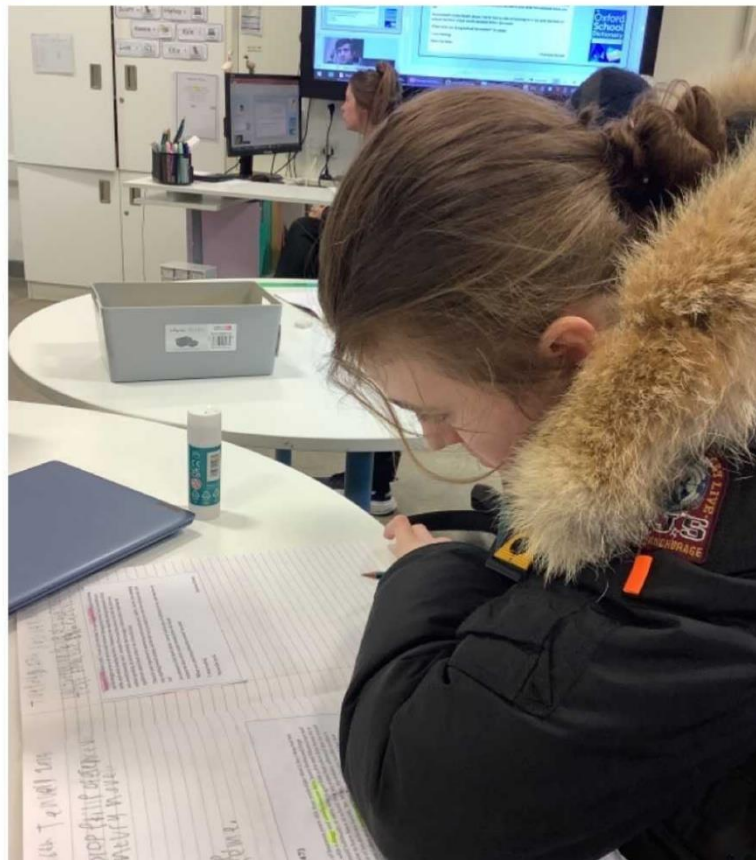
New Zealand Class



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Samoa Class



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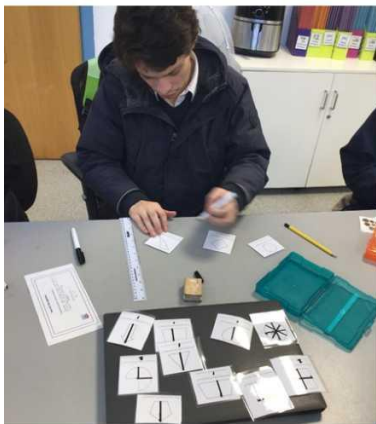
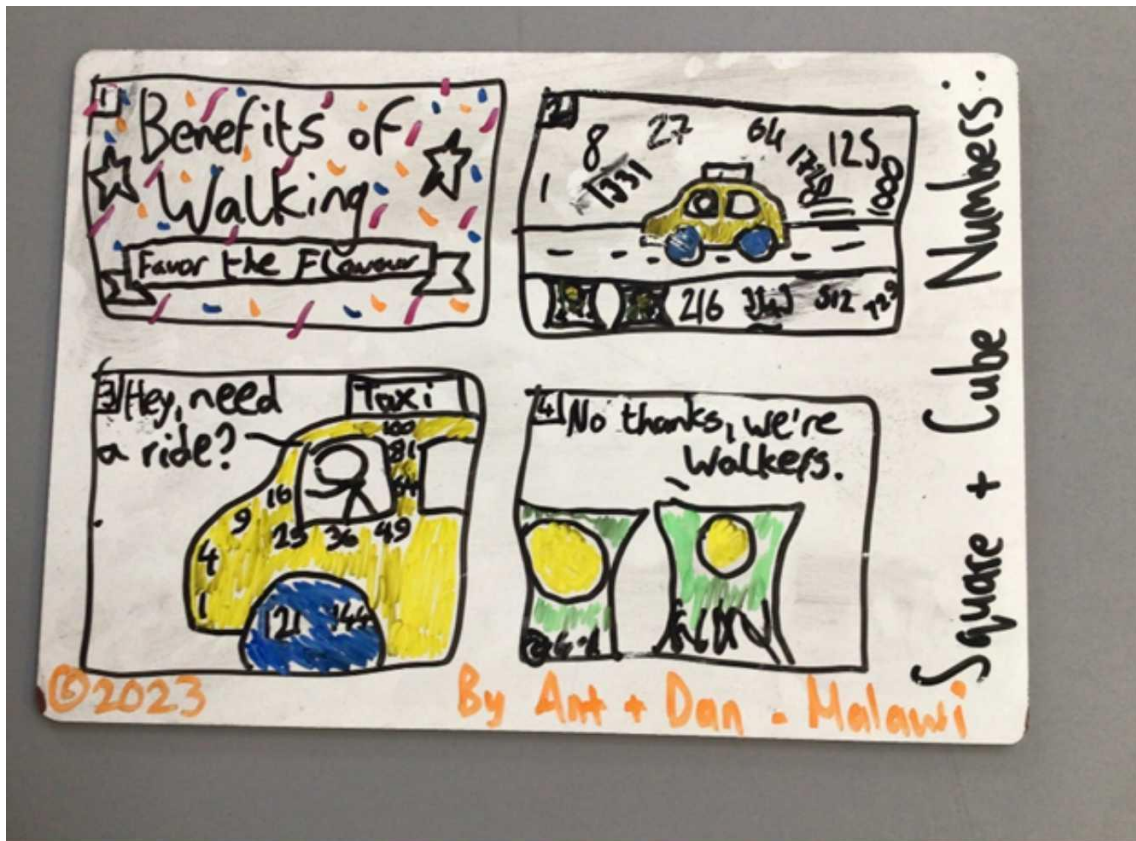
Tasmania Class



