



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 25



Message from the Headteacher

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

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

I write today's newsletter from my kitchen, as the school was forced to close due to this morning's heavy snowfall and accessibility issues in the neighbouring streets and the school site itself.

Forecast for next week is positive, with warmer weather approaching. I certainly hope we will not have any more emergency closures this year, and yet, some situations just cannot be helped.

Regrettably, unless the Trade Union talks with the central government prove fruitful by the middle of next week, we will have another two days of interrupted learning due to teachers' strikes taking place on 15th and 16th March. Please note the communication sent to all families last week:

<http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/School-closure-due-to-strike-action-on-15-16-March-2023-8.3.3023.pdf>

I sincerely apologise for the negative impact this will have on the students and I assure you that we will do all that we can to catch up on all of the missed learning.

Thirteen days of this term that we will have at our disposal (before the Easter break begins), will be used for a number of amazing learning opportunities. Most will take place on school site but we have some learning in the community planned, too.

I want to flag, in particular, next Friday's "own clothes day", in aid of Comic Relief and a charity, yet to be chosen by our students. Please feel free to make a voluntary contribution of £1.

Until then, I wish you all a pleasant weekend – keep well and warm as this March snow adorns the world around us!

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
All week	Diversity in Science	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.
Tuesday 14 March	Family training – Understanding Behaviour	Participants will receive an email with more detail.
Wednesday and Thursday 15-16 March 2023	School closure due to strike action	
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
	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) 9.30 – 10.00 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

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

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

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 you 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

FOOD
FOR
THOUGHT

Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 13/03/23

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	Homemade Cottage Pie served with Garden Peas and Carrots	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 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



For more information on your child's progress, contact the class team directly. Our Key Stage Leaders and Mrs Tobin can tell you more about our curriculum, with all subject maps available on our website ([access here](#)).

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Wales class



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Italy class



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Portugal class

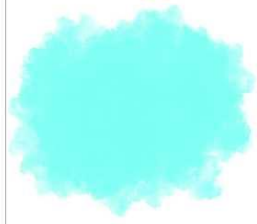


portugal class have worked so hard this week!

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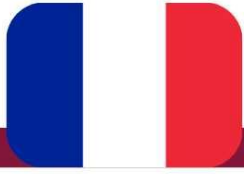


