



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 39



Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

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

As we approach the end of yet another academic year, it has been a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of the students over the last few weeks at the award ceremonies, sporting events and musical showcasing of talent.

I know you will agree that our students demonstrate our **Golden Rules** each and every day and are awe-inspiring examples of our shared code of conduct which teaches us to: - **Be here. Every day**; - **Work hard and be nice**; - **Never give up on yourself or others**; - **Stay positive and be happy!**

In lessons, breaks, extra-curricular activities, trips offsite (including internationally!), community events (such as our Summer Fair), as well as when welcoming visitors or new students and staff joining our school community, our students make us very proud!

This time next week, we will say goodbye to many of our students and also some staff and, as today marks the last day of the 2022-23 operation, I want to pause to thank them all for their contributions to Abbot's Lea School during their time here. Whether you were with us just for a moment, or have spent a number of years learning, or working here, you have left a personal mark on the history of Abbot's Lea and we thank you for it. We wish you all the very best for the future and look forward to hearing from you with your successes.

Next week is our Transition Week: Monday, 9am – Friday, 1pm.

All students – those remaining for next year and others, joining ALS in September – will be placed in their next year's classes and supported by their next year's teams. The aim of the Transition Week is to get to know each other, do some team-building and for those new to school, to instil sufficient familiarity with the school to make sure that the summer holidays are not filled with anxiety, and September doesn't feel that daunting! We look forward to making next week fun!

I thank you for your support this year and let's begin the countdown to the summer holidays: 5 school days to go!

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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Drumming is good for you — just keep your feet on the ground

Scientists study physical and mental health benefits — particularly in children with dyslexia, dyspraxia and autism.

Our students have been involved in a drumming programme and have featured on the BBC! They were interviewed and aired on BBC Radio 4, twice and also featured on BBC Breakfast show.

To read more I have provided you with a link where we have featured in 2 articles:

The Times: [Drumming is good for you — just keep your feet on the ground \(thetimes.co.uk\)](https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/drumming-is-good-for-you-just-keep-your-feet-on-the-ground)

The Independent: [Include drumming in school curriculum to help autistic pupils, says Blondie star | The Independent](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/psychology/drumming-in-school-curriculum-to-help-autistic-pupils-says-blondie-star-the-independent)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Key Diary Dates for Term 6

Date	Event	Comment
Monday 10 – Friday 14 July	Transition Week	All students will be in their new (next year's) classes and our new starters will join our school During this week there will be a timetable of planned activities, including a Wellbeing Day and Diversity Day.
Friday 14 July 1pm	Last day of term 6	School closes for the summer at 1pm

Term dates for 2023-24 (link)

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

TERM DATES

2023-24

Term 1

- Friday 1 September 2023 – INSET 1 – school closed to all students
- Monday, 4 September 2023 – INSET 2 – school closed to all students
- Tuesday, 5 September 2023 – INSET 3 – school closed to all students
- **Students' return:** Wednesday, 6 September 2023
- **End:** Friday, 27 October 2023 at 3pm
- **Half term:** Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Term 2

- **Start:** Monday, 6 November 2023
- **End:** Friday, 22 December 2023, at 1pm
- **Christmas break:** Monday 25 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024

Term 3

- Start: 8 January 2024
- End: Friday 9 February 2024 at 3pm
- **Half term:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Term 4

- **Starts:** Monday 19 February 2024
- **Ends:** Thursday 28 March 2024, at 1pm
- **Easter break:** Friday 29 March 2024 (bank holiday) to Friday 12 April 2024

Term 5

- **Start:** Monday 15 April 2024
- **May day:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **End:** Friday, 24 May 2024 at 3pm
- **Half term:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term 6

- **Start:** Monday, 3 June 2024
- **Leavers' Last Day:** Friday, 28 June 2024, at 1pm
- **INSET 4:** Friday, 12 July 2024 – school closed to all students
- **Transition Week:** 15 July 2024 – 19 July 2024
- **End:** Friday, 19 July 2024 at 1pm

Next Week's Menu



Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 10/07/23

Week 6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Veggie Breakfast Wrap Veggie Sausage, Hash Brown, Mushroom and Beans Served in a Tortilla Wrap.	Slow Cooked Moroccan Lamb Served with Cous Cous and Greek Yoghurt Dip	Homemade Chicken Tikka Curry served with Basmati Rice and Naan Bread	Chefs Choice	Fish Fingers served with Chips and Garden Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Spanish Omelette	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche	Vegetable Quesadillas	Chefs Choice	Veggie Sausage Roll
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Tomato and Basil	Pea and Mint	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Ravioli Pasta	Cous Cous	Basmati Rice	Chefs Choice	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Tomatoes	Cauliflower	Green Beans	Chefs Choice	Garden Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch	Fresh Fruit Salad Fresh Fruit	Strawberries and Cream Fresh Fruit	Sponge Cake topped with Jam and Whipped Cream Yoghurts	Chefs Choice	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

Ireland class



On behalf of everyone in Ireland class I want to say a big well done to all of our students in Ireland class for all of their amazing achievements this year. It has been a wonderful year from start to finish. We explored many themes through play and inviting enhancements in our environment. This term we have been investigating 'marvellous machines' and explored how we use machines in our daily lives as well as finding out how they work. We then moved into summer and had fun exploring many fun and recognisable summer resources including making sandcastles 'at the beach' in our classroom!

We have enjoyed many stories and rhymes this year developing our literacy skills. Our stories this term have included 'Vehicles ABC,' 'No Bot,' 'Clickin Chicken.' Our students continued to enjoy their favourite stories by accessing the library and the reading corner in class.

Each after noon we have enjoyed our 'Rhyme of the Week' and worked hard to sing along, learn the actions and use instruments. Music and movement have played a big part in our creative development this term and the students have enjoyed having daily movement time. This included selecting their favourite popular songs, dancing with ribbons, fabric and instruments.

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Ireland students have made wonderful friendships and memories across the year with a particular highlight of going swimming last term. Their physical gross motor skills have continued to be developed throughout the year every time they played outside, used streamers, chinks and mark making tools. Also every time the students enjoyed having fun at the park, they developed their core muscles, balance and agility as well as building turn taking skills and developing friendships.

It has been a pleasure to get to know each amazing individual in Ireland class this year and I am so proud of everyone's achievements. I wish everyone a successful transition week in their new classes and a wonderful summer break.

Mrs Hattersley



Wales class



The final term in Wales Class has been an absolutely brilliant one with lots of new firsts and 'wow' moments taking place including children using the toilet for the first time and using a communication board and other visuals to make their needs and wants known.

At the start of the term we had our final class assembly which focused on 'Child Safety Week'. During the week we explored and practised keeping safe in the sun, learnt about road safety and the children very much enjoyed the opportunity to sit in a real fire-engine when it visited the site.

