



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 24



Message from the Headteacher

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

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to Term 4 and today's issue of the newsletter.

As we start this new term, we plan for new learning and enrichment opportunities for the students and staff alike. It is a term leading up to the Easter Holidays (last day of term is 31 March, with an early finish at 1pm) and so, we have some 30 days of school to utilise.

Regrettably, as you will be aware, we have had to close the school on Tuesday, 28 February 2023 due to Teachers' Strike Action, and we may sadly have the repeat of the circumstances during a 2-day industrial action on 15-16 March 2023. On behalf of the whole school team, I apologise for the interruption this will cause – to both the students' learning and working families' days. Let's hope that a solution to resolve this dispute of the profession with the central government presents itself soon so that we can avoid such disruption in the future years.

What challenging times we live in....

Whether professional disputes, national pressures or international conflicts, it is critical that we remain optimistic about the future. Reflecting on today marking a 1-year anniversary since the start of the war in Ukraine, as well as reflecting on most recent natural disaster in Turkey and Syria, all leading to a humanitarian crises, it is important for us all to pause and take stock of how fortunate we are, after all, to live in a country that is, by design: democratic, lawful and peaceful.

I therefore start this term hopeful. Despite our lives and the world being full of challenge, I hope for is the good always winning over evil, the truth always prevailing and the kindness of mankind always inspiring me more than any bad deeds taking place in the world.

I wish you all a great term ahead – the Spring is in the air and the skies increasingly blue. Let's enjoy those rays of warmth emerging after a long winter.

With kindest regards

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 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 for Term 4 (20.02.2023 - 31.03.2023)

| Date | Activity | Notes |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Monday 27 February | Family survey | Our family survey link will be sent to you via Parentmail. We look forward to hearing your views. |
| Tuesday, 28 February | TEACHERS' STRIKE DAY | SCHOOL CLOSURE |
| Wednesday 1 March | Global Scouse Day | Students will be able to learn about and try Scouse! |
| Wednesday 1 March | Reverse Jobs Fair | Our Supported Interns will take part in the Reverse Jobs Fair at Convention Centre, Kings Dock |
| Thursday 2 March | World Book Day | In school, we will be learning about how books represent our wonderfully diverse world. |

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

Key Diary Dates

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| | | <p>Each department will have an award ceremony for our Book review competition (partially funded by the Margaret Bryce Scholarship).</p> <p>You child is welcome to attend school with an outfit or accessory representing their favourite book</p> |
| Friday 3 March | <p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times:</p> <p>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 Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p> |
| Friday 3 March | Secondary Art Exhibition | We will be inviting the families of Secondary students in to our Abbot's Lea School art exhibition where your child's work will be on display. Further details and timings will be sent nearer to the time. |
| Monday 6 March | National Careers Week | Students will be completing a range of linked activities in class. There will also be visits from employees such as the emergency services. |
| Monday 6 March | KS4 and 5 Mock Maths exam | This will take place in the Hall |
| Tuesday 7 March | KS4 and 5 Mock English exam | This will take place in the Hall |
| Wednesday 8 March | KS4 and 5 Mock ICT exam | This will take place in the Hall |
| Wednesday 8 March | Open Evening for parents of students who are Year 11 and above | This will take place on site 3.30-5pm. A letter with further information will be sent nearer the time. |
| Friday 10 March | <p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning</p> <p>Assembly times:</p> <p>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 Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p> |

