



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 today's issue of the Head's Weekly Newsletter.

What a brilliant week we have had here at Abbot's Lea School! Ranging from last Friday's Primary Department Art Exhibition, to today's Secondary one, via the World Book Day!!! It was colorful, creative and vibrant, with ideas and costumes galore!

Thank you to all of the staff for organising a great week of learning opportunities and well done to all of the students for engaging so beautifully.

In the leadership world, Tuesday was, of course, a second interruption to that learning due to teachers' strike action and its impact on the operation of our school.

On behalf of the whole team of staff, I apologise for the inconvenience that the strike action has caused to your children's learning and I want to reassure you that the teams have been working hard to catch up on any lost content. Sadly, unless a solution presents itself soon, we anticipate the need to close the school again on 15 and 16 March 2023 when two more strike days have been announced.

Like many special school leaders I read, with bated breath, yesterday's publication of the new SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan, published by the central government.

Announcement of the need for local sufficiency of places, additional funding and a greater coordination is welcome in general, but the detail is missing and the timeline too long to make a real difference within a foreseeable future. That said, I look forward to learning more and keeping you updated, as the professional community makes sense of the proposals.

You can read them here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-and-alternative-provision-improvement-plan> and, as ever, I would welcome your thoughts, so please email me on: headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

For now, we are ready to welcome the weekend – the sun is shining, the daffodils are blooming and there is a feel of the new season – the spring - in the air! Lovely!

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

Key Diary Dates for Term 4 (20.02.2023 - 31.03.2023)

Date	Activity	Notes
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	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
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

Key Diary Dates

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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	<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</p> <p>10.05 – 10.35 – Primary</p> <p>10.40 – 11.10 – KS3</p> <p>Coffee morning:</p> <p>9.30 – 11am</p>	<p>We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic at Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</p>
Thursday 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

National Careers Week 6 – 10 March



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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 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

Next Week's Menu



Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 06/03/23

Week 3	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 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
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	Twice Baked Jacket Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Toasties	Tandoori Salmon served with Pitta Bread
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Leek and Potato	Red pepper Soup	Tomato and Basil	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Noodles	Potato	Roast Potatoes	Basmati Rice	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Carrots and Swede	Cabbage	Peppers	Mushy Peas
Dessert 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

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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Wales class



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Italy class

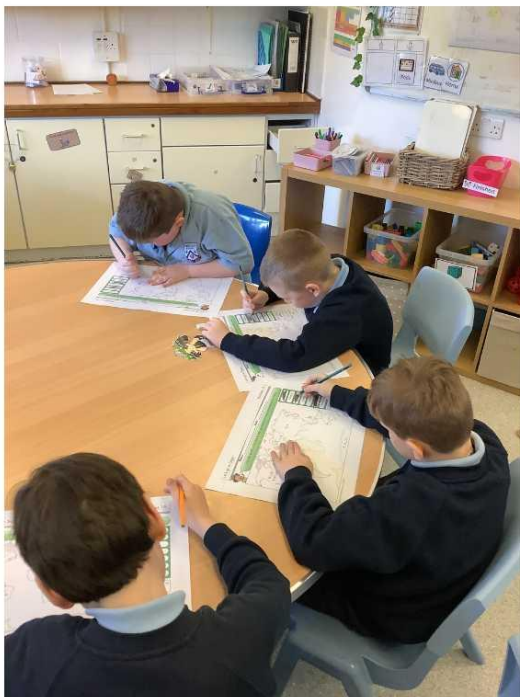
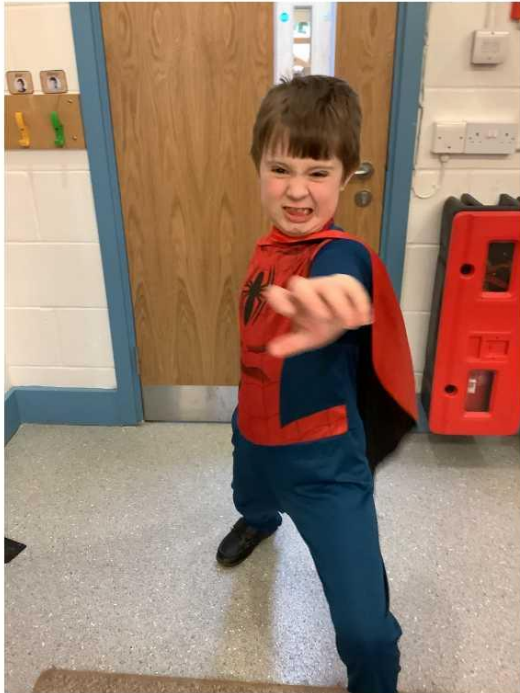