Our theme for the term has been 'Marvellous Machines' and different types of transport including bus, boats, trains and planes have been explored. The class thoroughly enjoyed hearing the story 'The Naughty Bus' so much so that they have requested it many more times since. Following hearing it we retold the story using sensory resources and the pupils had great fun moving their very own 'Naughty Bus' through baked beans, flowers and blocks representing buildings before finally brushing its 'teeth' and putting it to bed for the night. "Whatever Next" was another story loved by Wales Class.

Linked to our termly theme we have completed lots and lots of arts and crafts activities. We have made footprint vehicles, paper-cup robots and collage rockets to name just a few! The students have also loved moving to music and very much impressed us with their dancing skills. Wales Class have been developing their technology skills by using both iPads and Beebots, both of which they concluded were most definitely a 'Marvellous Machine'! When exploring the Beebots the children were encouraged to use a communication board to help them learn the vocabulary required to program their device.

As part of our learning we have had two trips out in the minibus to spot different types of transport, one to Liverpool Waterfront and the other to the airport viewing area. We got to see the Isle of Man ferry loading, lots and lots of buses and we heard the roar of the planes' engines as they took off.

We have celebrated lots of special events this term too including enjoying a special Musical Concert on 'National Music Day' led by an external visitor and a Musical Showcase performed by students from Abbot's Lea School. The class loved welcoming parents and grandparents to our classroom too recently for our 'Stay and Play' event and who can forget the school 'Fun Day', Wales Class were particularly tired after all their bouncing.

Transition has been an important part of our learning this term. The pupils made and delivered cards to their new teachers, drew themselves with their new teacher and together we created a bar chart to show how many children are going to each new class.

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The Wales Class Team hope that all the students and their families have a wonderful, fun-filled summer break and thank you for all your support this year. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Good luck in your new classes Wales Class, we will miss you! Wales Class Team



Portugal class



Portugal Class have had a fantastic, fun-filled and busy term! We have enjoyed a range of topics in different subjects and have celebrated a variety of awareness days and events.

In English, Portugal Class consolidated their knowledge of text routines by exploring the text 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson. They were able to recognise speech marks, how to use them and identified rhyming words throughout the story! We further explored Julia Donaldson texts by focusing on The Smeds and the Smoos where we made our own playdough-versions of the characters (Janet and Billy), and discovered different themes within the story such as Romance, Racism and Diversity.

Portugal Class have also been enjoying Wellbeing Wednesdays where a new wellbeing superhero is introduced each week, teaching us different strategies to use for different emotions. Our latest wellbeing superhero was Dr Bubbles where we enjoyed using our circle of trust to discuss our worries and blow them into bubbles to pop them away!

In Maths, our focus has been money. Portugal Class have enjoyed a range of play-based and multi-sensory approaches to recognise the different coins, notes and making different amounts using a range of coins. To

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develop our turn-taking, we have also enjoyed playing a game around the interactive whiteboard to recognise different coins and make different amounts using a range of coins. We opened our Portugal Class café during snack time where students had to exchange the amount for the snack they wanted, and also enjoyed shop role play to further understand the concept of money and recognise different amounts.

In Phonics, we have enjoyed a focus using technology. In our groups, we have used CHATTA to learn new sounds and to consolidate prior learning. This has been a fantastic way for children to practice recognising different sounds, and develop their blending and segmenting skills.

In PE, we have enjoyed a range of ball games and learned new skills for the sport of Boccia. We did this by learning different throwing techniques, aiming into targets and learning to understand why it is important to warm up before any type of sports.

In Music, we have enjoyed using Chrome Music Lab to experiment and explore with different sounds, rhythms and pulses.

We also became super scientists by exploring our senses and reflexes by guessing different items using our five senses, we designed parachutes for our animal toys and dropped them to make sure they landed safely, and we experimented with noise & sounds by using paper cups and string.

We have really enjoyed a variety of events such as sports day where Portugal class competed in a range of different races. We enjoyed our fun day where we used inflatables to control our balance, and we watched caterpillars transform into butterflies and released them into the school field when they had grown! To end the term, we enjoyed a trip out on the mini bus trip to compare houses built similar to those during The Great Fire of London.

It has been a fantastic year in Portugal Class and we have had the privilege of working with each student this year! We are beyond proud of the progress each student has made and wish them the very best of luck in their new classes. We hope you all have a wonderful summer break!



Spain class



It has been a fantastic term for Spain class, we have progressed so much with our social communication and emotional regulation skills and enjoyed learning lots of new things.

Our first week back after half term was World Environment week and we loved getting outside in the sunshine. We learnt all about pollution and ways in which we can help the environment. We looked at how plastic pollution is affecting our oceans and how global warming is melting the polar ice caps. This week we read *The Snail and the Whale* and used the different locations in the story to learn more about the environment.

Our second week back was nature photography week and Spain class practiced our photography and technology skills by taking pictures of the world around us. Our book of the week was *The Gruffalo* and we enjoyed taking part in activities involving the characters from the story. Week 2 was especially exciting for us as we had Sports day and Primary careers day. Spain class practiced good waiting for their events and were fantastic competitors throughout. On primary careers day we loved meeting the real life firefighters and sitting in the fire engine.

Week three was World Rainforest week and we learnt all about the jungle. We explored Rainforest animals and went foraging for Rainforest fruits. We saw what it might be like to live in the Rainforest during a sensory activity and made rainsticks on World Music Day.

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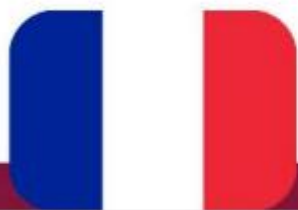
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Week four, our theme was Black Lives Matter we focused on reading stories set on the continent of Africa. We looked at inspirational black people.

Spain class took their weekly mini bus journey to the Albert Dock and went to see the Nelson Mandela Mural! We loved making our own handprint flowers, and self-portraits out of paper plates, celebrating how different we all are!

Week five was Chocolate Week, Spain class have loved chocolate week! We enjoyed food technology where we made our own chocolate rice crispie cakes! Using our communication boards to mix, melt, and scoop. We explored the smells of our own chocolate playdo, as a class we rolled and squashed the playdo to make chocolate playdo cupcakes. We also loved our chocolate sensory tray with chocolate gloop! Well done Spain class for an amazing week!

This term, Spain class have really developed our social communication and turn taking skills by taking part in structured play sessions. We were introduced to new games such as snap, operation and dominoes. We have enjoyed getting out and about this term on the bus and have seen lots of our beautiful city.



France class



Term 6 has now come to an end for France Class and what an amazing term it has been. This term France Class students have been able to experience and push themselves in so many ways and have all had fantastic Wow moments each week. The France Class Team could not be prouder of each and every single student.

We started our final term learning all about the environments from all around the world and what France Class students could do to support them. We created posters that were proudly shown in the Key Stage 2 corridor discussing ways to keep the world safe including saving water, electricity and looking after the different animals of the world. A major Wow moment happened during our Friday morning recall when each member in the class mentioned a different type of pollution and gave a way to minimise this pollution!