Spain class



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France class

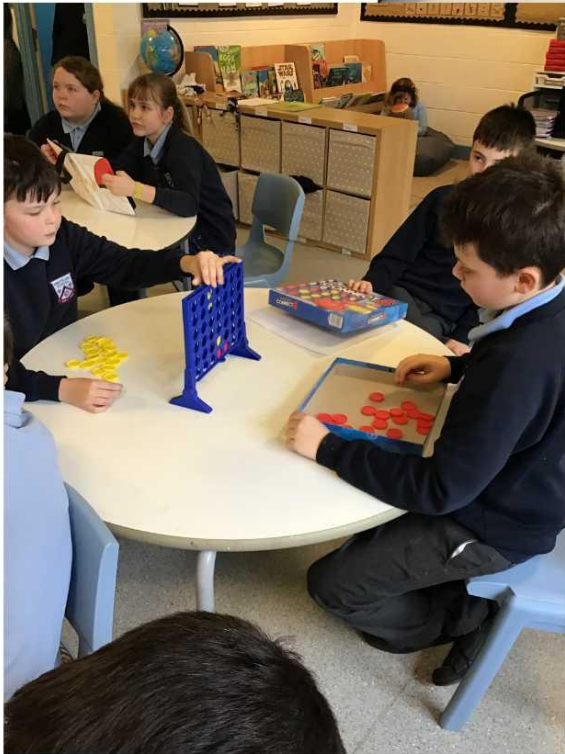


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Canada class

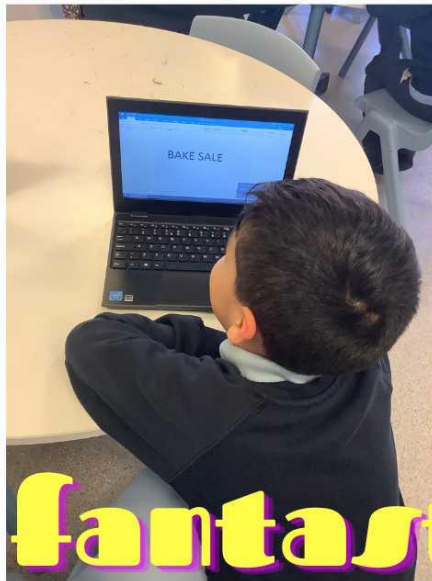


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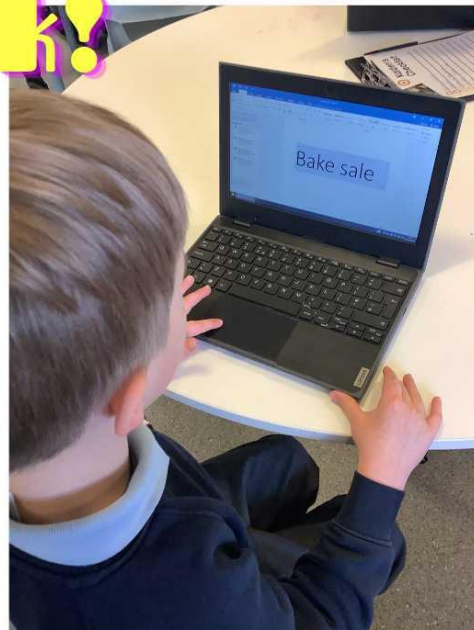
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USA class



A fantastic week!