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Portugal class

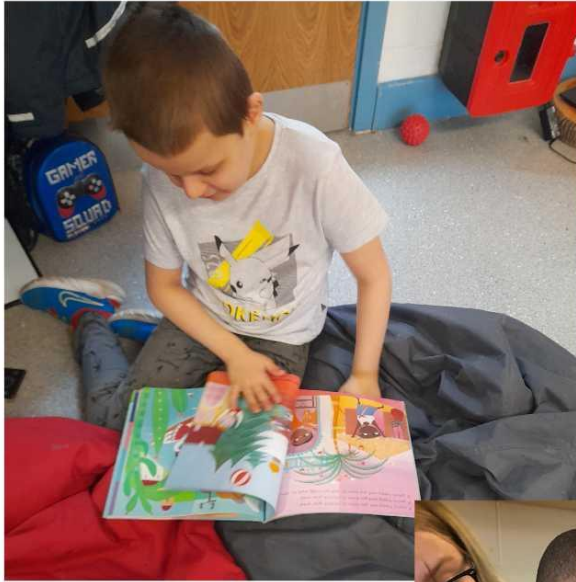


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Spain class



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France class

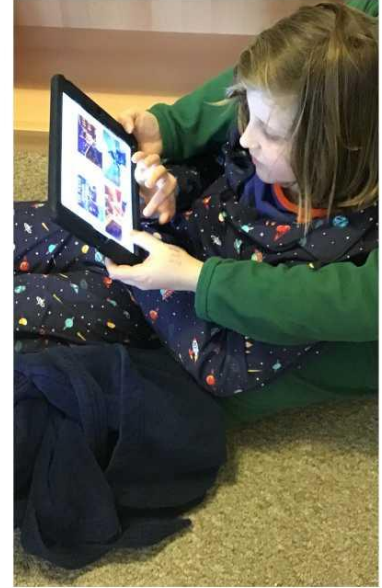


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Canada class



World bookday 2023

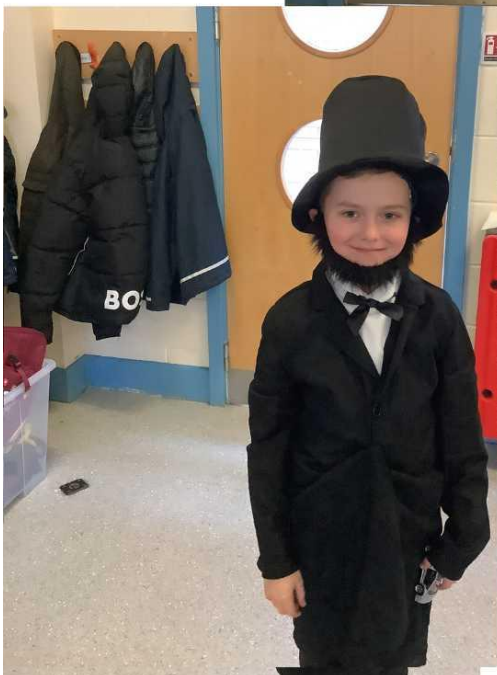


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USA class

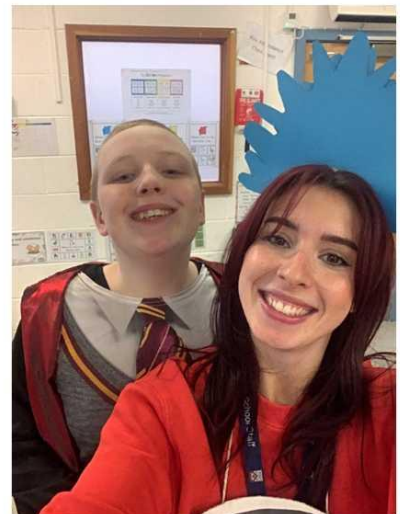