France Class became nature photographers and went on a tour of our local areas and snapped up some amazing shots of Otterspool Promenade, Sefton Park and Calderstones Park. Thankfully all France Class students are technological whizzes and were able to create time lapse videos, collages and some outstanding art work for the classroom, much better than the France Class Team, who were lucky enough to have been given some one-to-one lessons from students to increase our own skills.

Next, we focused on one environment the rainforest. We discussed different layers, plants, animals and habitats that were in the rainforests all over the world and were able to label them on a large chart on France Class wall. We created Henri Rousseau style art work using pastels to create different animal patterns and discussed the life cycle of animals within the rainforest.

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France Class were exceptional when we worked on the topic of Black History Week. Students discussed artists, sportspersons and historical figures who throughout their lives had worked hard in the discussion of equality for all. Students learnt about Ruby Bridges, Mary Seacole, Martin Luther King and Louis Armstrong. We explored different cultures through items of clothing, musical instruments and designing our own African prints. We even did a truly memorable rendition to Waka Waka by Shakira lead by one of our own students.

Finally, just before transition week we were able to celebrate one of our favourite weeks, World chocolate week. We learnt all about the journey it takes to create chocolate. Starting with the Cacao Tree in the rainforest, to the shelves in our local supermarket

For food tech this term we were able to create many different culinary surprises and use our skills including slicing, dicing, chopping and measuring. We were able to create jelly, chocolate chip muffins, mixed berry crumble, ice lollies (or lolly ices?) and different chocolate based surprise desserts. We were super proud of two of our students who pushed themselves in each lesson to ensure they tried new foods and even found new foods they enjoyed! We again are so proud of all the students for trying new things each week.

During term 6 we were lucky enough to have Sports Day, a Fun Day, Careers Day and World Music Day. Families were able to join and participate in some of these days and got to see some of France Classes proudest moments supporting one another during some very competitive times. We were also joined by Chris the Music Man who some students struggled with at first, however after some support and conversations all of France Class were able to enjoy some of our favourite songs including a class favourite...Elton John!

The France Class Team would like to say 'good luck' to the students who are moving onto Canada Class, Peru Class and Brazil Class. We are, as mentioned, extremely proud of the hard work and dedication everyone has put in to their academic journey and we thank you for making us cry with laughter every day!



Canada class



Another fantastic term for Canada class! We have worked hard in English looking at non chronological reports. This involved learning new terminology such as heading, sub heading and captions. We then used this newfound knowledge to make our own PowerPoints based on things we love. Our confidence and pride in presenting them to everyone shone through and we all enjoyed the applause.

We have revisited time in maths, all of the pupils in class can now tell the time to the hour and half past. We have moved onto to counting in five-minute intervals and are currently practising this throughout the day. Keep up the time telling at home Canada class!

In Geography we have enjoyed learning about different locations of countries on the globe. We have all really enjoyed an on-line game called Worldle and Globe. Feel free to play these games at home together and see who has the best geographical knowledge in your families! Be warned, it does get competitive.

As part of our design technology lessons, we have been making finger puppets. We initially used fabric glue to fuse two pieces of felt together before moving onto learning to use a running stitch using a thread and needle. Our goal for next year is to move onto creating a cross-stitch.

We all took part in a careers focused day where we learned some first aid, had a visit from the fire brigade including a fire engine. We talked about our hope for the future for jobs and which skills we

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need to work on now to achieve these dreams. We presented our class assembly this term based on careers day. We spoke confidently and clearly to the whole of the primary department.

We have had so much fun this term including our fun day with the inflatables and we won a football tournament that we took part in at a school on the Wirral.

It has truly been a fantastic year with so many amazing memories made. A few of our best bits include; Oscar coming to school for world book day dressed as his favourite animal – a penguin, Mikey wowing us all with his shape knowledge in maths, Michael winning the book review competition and allowing us all to experience the city central library, Erin writing and singing solo in our music lessons, Jamal improving with his reading and asking to read more and more, Jack improving with his football skills and encouraging others to play fair, Jason developing in confidence and delivering messages, Tyler improving with his fraction work in maths, Louise forging lifelong friendships and continuing these outside of school, Louie contributing to a team effort making a beautiful art piece cushion, Reem throwing herself into any creative activity with such enthusiasm and care to detail, Alfie improving in his written skills in English and Scarlett providing us all with a fun fact, a big squeeze and of course her Winnie the Poohs!

We all wish you every success next year in your new classes, we will be over to see you all and how you are settling in. Keep up the hard work, you will all be amazing and have a fantastic summer



Italy class



Week 35 was world environment week. We engaged in many activities learning about the importance of the environment and how we must protect it. We explored and engaged in many different activities ranging from walks around the forest discussing deforestation, playing in the water trays in Italy class garden. The cold water being blue and the hot water being red and the opening of Italy class shop. We went around the classroom performing tasks that would help the environment such as recycling and turning off the lights and switches. Italy class then would get paid with fake money and buy an item from the shop learning about the exchange of money as well as helping the environment.

As Week 36 unfolded. This week we dipped into our photography skills as it was nature photography week. We had an absolutely fantastic range of pictures come Friday. We had leaves, trees, flowers, insects and even action shots of bees and butterflies flying! We put in a tremendous effort to ensure we had a memorable collection of photos to look back on. The students independence really shone through taking some breath taking shots. This week we also had careers day including a visit from the fire brigade. The key highlights being the students trying on a fire fighters hat, climbing up and down the ladder in and out of the truck engaging in conversation with fire fighters learning all about the role. We also had sports day! The sun was shining and the atmosphere was so fun, positive yet competitive! We competed in a variety of races, all receiving medals.

Week 37 focused on the rainforest, We drew our own animals that we would expect to see and who lives in the rainforest but not only that we cut and stuck them in one of the four layers they live in the rainforest an example being leaf cutter ants in the forest floor layer. Through a range of activities we learned about the four layers, animals and plants we can find in the rainforest. We created our own individual rainforests in art with card and paper again working on our cutting skills, letting the students work independently choosing their own colours, patterns and animals to live in their forest.

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Week 38 was a very important week focusing on Black lives matter. In our Art lesson every student contributed their own part to a mosaic of both Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. We also added the letters "BLM" to the mosaic. We introduced music from black origin such as afro beat, reggae and hip hop. The students and staff loved engaging in dance every day this week to the music during our PIT time. Every morning when the students came in there would be a colouring activity ready emphasizing the importance of equality and diversity.

Week 39 was our last week as Italy class. What better way to end the term none other than chocolate day. In Food technology we made our very own Rice Krispie cakes. We firstly snapped the chocolate and put them into a bowl to melt in the microwave. We mixed the Rice Krispies with the chocolate and drizzled with white chocolate and just to add the finishing touch placed a Wispa Bite on top. They were delicious!! We threw our end of year party and what a celebration it was! Italy class has had an awesome year.

Throughout the term, we continued to have thoroughly enjoyed our Yoga sessions with Miss Katie and judo classes with Mr. Paul have allowed our students to develop physical strength, mindfulness, and discipline. The development, strength and confidence the students have gained from Term 5 to Term 6 in both yoga and Judo has been remarkable, Furthermore, our weekly outdoor school sessions have provided an invaluable opportunity for our students to connect with nature, observe the signs of summer, and appreciate the natural world around them.