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Brazil class

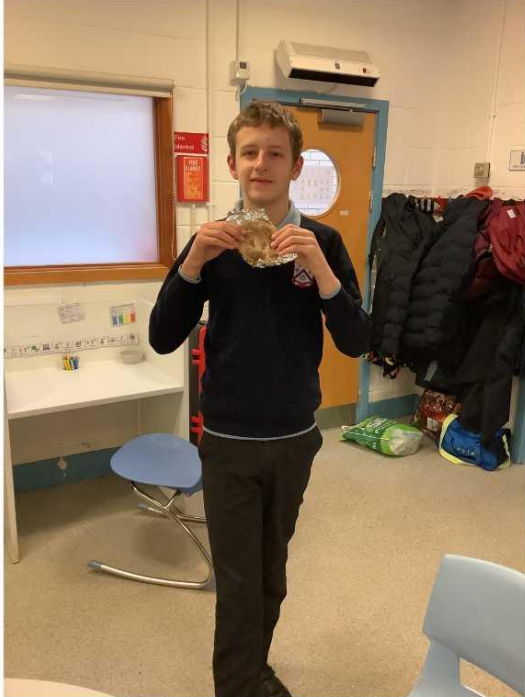


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Peru class

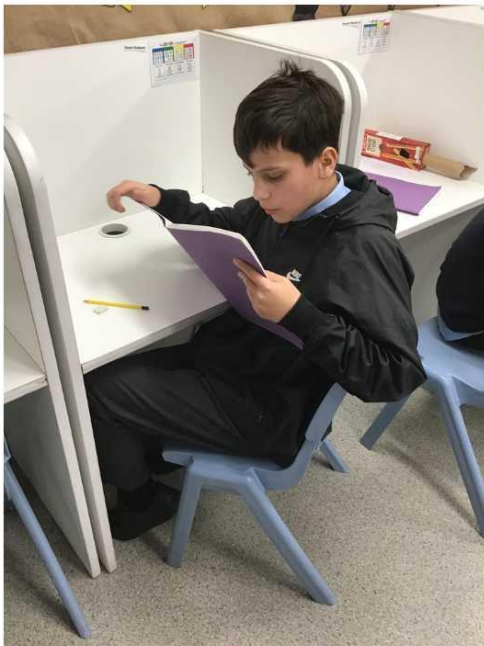


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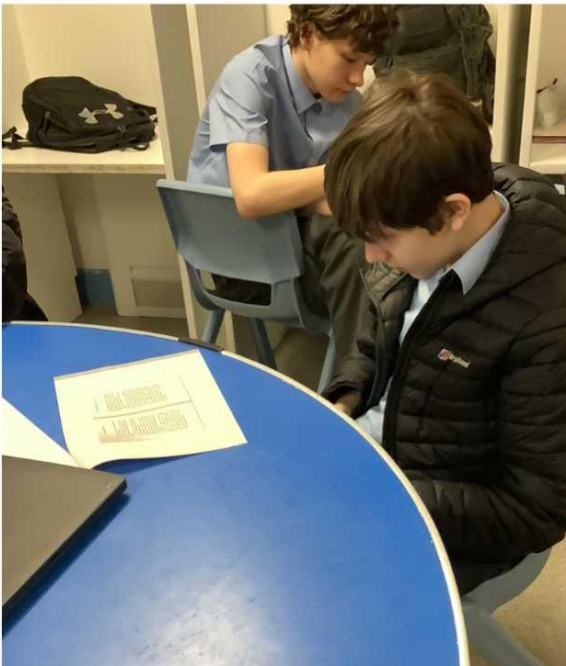
Mozambique class



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Cape Verde class



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Botswana class

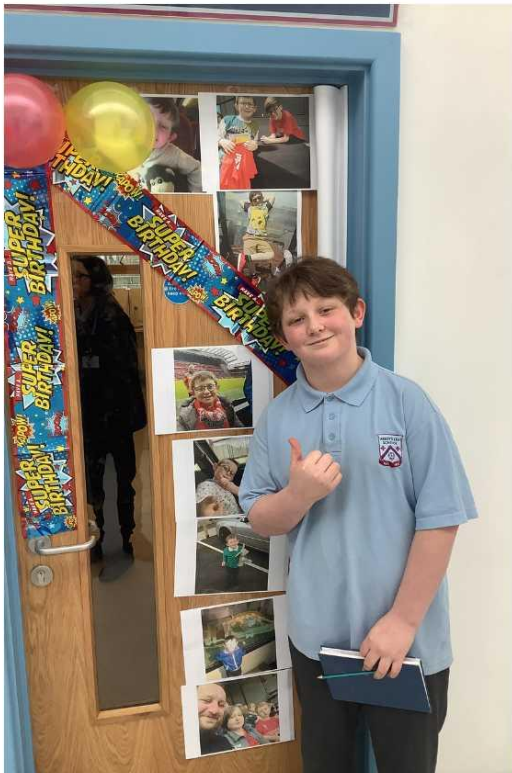
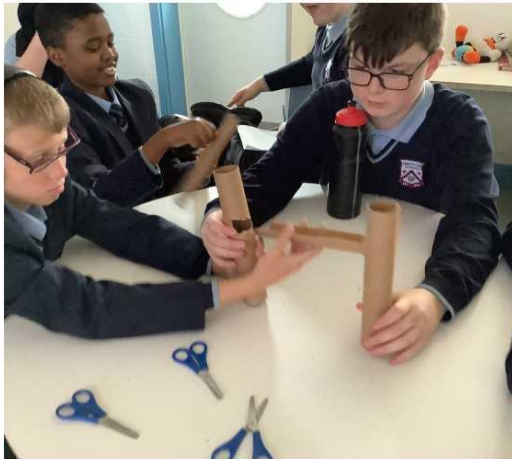