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| Tuesday 14 March | Family training – Understanding Behaviour | Applications are completed. Participants will receive an email with more detail. |
| Wednesday 15 March | Diversity in Science day | To celebrate British Science Week, classes will be learning about how developments in science have been possible due to the work of amazing people – some well-known and some less so well-known. |
| Friday 17 March | Global Recycling Day (Class Choice) / Mothering Sunday (Class Choice) / Comic Relief Own Clothes Day | Own clothes day. Please feel free to make a voluntary contribution of around £1. Funds raised will be split between Comic Relief and a charity, which will be chosen by students |
| 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 20 March | World oral health day | Classes will complete activities in class to learn about the importance of good dental hygiene |
| Friday 24 March | 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 |
| Thursday 30 March | Drop everything and read day | There will be challenges for students as well as an opportunity for the older students to come and read stories to our younger students. |
| Friday 31 March | Easter celebrations and Spring activities | The outdoor learning group will lead our Easter Egg hunt where all students will receive an Easter Egg! |
| Friday 31 March | Last day of school for students | School closes at 1pm for the February half term break and opens again on Monday 20 February |

Key Diary Dates

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 have received a mid-term progress report (this week) and you will receive an end of year report (5 July 2023) for your child.

The reports summarise progress in all areas of the curriculum as well as providing a summary of the qualities your child displays at school.

If you have any questions on comments related to your child's progress at school, please contact Mrs Tobin on deputy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Many thanks!

Next Week's Menu



Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 27/02/23

| Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from | Homemade Wholemeal Pizza served with Wedges and Beans or Coleslaw | Homemade Spanish Chicken served with Rice and Green Beans | All Day Breakfast with Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Wholemeal Toast, Mushrooms and Hash Brown | Meatball Sub Served with fresh Salad and Tortilla Chips | Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas |
| Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily | Pesto Pasta | Roasted Pepper Tomato Quiche | Vegetarian Chilli | Homemade Macaroni Cheese | Veggie Curry with Rice |
| Homemade Soup | Chef Choice | Split Pea | Chinese Sweetcorn | Leek and Potato | Chef Choice |
| Starchy Food Various bread choices available | Homemade Pizza Base | Rice | Wholemeal Toast | Wholemeal Bread | Chips |
| Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus | Carrots | Green Beans | Mushrooms | Tomatoes and Cucumber | Mushy Peas |
| Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time | Fresh Fruit Salad Mixed Yoghurts | Vanilla Cheesecake Fresh Fruit | Fruit Scones with Jam or Cream Yoghurts | Apple Flapjacks 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 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



Ireland class



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Class News



Wales class

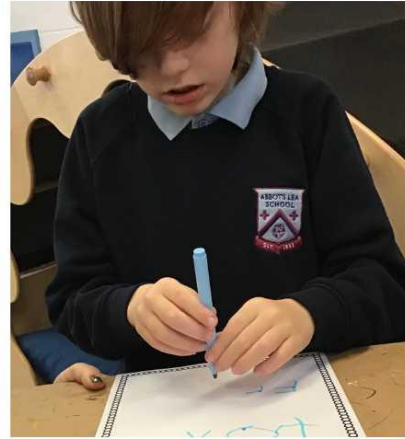


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Italy class



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Portugal class



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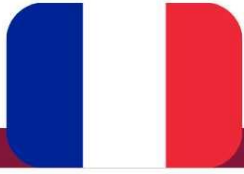


Spain class

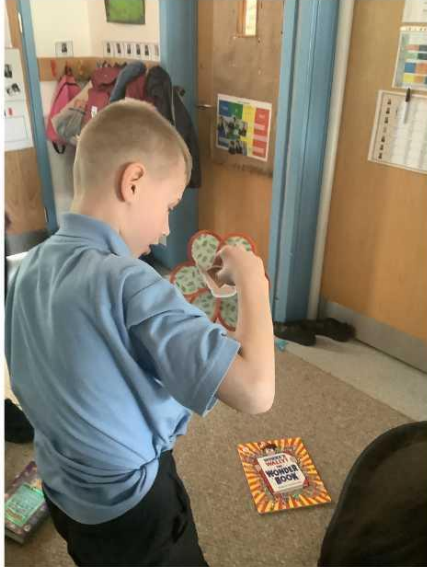


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France class



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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