Have a lovely break, thank you for your hard work and support over the last academic year. We greatly appreciate it. Enjoy the summer!



USA class



We can't believe another year has gone by in a flash! What a wonderful year it has been!

There have been so many highlights across the year, concluding with a fantastic, fun-filled term 6!

In Science this term the students have enjoyed being 'Super Scientists'! To start off our learning we investigated the force of gravity and completed fair tests to see how it affects the weight and speed of falling objects. Next, we looked at how sound travels and created our own string telephones to investigate how sound waves and vibrations travel. To complete our learning we completed an investigation of our senses. The students had lots of fun taking part in a taste, touch and smell test and were able to use their senses to identify the different objects and food items.

English this term has been our favourite topic of the year, Twisted Tales! The students immersed themselves into our texts of 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs' and 'Prince Cinders'. They were able to compare similarities and differences between the Twisted and original versions and engaged well in our role play activities acting out the main parts of each story.

During Term 6 USA class thoroughly enjoyed our school Careers day. The day started with a visit from our local fire station. The class asked lots of inquisitive questions and learned lots about the

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equipment used by the firemen. During the afternoon, USA class took part in a carousel of activities to further their knowledge and understanding of different careers and the skills required to do them. At the end of the day each student was able to identify a career they would like to do when they're older and talk about what skills they would need to do them. We have lots of keen builders, policemen and vets in USA class!

It has been wonderful to see all our students flourish this year. They have all worked so hard throughout the year and made excellent academic, social and emotional progress! Amazing work as always USA class, we're going to miss you!



Brazil class



The end of era for some of us in Brazil class and what a term it has been! We started off by celebrating world environment week. We learnt so much about recycling and how positively it impacts the environment. Because of this, we went on a class trip to Calderstones Park to do litter picking, we got stuck in and did our bit for the community. We were very proud of ourselves! During this week, we created bug hotels to hang up in our forest and regularly check up on who lives in them. We have found; ants, flies, caterpillars and many more!

For photography week, we took the iPads outside to take lots of pictures of nature and things we found beautiful. The students enjoyed this and even took selfies in nature! We had an interesting start to the week with careers day. We got to see a fire truck and it was awesome! We were told how fire engines work and how they put out fires, they really are superheroes! In PE, we started learning

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Tennis. At first, we found it difficult to get used to hitting the ball with the racket but practice makes perfect and now we are really good.

During rainforest week, we listened to rainforest songs and we sung our hearts out. We had such a laugh doing this. We celebrated sports day and OH, WHAT FUN THAT WAS! We all took part and cheered for each other when we won and when we lost, we are very good at being kind and looking after one another. Later on during the week, we had a STEM day where we were put into groups and had to think of ideas about how to trap a gingerbread man using specific resources, we came up with the best ideas and they worked. At the end of the week, we had the awards ceremony and it was great to see our students get recognised for all of their hard work and the effort they put in just for being in school. Well done to everyone, you are all amazing!

One of our most important weeks we looked at Black Lives Matter, we started by reading a story about everyone being different. Following this, we made a collage that included lots of very important black people such as; Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Catherine Johnson. Everything they did for black people is incredible and we enjoyed learning about everything they stand for. Alongside this, we listened to lots of songs created by famous black women; Tina Turner, Diana Ross and Beyonce. The dance moves in Brazil class were FANTASTIC!!

Lastly and the most delicious... WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY. We have had so much fun this week, making chocolate playdoh and oblek. The students have liked feeling the different textures. We also, did a hot chocolate experiment where we tested to see if hot chocolate powder dissolves quicker in; hot, room temperature or cold water. We quickly found out that it dissolves in hot water. To end the day, we got to taste so many different types of chocolate even chilli chocolate! GROSS!

A quick shout out to our buddy James who has been a big help in Brazil class working alongside the students ensuring they are staying on task and making the right choices. You have brought so much laughter into the classroom and it's been great to see you laugh too. A massive thank you for everything you have done, it will never be forgotten.

This year has been so much fun, we have had our ups and downs but with the help of staff and our friends we have made some incredible memories. Memories, we won't ever forget. You have all achieved so much whether that's physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally. You should be so proud of yourselves, give yourselves a BIG pat on the back. This isn't a goodbye, as I am certain we will be seeing you all next academic year. So, enjoy your time off and we can't wait to see you soon!

Class of 2023 – Brazil class ☺



Mozambique class



Mozambique class have had another brilliant term. In English we finished reading the Spooks Apprentice and also watched the seventh son. Students loved this book and comparing the difference between the book and film, finding out what happened.

In Physical Education our topic was Tennis. We worked on different ways to serve and receive the ball. Students gained basic knowledge on rules and correct terminology. Students focused on holding the racket correctly, back hand and forehand. They worked on ball control and took part in mini games.

In Design Technology, we have successfully made individual ferris wheels. This was a very intricate and challenging project, but all students continued to have patience and persevered to complete a fully functional ferris wheel, following a manual handbook.

In science we have been focusing on reproduction and puberty. Students have explored the life cycle of both humans and animals. We have been impressed by student's mature discussions and ability to discuss a wide range of topics.

All staff in Mozambique class are very proud of all students and their progress this academic year. We wish you a great summer and good luck in your new classes.



Peru class



Last week of the year! Wow! Peru have had an amazing end to the school year this term with lots of amazing learning and enrichment opportunities. In D&T we designed a marble run and created models from our designs. We all really enjoyed being creative with and testing our marble runs and evaluating them before making changes to our designs to make them more structurally stable.

In English this term we have we read the read the poem “The Highway Man” and looked at the style of language used in the text before exploring the use of alliteration and metaphors in poetry. We continued looking at metaphors when we read “The Selfish Giant” as well as looking at how the main character develops throughout the story. Our final text has been “The Secret Garden” We created character profiles based on the main character from the story and compared the book to the movie adaptation.

Sticking with the English theme, Peru class were very excited to be announced as ‘Best Class’ winners of the Margaret Bryce Scholarship for writing amazing book reviews. Our prize was a trip to Central Library and Mcdonald’s which was a lovely day out and all students were amazing ambassadors for Abbot’s Lea School.

In R.E this term we have looked at the five pillars of Islam and how these pillars influence the lives of Muslims. The students showed great understanding when learning about this topic and identified five things that are important to them and how their individual beliefs affect their decisions and actions.

We have worked really hard in science and enjoyed practical activities such as making fossils from salt dough as well as taking part in a Science Diversity Day where we learnt about Mae Jemison and

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the women who supported Nasa. We enjoyed more practical activities and had lots of fun getting messy and making fizzy moon rocks and creating straw rockets.

Our term ended with a wide variety of enrichment activities including sports day where Peru showed their brilliant teamwork and friendship skills by cheering and supporting each other, encouraging each other to do their best and not give up. An amazing concert from visiting musicians who played song requests and had us up and dancing and ending the term with a musical showcase from students who have taken part in music tuition throughout the year, including two Peru students.