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Class News



Seychelles class



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Madagascar class

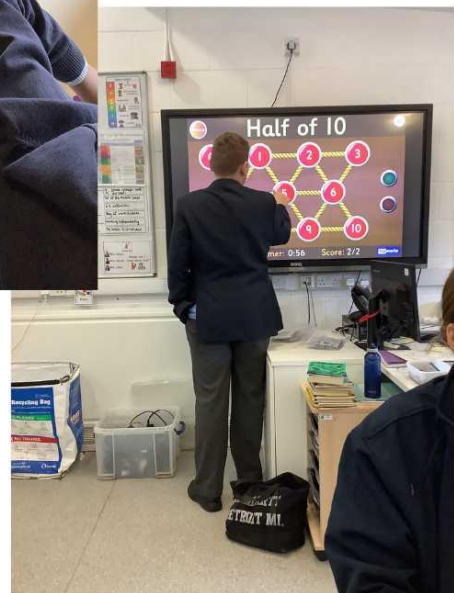
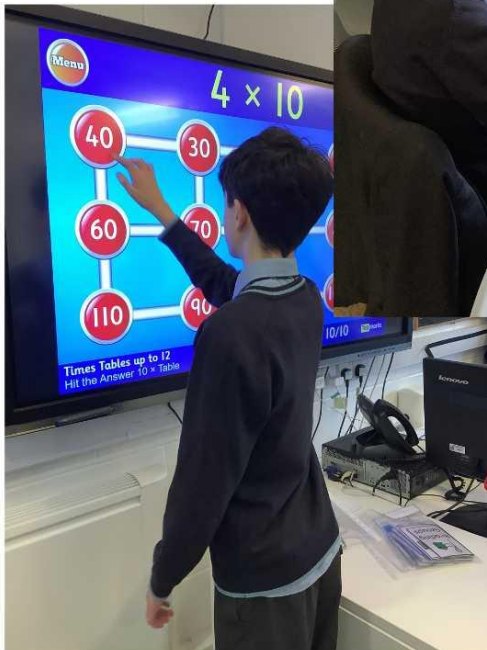


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Kenya class

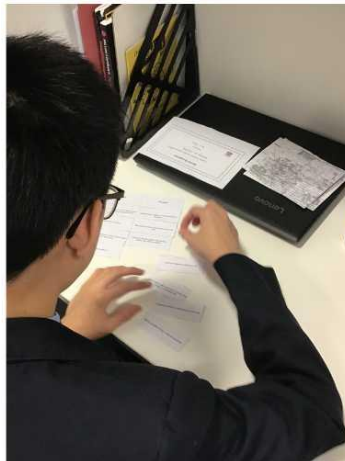


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Australia class



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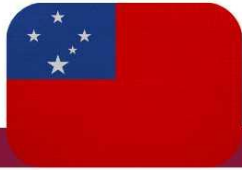