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Brazil class

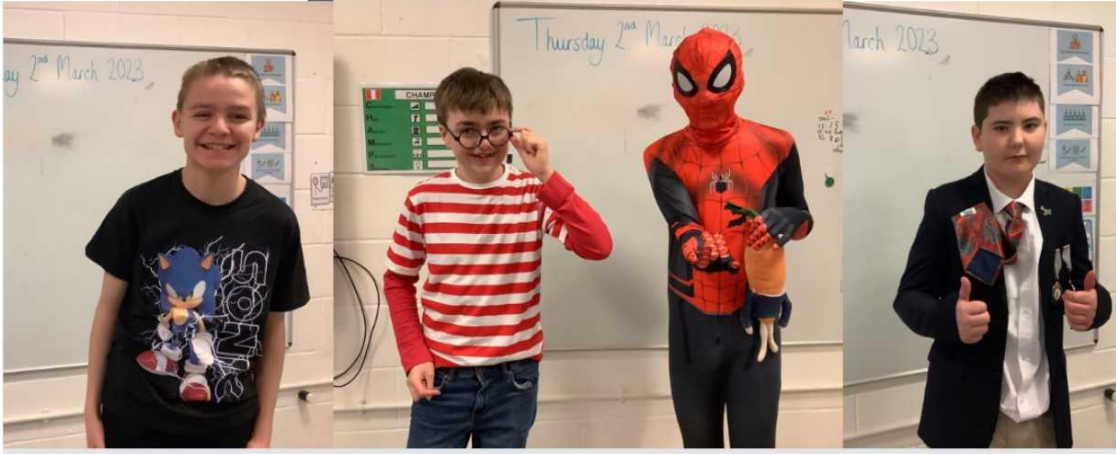


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Peru class



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Mozambique class



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Cape Verde class



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Botswana class



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Seychelles class

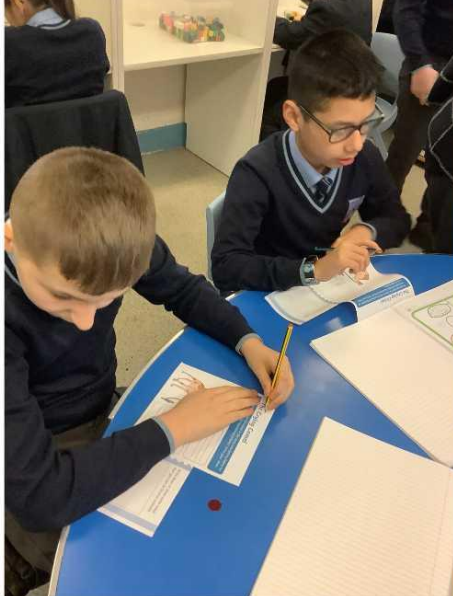