This school year has been brilliant and the whole class team are so proud to see how the students in Peru have grown, matured and are becoming such wonderful young adults. We wish all the students and families a restful and fun summer. Thank you Peru class for being such a fun and enjoyable group of students to teach and to work with.



Cape Verde class



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What a fantastic term and year we've had! Cape Verde class has worked so hard this term and we couldn't be any prouder of what we've achieved in only six little weeks.

Our class began to read and study Macbeth this term, focusing particularly on character and setting descriptions, sequencing events, recounts, comparing themes and developing their comprehensive understanding. Cape Verde class have excelled this year in terms of inference skills and class discussions, and are able to support their personal arguments and opinions with evidence.

Cape Verde class love to engage in Food Tech is always a great start and end to the week, this term the students in Cape Verde class have been looking at how to make meatless dishes in their food technology lessons and meals to a £20 budget during enrichment on Fridays. The class favourite is definitely a close call between vegetable lasagne, burgers and the food we made for our personal picnic. Why not give it a try during the summer holidays? We'd love to hear what your favourite is!

With the weather getting warmer, we have tried to spend as much time learning outside of the classroom as possible. We have been taking our Maths, Art, PE and RE lessons outdoors and as a class we have really enjoyed this time. We have also spent a lot of time this term developing our social skills and working together to problem solve challenges in our forestry environment. This has been a real highlight and a special time for us to share and develop our friendships. This was especially memorable on Miss Sullivan's last day, where we celebrated with a picnic and a play at Calderstones Park. We worked together to make our food and it was fantastic to see each member of the class play with each other. Well done Cape Verde Class!

We have been continuing with this terms PSHE topic, 'Digital Wellbeing'. The topic focuses heavily on staying safe online, which I'm sure you'll all agree, in today's world of mobile technology and social networking, is highly important for the student's development. All the students acted in a mature and sensible manner, and were able to demonstrate responsible behaviour online.

Have a lovely summer holiday Cape Verde! You have all been fantastic this term, and we look forward to how you continue to develop and progress next year.



Madagascar class



Madagascar class have had a great last term. All the students have worked really hard in all their lessons. All the staff are so proud of what they have achieved this term.

In English, we have been reading *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We described the characters from the story and predicted what would happen next. The students really enjoyed reading about the children who found the golden tickets and what happened to them when they entered the factory.

In Maths, Madagascar set students have engaged in lessons from the following topics. Measurement – mass and weight and capacity and volume. The maths set of students have worked really well together and are making fantastic progress in their set group.

In Science, we have studied Stages of Development and Reproduction. The students enjoyed learning about the different stages of development and engaged well during the lessons about puberty.

In Music, we have been listening to a range of different music styles and joining in with the instruments to accompany the music. We also had the fantastic Mr Foster on guitar!

In PSHE, we have studied Digital Wellbeing, we discussed how to stay safe online and how online behaviour can affect our mental health. The students engaged well during this topic and gave lots of feedback about how they interact online.

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In Computing, we explored Coding. We used Purple Mash software to create codes to operate different objects. The students made their own codes and fixed broken codes too.

In French, we have studied Time. We focused on the days of the week, months of the year and seasons. The students are enjoying learning a new language.

In Geography, we have been studying North America. The students really enjoyed looking at the atlases to find the countries that make up North America, the states and capitals. We looked the human and physical geography of the area and completed a comparison with Liverpool.

In PE, we have been playing Tennis. We practised the skills involved in playing a game; using the correct grip of the racket, forehand and backhand strokes.

In RE, we have studied Art and Architecture in Religions. We explored different religious buildings and described what features they have. We also looked at religious charities.

Well done Madagascar students! We have had a great term 6 and a wonderful year together. Have a lovely summer break with your families and staff look forward to welcoming you back to your new classes in September.

A huge thank you to all the parents for their support this academic year!

Take care, Mrs Rodway, Miss Unsworth and Mr Foster.



Botswana class



What a lovely term and year we've had!

Botswana class has worked so hard, and we couldn't be any prouder of the progress they've made this year. Our class began to read and study Macbeth this term, focusing particularly on character and setting descriptions, sequencing events, recounts, comparing themes and developing their comprehensive understanding. Botswana class have excelled this year in terms of inference skills and class discussions, and are able to support their personal arguments and opinions with evidence. One area of real development has been the children's ability to self-edit their own writing using the purple pens of progress.

Botswana class love to engage in Art activities with Mrs Bright, this term the students in Botswana class have been using PVC Plastic tiles and Acrylic painting pens to design and make window decorative display pieces. The children have taken real pride in these activities and have worked hard to enhance their skills and celebrate each other's successes.

With the weather getting warmer, we have tried to spend as much time learning outside of the classroom as possible. We have been taking our Maths, Art, PE and RE lessons outdoors and as a class we have really enjoyed these activities. We have also spent a lot of time building and expanding our friendship groups, ensuring that we have done this by including all of our friends in activities that we enjoy, such as Warhammer club, Football club, Lunch clubs and PIT time.

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Some special memories that stand out this year was working together to build Snowmen, chasing Mr Donoghue and Miss Caveney with snowballs, cheering on our class mates at the summer sports day and watching John, Hayden and Owen perform in the music showcase. Botswana partially enjoyed our outdoor learning day were Mason, Louis, both Isaac's, Anthony and Nathanael worked hard together to build an outdoor shelter. Botswana were also extremely proud to see James collect the head teacher's award.

After a year of so many personal successes it is no surprise that Botswana class team were so eager to write this newsletter and thank you all once again, for such an incredible effort and achievements this year.

We hope you and your families have a lovely summer holiday Botswana class and we wish you all the best of luck in the next school year.

From Miss Caveney, Mr Donoghue, Mrs Bright and Mr Slyde.



Seychelles class



What a fantastic term, what a fantastic year! I'm quite sad to be writing this 'Term 6 reflection', because it feels like a goodbye, and goodbyes are sad! Me, Mr Makin and Mr Riozzi genuinely are very proud of each and every one of you from Seychelles class and we can't quite believe the year is already over! We have achieved so much together as a team. We have had highs and lows and bonded like a family. All of you have looked after each other whilst creating and nurturing fantastic friendships that will last. Make sure you all continue to be model pupils and represent yourselves positively in your new classes, I am certain that you will!

In RE, we have continued to investigate the question "What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?" –We had Mrs Zarqa deliver us a marvellous insight into what it is like for her as a Muslim to live in Liverpool. The children responded with such respect and an open curiosity to empathise and develop their understanding of the Muslim faith.

In English we Read the novel titled 'The Spooks Apprentice.' This is an interesting action story and was a long read, but as a team we took it in turns to read it aloud, and I am pleased to say we achieved our goal together of finishing the book as a class, rather than individually.

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Sports day was so much fun! We all really enjoyed it, and we had some winners in our class, which made staff very proud! We have been very competitive as a unit and it's been great to celebrate all the little wins, along with some big ones!