New Zealand class

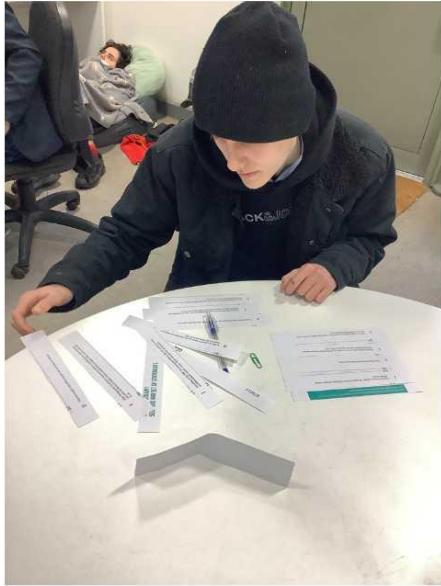


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Samoa class



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Tasmania class

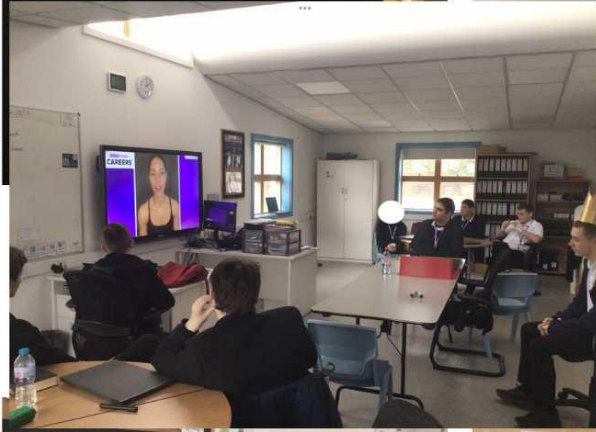
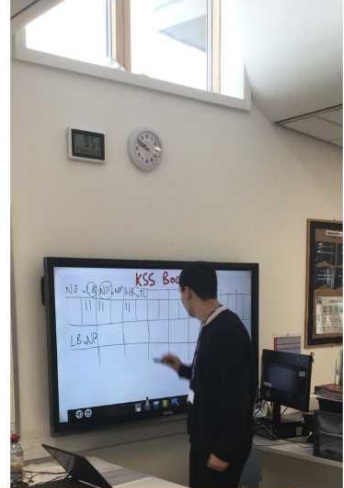
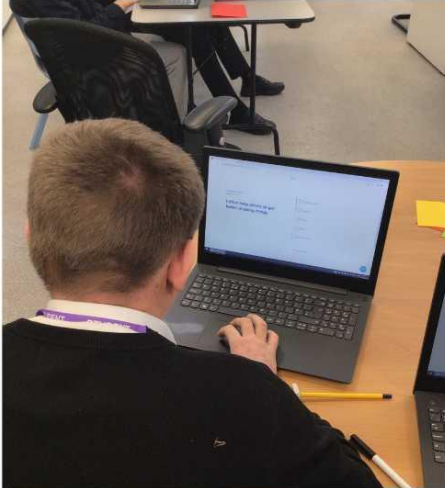


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Malawi class

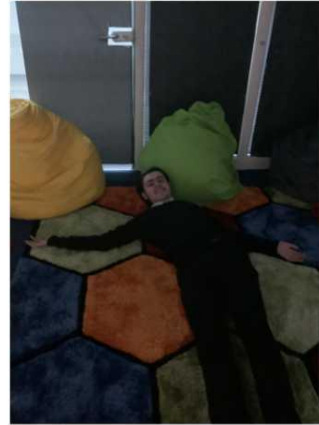


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Christmas Island class



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Papua New Guinea class



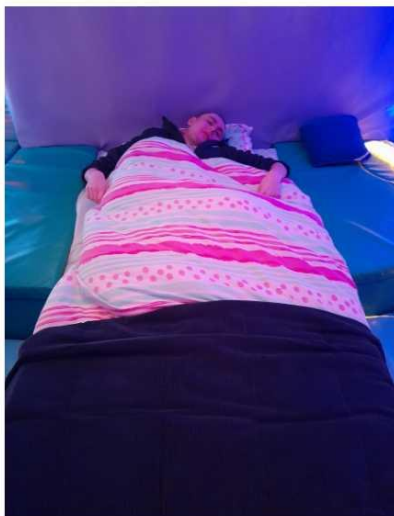
**This
week in
Papua
New
Guinea**

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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	Jacob	For adapting to change so well eating his lunch in class.
Key Stage 2		
Canada	Jack	For working really hard to achieve 10 out of 10 in his spellings test. Well done Jack!
Italy	Reem	For being patient and showing resilience.
Portugal	Theo	For trying so hard this week with new staff.
France	Georgie	For fabulous, fluent reading.
Spain	Ansel	For trying to be more independent and getting himself dressed after swimming.
USA	Mikey	For always having a can-do attitude.
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Jack	For gaining confidence during our swimming lessons.
Peru	Brandon	For great self-regulating behaviour, for following instructions and listening well.
Mozambique	Sonny	For fantastic reading in English and excellent knowledge in Geography. We are really proud of you!
Botswana	Owen	For showing fantastic maturity and producing fantastic work all week in all subjects. Well done Owen and you even got one year older!
Madagascar	Conor	For Trying his best to accept change.
Kenya	Stephen	For making the right the choices and showing a more positive attitude.
Seychelles	Kaiyeem	For displaying a great positive attitude all week, uplifting the energy of the class and expressing himself through his work
Cape Verde	David	For writing an excellent and heart-warming poem