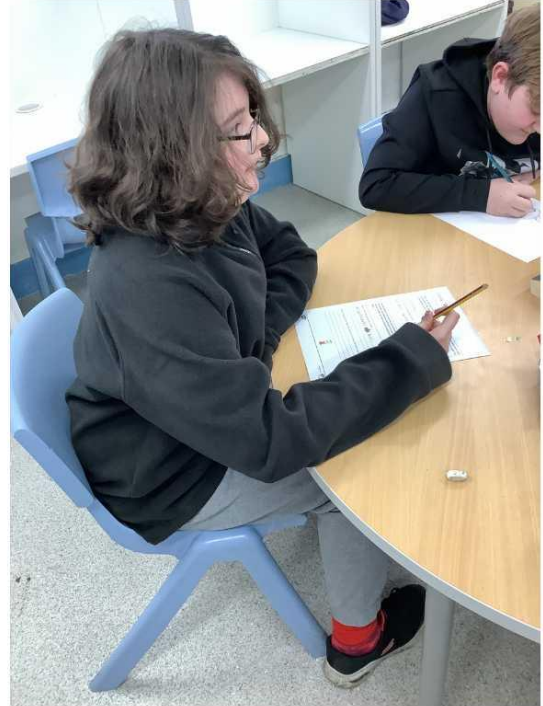


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Cape Verde class

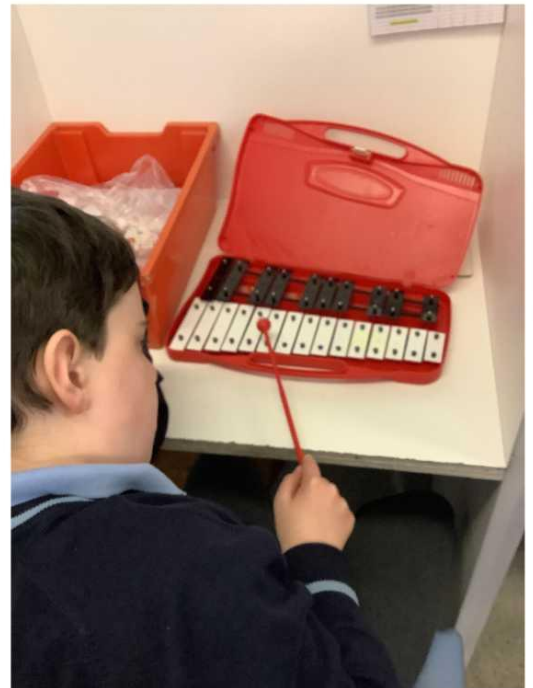
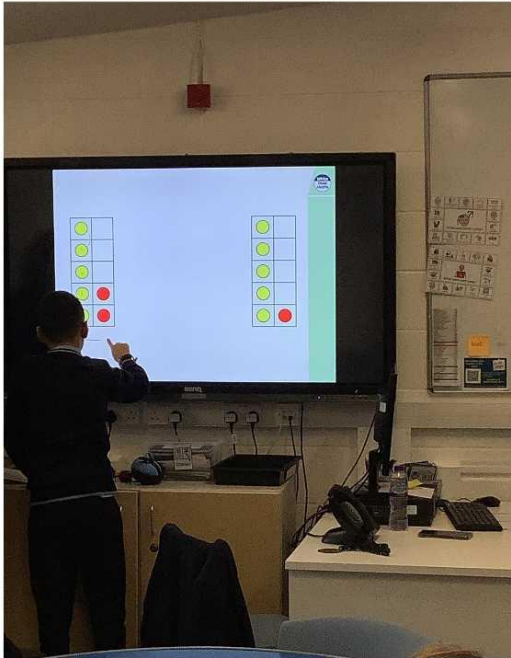