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Madagascar class

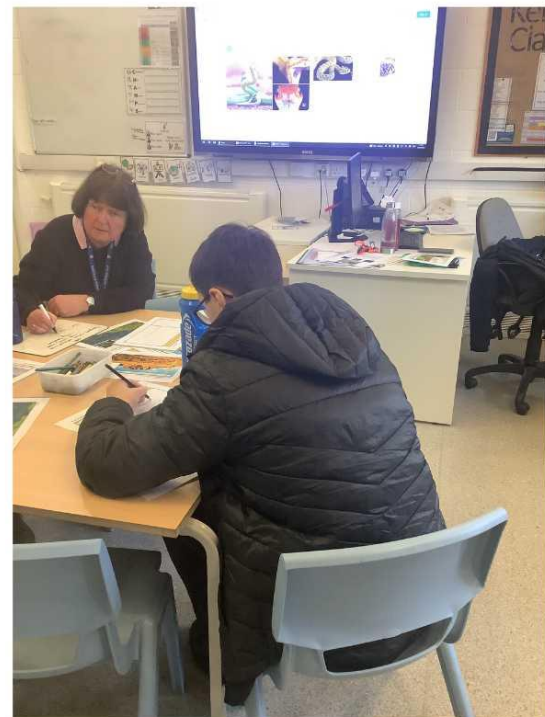


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Kenya class



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Australia class

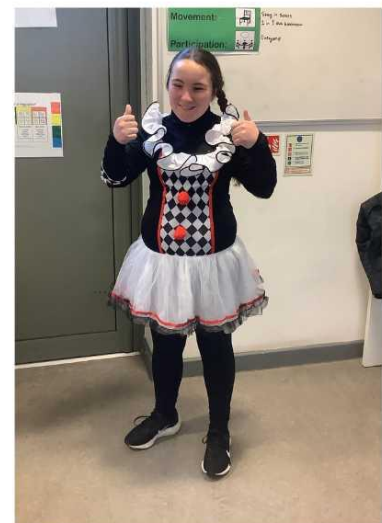
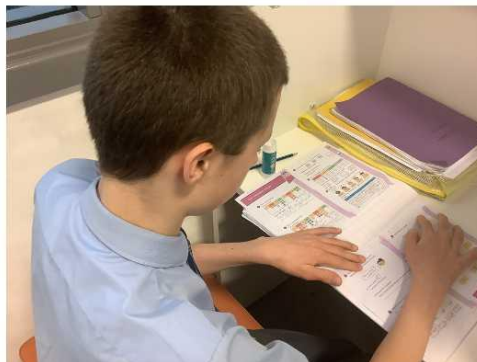


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New Zealand class

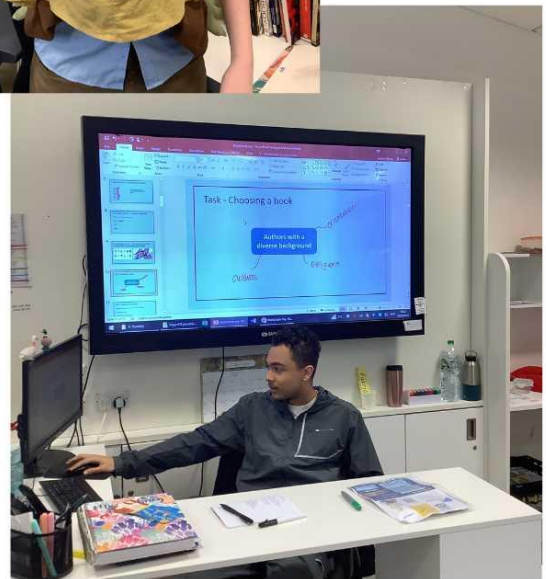
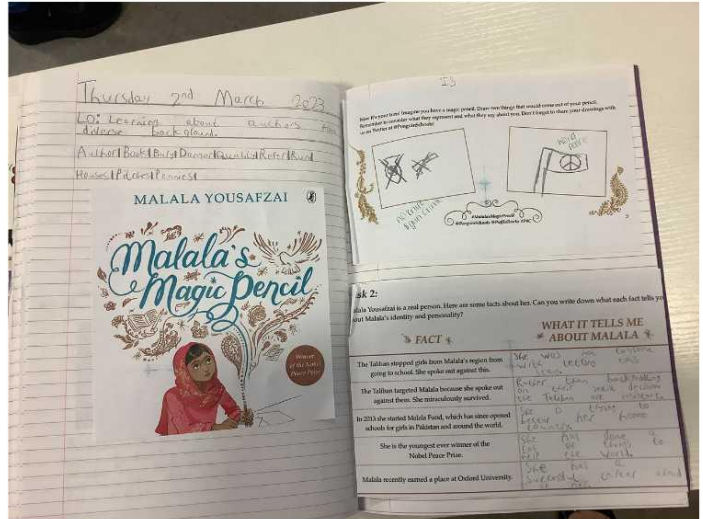