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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
Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Rio	For fantastic Phonics work!
Wales	Henry	For being independent during personal care routine
Key Stage 2		
Canada	Scarlett	For being focused and completing her work.
Italy	Glory	For excellent participation in the world about me lessons and judo
Portugal	Jaylen	For excellent art work and drawings for the entire class!
France	Wyatt	For fantastic listening to instructions
Spain	Rhys	For being a great friend to our new student
USA	Adil	For having a great week and making good choices
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Matthew	For being positive about his week at school and trying his best in his activities!
Peru	Jessica	For impressive reading and working hard!
Mozambique	Jayden	For a fantastic week and being very helpful in class!
Botswana	Anthony	For writing 2 detailed paragraphs comparing different types of religious architecture.
Madagascar	Joshua	For completing his work independently.
Kenya	Ethan	For engaging well in the zoom session about drawing and doing further practice at home.
Seychelles	Callum	For being very helpful for other students, Also completing tasks and challenges set by staff.
Cape Verde	Lilyth	For using her toolkit to self-regulate all week.

Useful Information and Resources

Student of the Week

Key Stage 4		
Australia	Oscar	For some really great contributions to class discussions and working hard to improve his handwriting skills.
Tasmania	Marcus	For accepting changes and overcoming daily challenges, and becoming a model student by following golden rules.
Samoa	Kyle	For consistently working hard and maintaining a positive attitude towards his learning!
New Zealand	Jack	For having a really positive week, by actively taking part in learning and for making a massive effort in his tolerance for others, improving his behaviour throughout.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Joshua	For completing his maths interventions from the retrieval practise box. Well done for working hard and improving your independent learning.
Christmas Island	Flynn	For always being a positive role model to all students and for pushing himself out of his comfort zone to try new foods in food tech lessons.
Fiji	Halle	For being here every day.
PNG	Ciaran	For continually supporting staff members and engaging in lessons.

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?

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The Action Youth (Transgender Youth Group)

When: Wed, 25 January, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Where: L3 5LX, Bolton St, Liverpool L3 5LX, UK

Description

THE* (Trans Health Education) Action Youth group is aimed at young people aged 11 -18 who identify as trans, non-binary, or, gender questioning. Please note the 11 starting age range is from secondary school. This will be a relaxed, social space where young people can meet other trans, non-binary, gender questioning young people.

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

When: Tue, 24 January, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Where: YPAS South Community Hub, Lyndene Rd, Liverpool L25 1NG, UK

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: Thu, 26 January, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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

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 th January Wednesday 25 th January Thursday 26 th January Friday 27 th January	Australia Samoa New Zealand Tasmania
Tuesday 31 st January Wednesday 1 st February Thursday 2 nd February Friday 3 rd February	Australia Samoa New Zealand Tasmania
Tuesday 21 st February Wednesday 22 nd February Thursday 23 rd February Friday 24 th February	Portugal France Mozambique Kenya
Tuesday 28 th February Wednesday 1 st March Thursday 2 nd March Friday 3 rd March	Portugal France Mozambique Kenya
Tuesday 7 th March Wednesday 8 th March Thursday 9 th March Friday 10 th March	Italy Spain Brazil Peru
Tuesday 14 th March Wednesday 15 th March Thursday 16 th March Friday 17 th March	Italy Spain Brazil Peru
Tuesday 2 nd May Wednesday 3 rd May Thursday 4 th May Friday 5 th May	Canada Ireland Madagascar Cape Verde
Tuesday 9 th May Wednesday 10 th May Thursday 11 th May Friday 12 th May	Canada Ireland Madagascar Cape Verde
Tuesday 16 th May Wednesday 17 th May Thursday 18 th May Friday 19 th May	USA Wales Seychelles Botswana
Tuesday 23 rd May Wednesday 24 th May Thursday 25 th May Friday 26 th May	USA Wales Seychelles Botswana