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Madagascar class



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Seychelles class



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Botswana class



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Kenya class

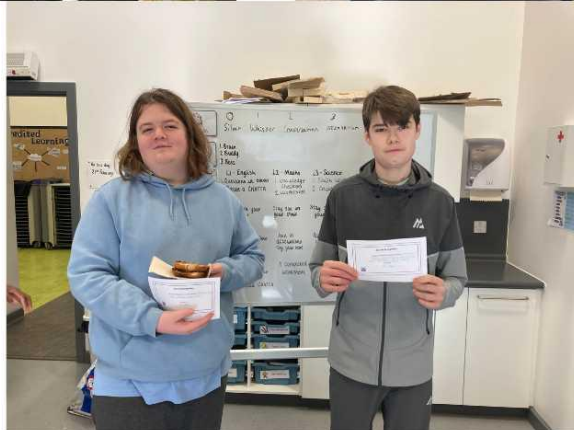
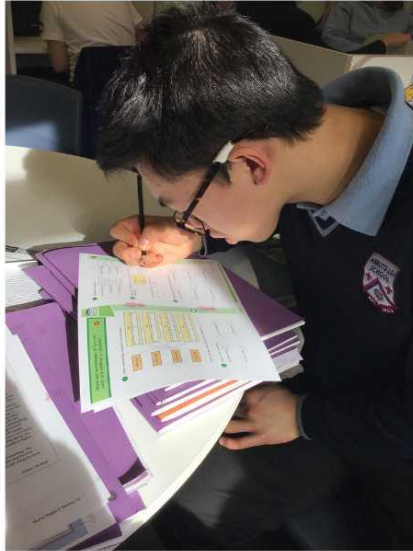


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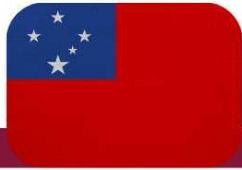


Australia class

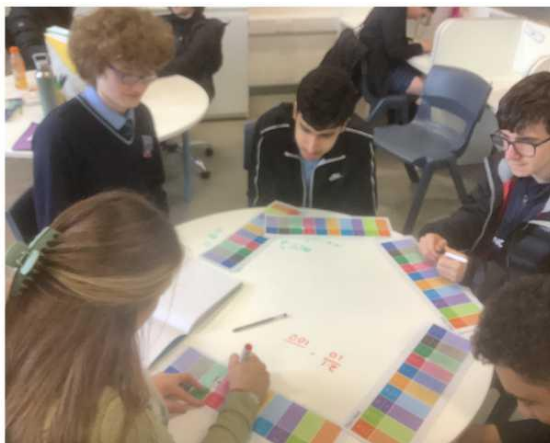


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Samoa class

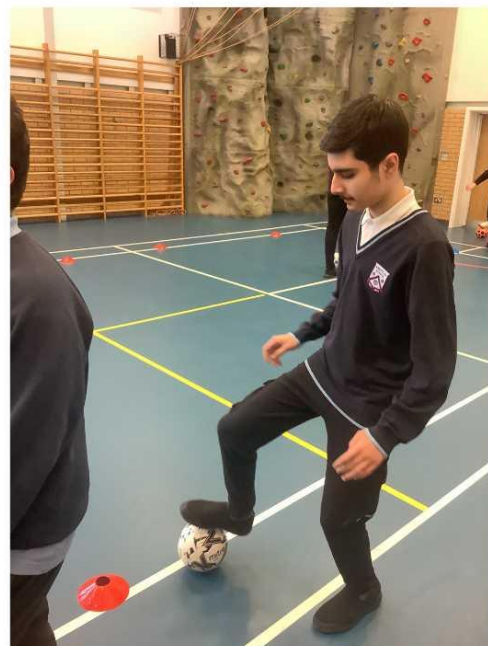


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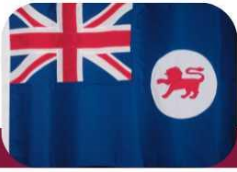