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Samoa class

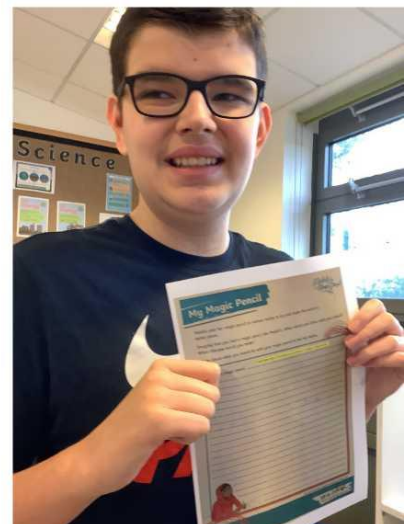
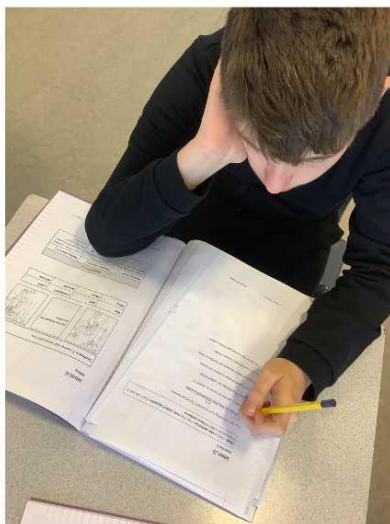
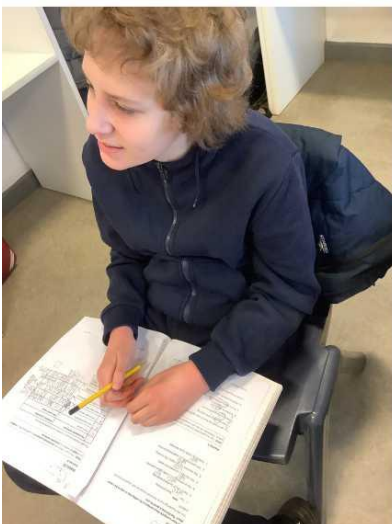
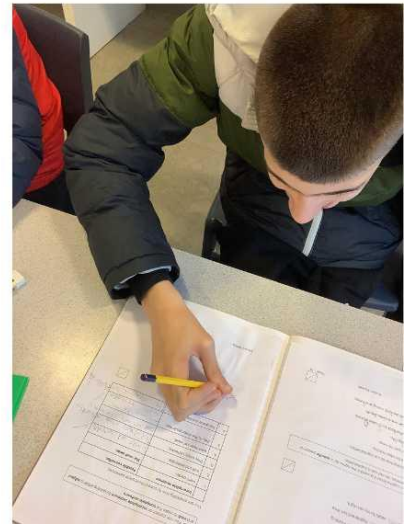
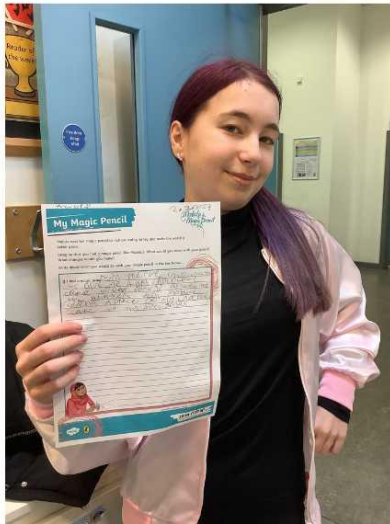
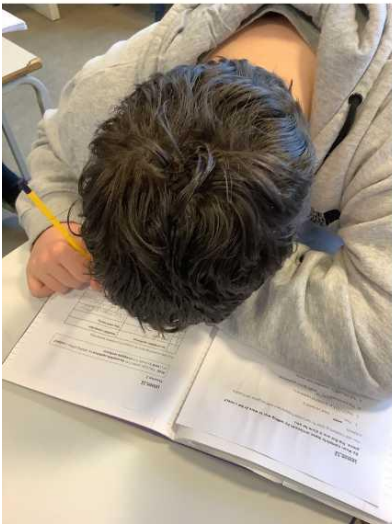
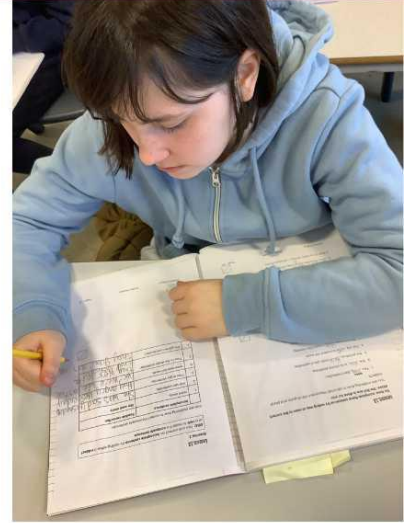
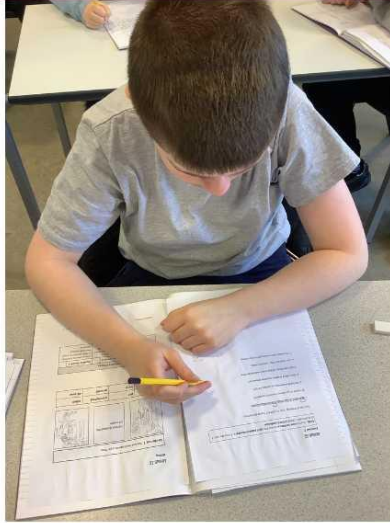
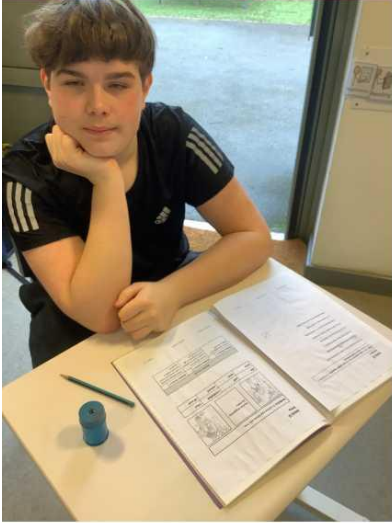