Useful Information and Resources

Key Stage 4		
Australia	Nathaniel	For always trying your best, working really hard during mock exam week and being a great friend to everyone in Australia class.
Tasmania	Rebecca	For providing support to younger students during the buddy program and being an excellent role model to those she worked with.
Samoa	Adam	For trying really hard in his mock exams and improving his behaviour daily.
New Zealand	Jack	For sitting his mock exams this week. He was really anxious but managed to overcome his nerves and do well, especially in the English exam.
Key Stage 5		
Malawi	Liam	For giving 100% during mock exams this week and completing new training in work experience.
Christmas Island	Lewis	For working very hard in all of his mock exams and viewing them in a positive light no matter how hard they were.
Fiji	Githan	For trying his best in his mock exams.
PNG	Ciaran	For continuous hard work in his exams

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 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

British Science Week – 10 – 19 March 2023



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths which will take place 10-19 March 2023.

The 2023 theme is connections. From exploring plant growth in a window box to discussing the impacts of economic growth on our society,

To celebrate British Science Week, classes at Abbot's Lea School 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.

Useful Information and Resources



National Open Youth Orchestra

Help us shape the modern orchestra to be more inclusive, creative... Awesome!

Applications for an audition to join the National Open Youth Orchestra are now open for 2023!



Could NOYO be the orchestra for you? Download and read the 2023-24 Applicant's Information Pack to find out. It gives lots of information about NOYO, the application and audition process (the word 'audition' can sound scary, but it's just a way for us to meet the candidates. Our auditions are friendly and relaxed!). We also highly recommend you sign up to come along to one of our [Open Rehearsals](#).

If you know of any additional service or resource that would be useful to the rest of our school community, please share it with our office via reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Useful Information and Resources

Applications are open 1-31 March 2023. Visit the links below to get started!

- [Apply now: Read and fill out the NOYO audition application form](#)
- [Download and read the 2023-24 Applicant's Information Pack \(PDF\)](#)

Why be part of the National Open Youth Orchestra?

The National Open Youth Orchestra brings many opportunities. Playing with amazing [musicians](#), feeling a sense of belonging, improvising and being creative with music, are some of the reasons young people enjoy being part of NOYO.

"This is the first orchestra I have ever fitted into. I normally feel like I don't fit in but I do in NOYO."

National Open Youth Orchestra musicians are supported to realise their musical potential through rehearsals and concerts, in partnership with the [Barbican](#) and [Guildhall School of Music & Drama](#) in London, [Bristol Beacon](#) in Bristol, [Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra](#) in Bournemouth, [Midlands Arts Centre](#), [B:Music](#) and [Services For Education](#) in Birmingham. Musicians will also be invited to apply for the Cardiff NOYO Centre this year, in partnership with [BBC National Orchestra of Wales](#) and [The Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama](#).



Within the National Open Youth Orchestra, we play from notation, but also learn by ear. Because our orchestra is so diverse, our approach to music is very collaborative, guided by musicians' abilities and creativity. We develop exciting new music with cutting-edge composers, with NOYO musicians very much influencing the process.

It's a progression route.

The National Open Youth Orchestra is for young disabled people who either already play acoustic or electronic instruments, OR control assistive technology or a communication aid– such as an Eyegaze computer– to a standard that could translate to playing an electronic instrument, such as the [Clarion](#).

Useful Information and Resources

It's also for young non-disabled people who already play an acoustic or electronic musical instrument with fluency and flair.

All NOYO applicants need to demonstrate a passion for music, the potential to play a musical instrument with a high degree of control and expression, and a determination to persevere both musically and personally.

"I like being in NOYO because they have taught me so much. It has helped me to build my confidence performing and being around others."

Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

CRISIS DROP-IN'S

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?

CRISIS DROP-IN'S

Across 3 Community Hubs

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Croxdale Road West
L14 8YA

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

YPAS
Young Person's Advisory Service

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

When Tuesday 14 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.

Useful Information and Resources

GYRO LGBTQ+ (12-16 years)

When: Tue, 14 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.

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>