New Zealand class



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Tasmania class

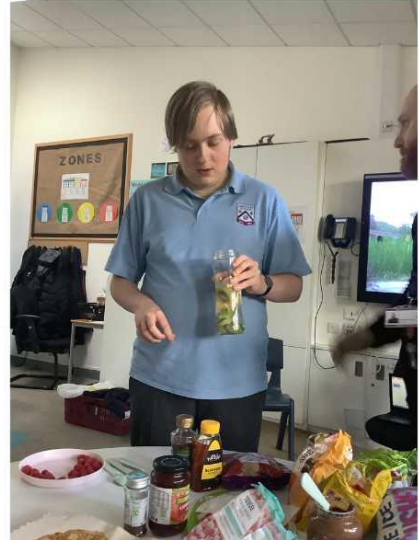


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Papua New Guinea class



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Fiji class

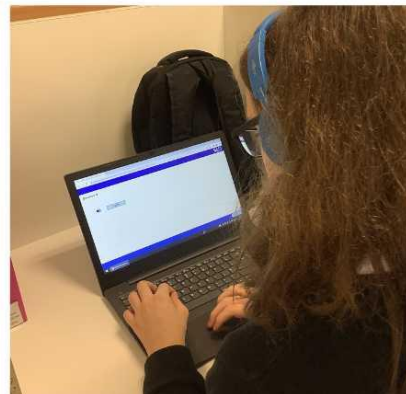
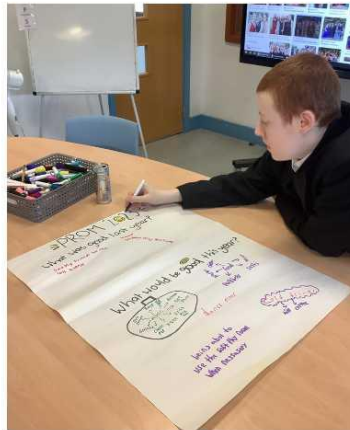


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Christmas Island class

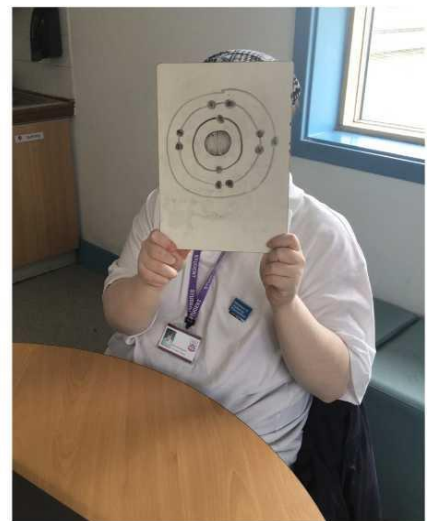
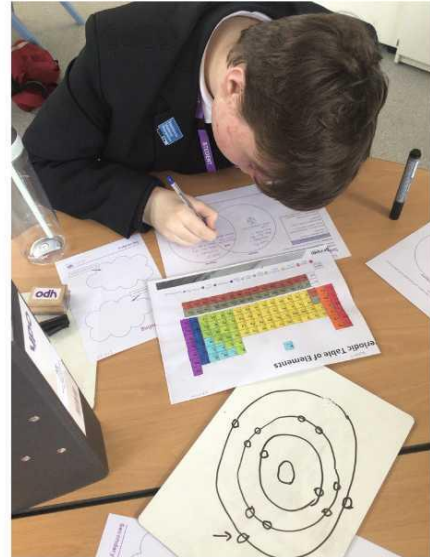


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Malawi class



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Useful Information and Resources