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Tasmania class

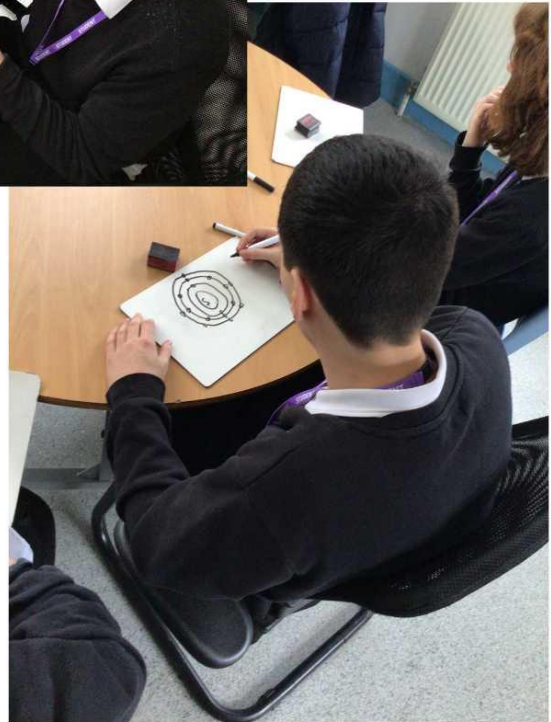


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Malawi class

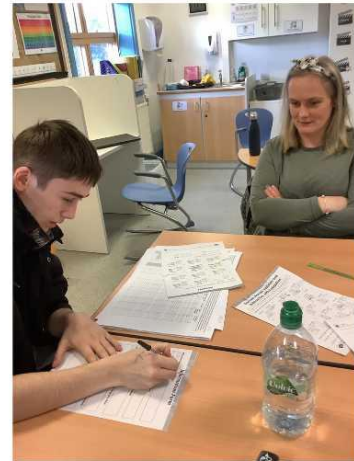


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Christmas Island class

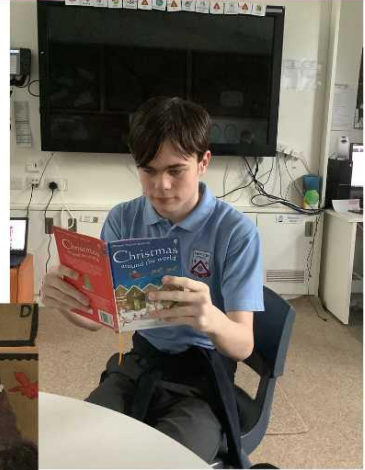


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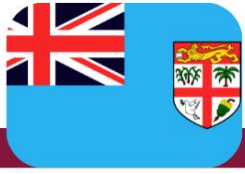