We are all looking forward to next week with our new classes, but for now, let me say thank you to you all for being such a lovely class. If any of you need any help next week and next academic year, be sure to come and find us, we will always support you!

We wish you a great transition week and summer!

Thank you,

-Mr Hartley, Mr Makin, and Mr Riozzi.



Kenya class



It is the last term and though it has been short it has been busy and fulfilling for Kenya class. We have taken part in various and interesting activities with students putting in lots of effort and hard work.

With that being said, here is what we have been up to in the following subjects:

Firstly, in English, we have read as a class, 'The Spook's Apprentice'. With this text, students have analysed key characters, created pieces of descriptive writing and used their inference skills to predict what will happen next in the book. Once, the pupils had read the majority of the novel, they were able to then summarise the main events.

Next, in Geography we have studied the continent of North America. Kenya class found out that within North America there are 23 countries and were able to label them on the map. Using this information, the pupils then focused on particular places and compared their terrain, climate, tourism and population to Liverpool.

For Science, the topic focus has been looking at the body and its functions. For example, students have looked at the importance of the circulatory system in particular the heart and lungs. As well as

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this, we have started to learn about the changes that happen to humans throughout key stages of life such as what ages do we learn to walk, talk, grow and how puberty affects the body.

In French, Kenya class have moved on to learning about the different types of transport we can use every day. Students were able to identify the correct images of transports to the corresponding phrases in French.

For Music, the class have listened to different genres of music and have been able to recognise what instruments, the type of pitch and what type tempo has been used within each piece of music. Then, we discussed which style of music we preferred and how did it make us feel.

This terms theme for PE has been learning how to play tennis. The students, have practiced how to hit the ball, think about their foot work and learnt the importance of hand and eye co-ordination. Once again, this type of sport proved vital in terms of helping them to work as a team with their classmates.

Additionally, in DT pupils have examined the mechanisms used in everyday objects and were able to correctly identify if an object used a pulley, gear or a lever. From this, the class explored what mechanisms would be used in a Ferris wheel and then went on to design their own prototype of a Ferris wheel.

Again, Fridays have been an important day to Kenya class as we have been able to discuss sensitive but important issues in collective reflection and PSHE. Key examples of these have been highlighting the pros and cons of social media, how we can stay safe online and how to help others when dealing with issues online.

Apart from subject based learning, Kenya class have also had noteworthy opportunities outside the classroom. For example, the school organised a sports day in which each student took part in at least one activity whether that be shot put, long distance running or welly throwing! Also, Kenya class had the opportunity to have a go on inflatables as part of the school's 'Fun Day'. This was a successful day which all students enjoyed!

Once again, well done Kenya for all your hard work! We hope you have a lovely summer break, good luck in your new classes and see you next term!



Australia class



Wow. What a year it has been. We are so proud of everything each of you have achieved – you are all incredible people with very bright futures.

We have continued to read *Animal Farm* this term, looking particularly at inference and finding the deeper meaning of the text. Students have reviewed each chapter along the way and created a book review, some of which even suggested an alternative ending to the book. We have also watched the live action version of the book and used our existing knowledge to compare both medias and discuss the differences and similarities.

During Maths, we've explored all aspects of probability and likelihood before testing our knowledge with a class assessment. Students also revisited all topics covered this year in Science and filled in any gaps in their knowledge and booklets this term.

In terms of Physical Education, we've played several fun games, all of which encouraged participation and teamwork. A group favourite was definitely Football Rounder's which was heavily requested each week. Staff competed against students some weeks, creating a competitive and fun atmosphere.

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Students focused on deserts during Food Tech this term, making yummy dishes including, fruit salad, mini carrot cake and fruity muffins. Each dish shown the students that deserts can be super healthy and tasty at the same time!

This term has been really bittersweet for Australia students and staff as we have said our goodbyes to several members of our class who are off on their new adventures at college. We celebrated the hard work and achievements of our leavers in varying ways including the prom which the majority of our class attended and danced the night away! The Leavers Assembly, at which, there wasn't a dry eye in the house thanks to the moving speeches of our students and the leavers BBQ where staff and students of KS4 and KS5 were treated to food and drink as they said their final goodbyes. We miss you so much already and can't wait to hear about what you get up to in the future.

To our Year 10's and 11's who are moving on to different classes within the school, we wish you nothing but the best of luck and feel so privileged that we were your class team this year. You have all worked so hard and we know that you will absolutely smash Year 11 / 12. Be sure to say hi when you see us around the school, we can't wait to hear all about your new classes.

Have an amazing, fun filled and safe summer.



Samoa class



We have come to an end of such a FANTASTIC year in Samoa class.

Throughout the year there have been challenges, laughs, tears and lots of hard work - what a journey we have all had.

We have enjoyed class trips to Haworth in Yorkshire, the Liverpool World Museum, the theatre and many other educational visits - all students behaved impeccably and did Abbot's Lea School proud!

We have watched each student grow in maturity and confidence, make new friendships and bonds with their peers - It has been such a joy to watch!

The Samoa staff team are extremely proud of each and every one of our students and have no doubt that they will embrace the next step of their learning journey, whether it be starting at a new college or moving on up to Abbot's Lea sixth form - we wish you all the best of luck!



New Zealand class



In English students have been reading and analysing the key messages and themes of *Animal Farm*. The class watched the film adaptation of the book and discussed the hidden messages linked to historical facts and key characters. Students completed a short quiz, comic strip and designed their own poster for the book.

During maths lessons, students have been consolidating and building upon their knowledge of measuring. The class have done extensive practice on both perimeter and area of shapes, successfully completing maths challenges linked to this topic.

The class have been completing a series of investigations and completing a series of recall tasks looking at the key topics covered in lessons, such as; the Human Body, Space and the Universe and Fuels and Pollutions This has also linked with RE lessons, as students have been discussing and exploring various moral questions, linked to animal and human rights.

The class have been exploring and identifying various pathways and developing their commuter skills in both ICT and Employability. This has involved remaining safe online, using search engines correctly, using budgets and creating information leaflets on future technology and how it would impact the planet.

During Food Technology lessons, students have been creating healthy deserts including fruit salads and fruit kebabs. Students also enjoyed working together to bake some muffins. Alongside this, the class has been taking part in yoga sessions to help with their mindfulness and well-being. This has included PE lessons, where students have developed their social skills and team work skills with others in the key stage by taking part in a series of rounders, including some outstanding performances during Sports Day. Finally, students enjoyed the fun day, where they spent time with their peers, taking part and interacting on inflatable obstacle courses.

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Tasmania class



Tasmania has had a busy but fun term 6 and all students have been working extremely hard. A big well done to all!

In English we continued reading *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. We learnt about what is corruption. We discussed animal characteristics and identified the jobs of each animal and why they wanted to rebel. We analysed the main characters and did various comprehension questions to gain a better understanding of the book. We continued to practise SPaG knowledge including capital letters, complete sentences, singular and plural and paragraph writing.