Student of the Week

| Class | Student | Reason why |
|--------------------|----------------|---|
| Key Stage 1 | | |
| Ireland | Ibrahim | For exploring new resources in the classroom |
| Wales | Sam | For singing songs all week and using so many words! |
| Key Stage 2 | | |
| Canada | Adam | For having a fantastic first week at Abbots Lea School. |
| Italy | Alice | For excellent participation in yoga this week. |
| Portugal | Dominic | For great listening to staff and engaging well in all lessons and activities. |
| France | Logan | For showing fantastic determination in his swimming lessons |
| Spain | Tanish | For communicating his needs to staff. |
| USA | Jamie | For always following the golden rules. |
| Key Stage 3 | | |
| Brazil | Jayjay | For following all of our golden rules. |
| Peru | Jakob | For engaging with classroom discussions and sharing his opinions and ideas. |
| Mozambique | Martin | For excellent participation and working hard in swimming, we are very proud of you! |
| Botswana | Louis | For completing a reading comprehension test to a very high standard. Excellent work Louis, well done. |
| Madagascar | Maxi | For working hard all week in every lesson. |
| Kenya | Bupe | For trying his hardest in swimming lessons. |
| Seychelles | Ciaran | For offering a helping hand to a student who needed help with their work. |
| Cape Verde | Theo | For creating a creative and strong structure using just paper and Sellotape. |

Useful Information and Resources

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| Key Stage 4 | | |
| Australia | Jacob | For an improved independent approach to learning and generally trying to follow staff instructions |
| Tasmania | Kyle | For providing excellent support and being a vital member of the team especially in food tech lessons. |
| Samoa | Scott | For working really hard on his handwriting and engaging really well in lessons throughout the week. |
| New Zealand | Isobella | For perseverance and giving 100% effort during Maths lessons, then being able to successfully equate fractions to decimals. |
| Key Stage 5 | | |
| Malawi | Nathan | For always giving 100% in class and following the golden rules. |
| Christmas Island | Louis | For behaving very well at Knowsley college and taking productive steps to make decisions for his future. |
| Fiji | Yusuf | For an excellent week and trying his hardest in all his lessons. |
| PNG | Andrew | For continuous engagement in new activities and never giving up. |

Useful Information and Resources

Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

CRISIS DROP-IN'S

Across 3 Community Hubs

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Across 3 Community Hubs

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?

YPAS North Hub
Croxdale Road West
L14 8YA

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

YPAS South Hub
Lyndene Road
L25 1NG

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

Please see our website for the latest times.

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

When: Tue, 28 February, 16:00 – 17:30

Where: YPAS South Community Hub, Lyndene Rd, Liverpool L25 1NG, UK ([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+ (12-16 years)

When: Tue, 28 February, 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 |
|--|---|
| 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 |

Useful Information and Resources

Global Scouse Day

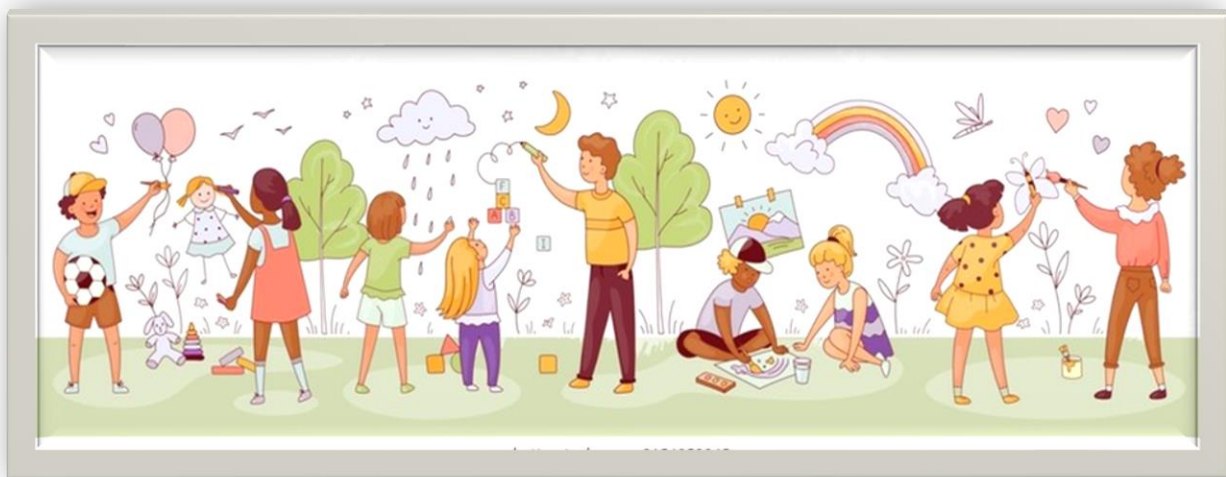


Global Scouse Day is an annual celebration of the city of Liverpool which is held every year on February 28th.