Papua New Guinea class

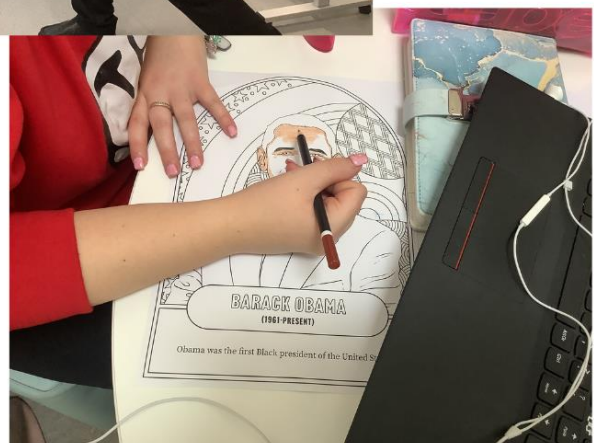


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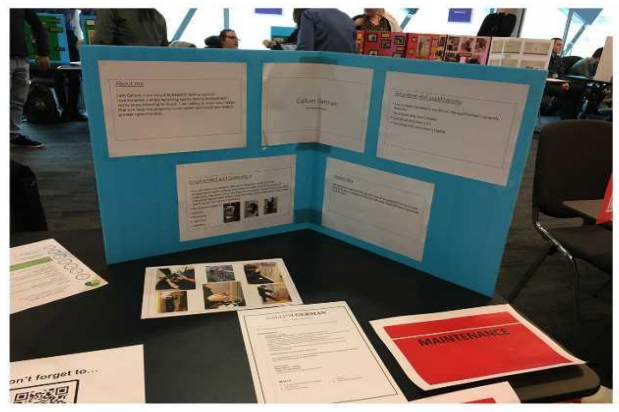
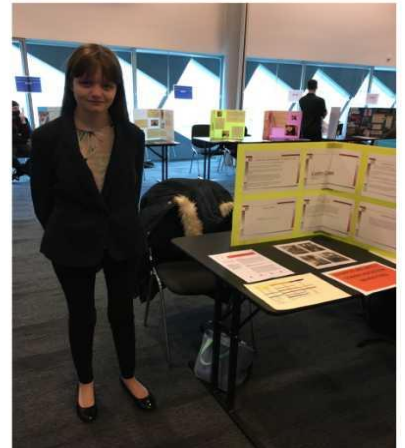


Fiji class



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Useful Information and Resources

Student of the Week

Class	Student	Reason why
Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Noah	For fantastic engagement with bucket therapy.
Wales	Harley	For fantastic engagement in all activities.
Key Stage 2		
Canada	Scarlett	For having a very settled week and engaging in all activities.
Italy	Charlie	For excellent engagement and trying new food.
Portugal	Joel	For developing his confidence in our swimming sessions and jumping in!
France	India	For fantastic progress in her swimming.
Spain	Daniel	For being a kind friend.
USA	Oliver	For always trying hard.
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Matthew	For staying positive and being happy.
Peru	Anthony	For following instructions and showing real maturity in his behaviour.
Mozambique	Immy	For having an excellent week and working hard in swimming.
Botswana	Isaac	For producing a fantastic piece of drawing for his English work! Well done, Isaac.
Madagascar	John	For being a kind friend at playtime and making sure everyone is included.
Kenya	Ethan	For putting great effort in his swimming lessons.
Seychelles	Daniel	For learning to lead by example, stepping up to challenges, and showing massive growth and maturity.
Cape Verde	Theo	For creating a creative and strong structure in DT.

Useful Information and Resources

Key Stage 4		
Australia	Karim	For following the Golden Rules and completing all your work.
Tasmania	Matthew	For joining in lesson discussions and working hard in small groups for maths and English.
Samoa	Mohammed	For being an excellent role model and always doing the right thing.
New Zealand	Paul	For working well and engaging in lessons all week and for improvement with his handwriting and presentation of his work.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Nicholas	For taking on the role of Head Student so well and always taking to new learning with a fantastic can-do attitude.
Christmas Island	Dom	For being very polite and helpful to all staff and working hard at his work experience in Speke Hall.
Fiji	Kazie	For being resilient and trying really hard with his work.
PNG	Alex	For persistent hard work and research and continuing to develop his patience.

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 7 th March	Italy
Wednesday 8 th March	Spain
Thursday 9 th March	Brazil
Friday 10 th March	Peru
Tuesday 14 th March	Italy
Wednesday 15 th March	Spain
Thursday 16 th March	Brazil
Friday 17 th March	Peru
Tuesday 2 nd May	Canada
Wednesday 3 rd May	Ireland
Thursday 4 th May	Madagascar
Friday 5 th May	Cape Verde
Tuesday 9 th May	Canada
Wednesday 10 th May	Ireland
Thursday 11 th May	Madagascar
Friday 12 th May	Cape Verde
Tuesday 16 th May	USA
Wednesday 17 th May	Wales
Thursday 18 th May	Seychelles
Friday 19 th May	Botswana
Tuesday 23 rd May	USA
Wednesday 24 th May	Wales
Thursday 25 th May	Seychelles
Friday 26 th May	Botswana

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>

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
Young Person's Advisory Service

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, 7 March, 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, 7 March, 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.