In Maths we looked at probability on a scale from impossible to certain as well as using two way tables which we then incorporated in to our ICT lessons

In ICT we used Microsoft Excel and created two way tables. We practised on creating and adjusting graphs by using Microsoft Excel. We learned about what is netiquette and made a poster about it.

In Science we continued looking at a variety of scientific studies. We enjoyed carrying out scientific investigations by testing out the viscosity of different liquids in several experiments. We did some Kahoot quiz on fuels and air pollution, exploring our universe and the human body to refresh our memory.

In Food Tech we worked together as a team and made some lovely dishes, including fruity muffin and fruit fusion.

In PE we have been working really hard practising football rounders. This helped us to understand ability of adapting games and incorporating different styles of play in a creative way.

In PSHE we learned about the structure of parliament, the role of parliament and how it differs from the government. We discussed about online safety and how we should deal with different scenarios.

In Employability, we discussed on work as a team and what quality we should have in team work. We challenged ourselves with several team building games.

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In RE we reflected on World Humanist Day. We also discussed what is charity and what does music mean to us.

We visited the SWARC College. College staff showed us around the campus and introduced what course they can offer. We experienced their communal area and played some social interactive games.

We went on a bus trip and visited some famous Liverpool landmark includes The Child of Hale, the lighthouse, LFC and Everton stadium.

Everton Football club staff came to our class and delivered a session on mental health, including how we can look after ourselves and others' mental health. We did several games using our team work ability.

We enjoyed our sports day with the events includes 50m sprints, standing long jump, shot Putt, welly throw, obstacle race and long distance run. We also had lots of fun on inflatables day with our peers.

On leavers assembly we said fair well to our friends from year 11 and KS5. It was emotional to most of us and we wish them all the best to their future!

Tasmania class team wish all the best to our students of a great year 11 in the upcoming year and a fantastic summer holiday, it was a great pleasure to work with you all!

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Malawi class



This term has been an eventful one for Malawi class but it has been a fantastic term. Although it is the last term of the year the learning did not stop in Malawi class!! In English this term we have continued to read the class book *Spiders* by Tom Hoyle, which is a sequel to the previous book we read called *Thirteen*. The students have really enjoyed reading these books this year and are eager to read more every lesson. The students start each lesson with a recount of what we have already read to ensure that the whole class is up to date.

In maths this term, some students have completed revision sessions to prepare for their exam resits happening at the end of this term and we have incorporated a lot of maths into life skills. An example of this is Malawi's class trip to Tesco. During this trip, students had a budget and a list of what was needed to be bought. Students had to ensure that this budget was met but also had to ensure that they bought everything on the list. This was completed amazingly by students to a really good standard.

In PE this term, students have completed a range of sports, however, the main focus was on athletics. This was in preparation for sports day! Sports day was a great day for all students to get involved in and have good fun. Students in Malawi class really enjoyed sports day and the fun competitiveness between friends bagged us many first places!!

At the end of this term we said goodbye to our leavers which meant even more fantastic events. We celebrated prom which was amazing to see all of our students get dressed up and looking smart to party with their friends to celebrate themselves!! Students danced the night away, ate some delicious food and of course created memories to last a lifetime.

'Leavers day' was then celebrated as we said goodbye to those leaving, who have been at Abbot's Lea for many years. This was an emotional day for all, students spent the day reminiscing on days gone by, getting things signed, talking about the future and celebrating!

We also had the summer fair last weekend which was a great day. It was lovely to see students, past and present, with their families and friends enjoying the day all together in the sun, raising money for

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our school!! It was especially nice to see past students who let us know how fantastic they are doing in their next steps after Abbot's Lea School.

It has been a very busy term but an amazing one as always!! We are wishing our 2023 leavers the best of luck in the future and we are sure you will all do great things. We already can't wait to hear the success stories so don't forget to keep in touch!!

We hope you all have a great summer holidays and we will see you in September to start off a brand new year!!

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Fiji class



Our last term here in Fiji Class has been action packed. We focused on personal development and the development of life skills. We have been to Formby beach to learn about coastal erosion as well as gaining valuable life skills in developing our social skills and public conduct as well as becoming familiar with using modes of transport. We also further developed life skills on our trip to Ikea. Students were given a £1000 budget and they had to fully furnish a hypothetical house. Another outing Fiji embarked on was to the Walton Hall and Gardens, where we learnt about the process of pollination. Peacocks, llamas, pigs and terrapins were amongst the animals we had the privilege of witnessing in the petting Zoo at Walton Hall and Gardens.

This term, students further developed their life skills and cooking skills and now have the ability to create their own Vegetable and halloumi Kebabs, beef burgers and bratwurst hotdogs. In English we have been thoroughly enjoying reading great expectations, we have been taking it in turns to read a page from the book, while their peers listened. In Maths, we continued to build on our skills with money, students played a board game with their peers that required them to count out correct money and change for different transactions. Students have had a lot of fun playing this game whilst developing a vital life skill. In PHSE we looked at healthy relationships, students created their own mind maps with what they deemed important aspects of a healthy relationship, this allowed students to understand the warning signs of an unhealthy, toxic or abusive relationship. With students entering adulthood and a some about to embark on new adventures, students planned out their futures, from what job they would like to do to what they would like to do in their spare time. Some of our students have embarked on work experience placements this year, these placements included gardening, café work and a mechanics. Some of which are coming to an end, we are super proud of all the hard work our students have been doing on these placements.

Students It was an emotional term for some of our students who will not be returning to Abbot's Lea and going to study at other colleges or embarking on internships. We are very proud of our student

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for their perseverance and working so hard in their exams. We celebrated and said our goodbyes to the leavers during prom, the leavers assembly and the BBQ. This was also an opportunity to celebrate the students' hard work over the year and their resilience during exams. Some students chose to use the leavers assembly as an opportunity to say a few words about the school and their experiences whilst being a student at Abbot's Lea School. We will miss our leavers and wish them the very best on their next adventure.



Papua New Guinea class



Papua New Guinea class have had an absolutely brilliant final term. We have continued looking at our bespoke Equals 14+ curriculum, focusing on world, independent and vocational studies. This term in world studies, the class finished off learning about all the Kings and Queens of England – there were too many to fit into last term! After rounding off our work on the Monarchy, the class engaged in learning about mini-beasts, their anatomy and their habitats. This work included exploring for mini-beasts on the school grounds as well as completing fact files about different mini-beasts. All of the work surrounding mini-beasts, led to PNG doing their class assembly for Key Stage 4 and 5 on this topic. Well done PNG for the fantastic research.

For independent studies, the class have engaged in a wide range of topics, from road safety, to hazard perception to aromatherapy. For vocational studies, the class considered possible interview questions, as well as contemplating what they could put on their CV. This term, we celebrated Diversity Day with a focus on diversity within the arts. The class explored the music of Nina Simone, the poetry Maya Angelou and also engaged in making their own Origami creations.

Outside of lessons, the class has enjoyed lots of fun activities. Sports day, the awards assembly, Prom and most recently Fun Day! These events were especially enjoyable for the class as the

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students have also been working hard completing both mock and real exams. It's been a tough final term for PNG but everyone has worked so hard.