It is primarily based around scouse, the meat stew that has become synonymous with the city

The Children will learn about Scouse and its origins and they will be able to also try Scouse

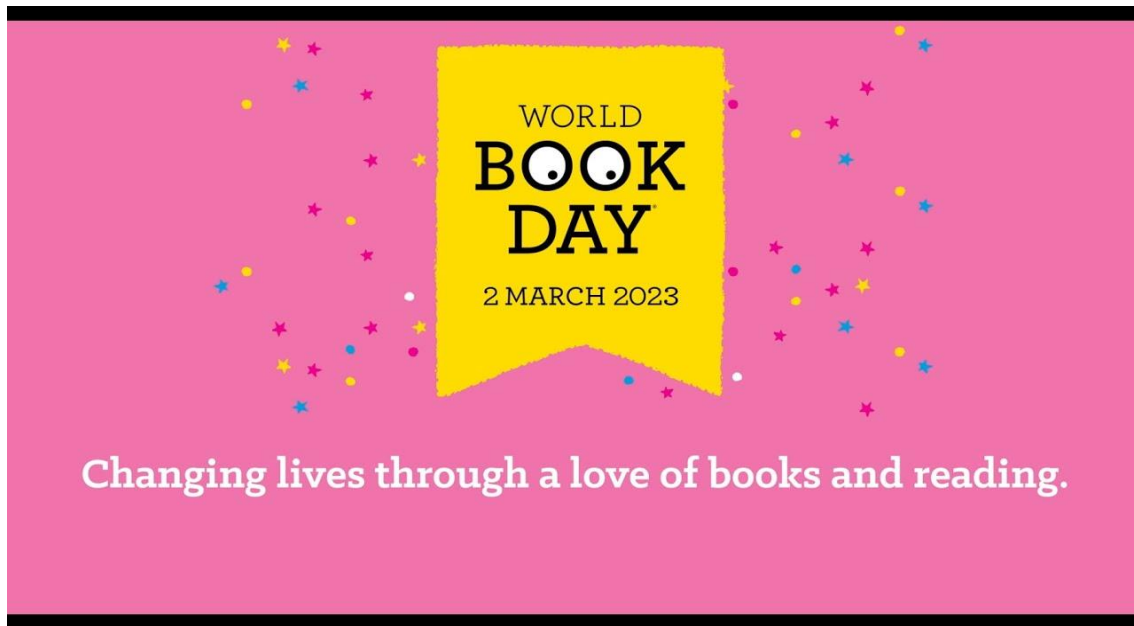
Secondary Art Exhibition - Friday 3 March



We will be inviting the families of secondary students in to our Abbot's Lea School art exhibition where your child's work will be on display

Useful Information and Resources

World Book Day - Thursday 2 March



World Book Day this year will take place on Thursday 2 March 2023.

It will be a non-uniform day and we would like to invite you to make the most of the special occasion and ask that the children take part by dressing up in costume of their favourite character from a book they have enjoyed.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children



Useful Information and Resources

ADHD & Autism: Practical Strategies to Support Behaviour

This free event offers practical advice and support to parents and carers with a focus on exploring behaviour and strategies for regulation.

Friday 24 March 2023, 09:30 – 14:00 GMT

Lakeside School Naylor's Rd Liverpool L27 2YA

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adhd-autism-practical-strategies-to-support-behaviour-tickets-446017730037?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1