Well done Papua New Guinea Class! We are all so proud of you for the work you have put in all year. We hope you have a great final week in school but importantly, we hope you have a great summer break. You all deserve it!

See you in September!



Christmas Island class



This has been an exciting yet emotional last term for Christmas Island class.

We said goodbye to our leavers, who have been at this school for many years. We wish them all the best of luck on their next steps in life and know they will do us proud!

We had a great time celebrating them though, with the awards ceremony, leaver's day with BBQ lunch and Prom! We want to shout out our most longstanding leavers Louis Murphy and Lewis Panagopoulos, Louis Murphy who won the 'Against All Odds' award and Lewis Panagopoulos who won prom king by popular demand. We also want to congratulate Chloe Howarth for winning prom Queen, Christmas Islands class were on a roll!

Before the leavers' celebrations we continued on with different lessons. In food tech we made burgers, chicken and halloumi kebabs and sweet potato fries. In PE we joined with Malawi class to play a big game of rounder's. We also had a great time at sports day, with all of our students taking part and enjoying team spirit. In employability we played out different scenarios and explored appropriate ways to act and respond, for example how to deal with bad service in a restaurant. We also worked on our budgeting in math's, exploring different ways to plan picnics, prom and food tech lessons, comparing prices and finding the best deals for large groups of people. Our students enjoyed their final sessions completing work experience at Speke Hall, they worked hard to maintain the grounds and they had a celebration trip to the cafe for all their hard work, which worked on their life skills. Our science lessons have been jam packed, as student's complete work from body parts to electrons.

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We have had an amazing year in Christmas Island class, we want to wish all of our students the best of luck next year, with their new classes or on their newest journey to college, you are all amazing!

Student of the Week

Class	Student	Reason why
Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Adam	For being an amazing helper while moving house
Wales	Barnaby	For following instructions, looking after his friends and adapting to change. Well done Barnaby!
Key Stage 2		
Canada	Erin	For managing the class change so well and sharing how she is feeling with her team.
Italy	Zaynab	For following our golden rules all year!
Portugal	Elodie	For following our golden rules and never giving up on herself and spending a lovely last day in Portugal Class.
France	Logan	For embracing change and challenging himself all week.
Spain	Daniel	For being an incredible friend in Spain class this year! we will miss you very much and good luck on your new adventure to brazil class!
USA	Bobby	For always being a kind and helpful friend in class.
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Gerard	For making everybody smile every day!
Peru	Andrew	For great social interactions with a wider group of peers. Well done Andrew!
Mozambique	Sonny	For working hard and being understanding, we are really proud of you.
Botswana	Owen	For performing an amazing drum solo in the concert. Demonstrating all his hard work throughout the year with David the musician teacher.
Madagascar	Maxi	For always being amazing in class!

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Kenya	Stephen	For having a positive attitude in class this week.
Seychelles	Jamie	For engaging in reading with the class, pronouncing words and sentences correctly.
Cape Verde	David	For demonstrating maturity when certain situations get tough for him.

Key Stage 4

Australia	Sam	For being a great all-rounder in Australia class this year
Tasmania	Marcus	For making an extra effort to engage in lessons, producing fantastic work and demonstrating lovely manners all week!
Samoa	Kassia	For growing in confidence throughout the school year and being a joy to work with!
New Zealand	Oliver	For showing bravery and resilience starting a new school, trying his best in lessons, making new friends and finishing this term being part of the Abbots Lea community. Well done!

Key Stage 5

Malawi	Thomas	For being a kind, positive member of the class and following all staff instructions!!
Christmas Island	Luke	For having a positive influence on other students, working independently and making staff smile.
Fiji	Francis	For always trying his hardest being polite and positive.
PNG	Andy	For being so positive, kind and communicative to staff and for working hard all year. The PNG class team are all very proud of you!

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Following our previous announcement in February, Abbot's Lea School has continued to make great strides towards achieving greater inclusivity as part of our commitment to the Rainbow Flag Award programme. We are delighted to announce that we have completed the next two sections of the programme, earning badges for Skilled Teacher and Pastoral Support.

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A series of displays showcasing art work created by school children and young people.

The season kicks off with the 11th dot-art Schools exhibition featuring over 70 winning artworks from primary and secondary pupils, followed by Inspiring Young Artists a display of work created by ten local primary schools who have been working with artists and completing their Arts Award, finally there will be Ripples from the Pool, art work by secondary schools inspired by visits to the Walker Art Gallery and interactions with local artists.

Dot-art Schools exhibition

21 June 2023 - 2 July 2023, open Tuesday-Sunday

Inspiring Young Artists

8 July 2023 - 23 July 2023, open Tuesday- Sunday

Ripples from the Pool

29 July 2023 - 3 September 2023, open Monday-Sunday

Check out our whats on page to find out more and see what events are on over the summer - liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/whatson



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Date: 9 June 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Summer HAF programme starts on the 24th July and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the summer holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including **boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, bbq's, water games, trips out** and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - <https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/> or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the Summer HAF link.

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

- ☒ If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- ☒ You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.
- ☒ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ☒ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>
- ☒ If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, Sutton Croft and the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Summer HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Liverpool Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [LFISD](#).

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Useful Information



Under Clare's Law, you have the right to:

-Make an application to the police requesting information about your current or ex-partner, because you are worried they may have been abusive in the past and believe they may pose a risk to you in future.

-Request information from the police about the current or ex-partner of a close friend, neighbour or family member, because you are concerned that they might be at risk of domestic abuse in future.

This is called the 'right to ask.' You have a right to ask the police no matter if your enquiry relates to a heterosexual or same-sex relationship, as long as you are aged 16 or older. You also have the right to ask about a partner regardless of your (or your neighbour, friend or family member's) gender identity, ethnicity, race, religion or other characteristics.

You also have the 'right to know'. This means that if police checks show that your current or ex-partner has a record of violent or abusive behaviour, and they believe you may be at risk, they may decide to proactively share that information with you. If you're worried that your current or former partner has been abusive or violent in the past, Clare's Law was created to formally give you the right to find out.

An individual may be able to apply for a disclosure request by visiting a police station, phoning 101 or contacting your local police via email.

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Date: 22nd June 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We're looking to find parents to take part in a paid research project

We're reaching out to help find **parents who might like to take part in a research project** that is happening from June to August this summer.

The researchers are looking for parents to do a confidential interview for an hour (telephone or videocall), and anyone who takes part will be given £50. They are looking at how Liverpool City Council provide support to families and want feedback from parents on what they might need.

The interviews are being undertaken by an independent organisation called Define, who have been commissioned to understand what parents might need and what they think about services to support children in Liverpool. Their job is only to listen to parents' opinions and make recommendations for services based on this and they do not share details of anyone who takes part.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email info@define.org.uk or call 0208 346 7171 by **31st July 2023** and ask to speak to Julie Taylor about the Liverpool Parents project. If you contact them there is no obligation to take part but they will explain more and you can decide if you would like to.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Matt Ashton
Director of Public Health
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