

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2024

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY



Abbotsweld Primary School Celebration Newsletter

Finding a Sense of SELF

We are delighted to share the latest edition of our newsletter- the final one of this academic year. It will highlight the fantastic achievements and events at Abbotsweld Primary Academy. As we continue our journey of "Finding a Sense of SELF," we are thrilled to showcase, from a range of classes below, the ways our children are growing, learning, and excelling.

As we reflect on this term's achievements, I am filled with pride and gratitude for our students, staff, and parents. Your support and dedication are what make Abbotsweld Primary a place where each child can truly find a sense of SELF. Together, we continue to nurture an environment where every student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful school community. We cannot wait to welcome you back on Wednesday 4th September.

Warm regards,

Mrs Benson

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Finding a Sense of SELF: **Supportive, Engaged, Learning, and Flourishing

EQUALITY CLASS 2023-24

Our value -Equality: is the state of being equal, especially in status, rights and opportunities.

Our class has lived up to its name. This has helped us to excel in many different ways. We have had a brilliant year! We have done so much and have been successful in so many different ways.

We have enjoyed Mathematics, English, History, Science and more. Our writing has improved so much mainly because of the epic 'hooks' used to introduce us to the story lines, as well as the drama and oracy used in our English sessions.

We have had a few trips within Harlow.

This included a trip to the theatre in Harlow where we watched 'Cinderella' a pantomime before christmas.

We also visited a local church in the town centre where we visited to consolidate our learning about Christianity .Harlow College was also one of our highlights.

Children designed their own cars and tested their speed.

Last Friday, Year 6 had an amazing time in Suffolk, PGL Bawdsey Manor. They enjoyed Raft building, sensory trail ,orienteering, zip wire, Giant Swing as well as Challenge courses. This has been a brilliant year for us .

Happy holidays everyone!



CONFIDENCE CLASS

Confidence class have had a fantastic year. The children have made great progress in all aspects of school, including their respect for each other. We have enjoyed learning a wide range of topics this year. Some of our particular highlights have been the educational trips we have been on this year. We enjoyed a fun toy workshop at the start of the year which kick started our History topic of toys from the past. We enjoyed a trip to the church just before Christmas where we learnt about how Christians celebrate Christmas. Our nativity production was a particular highlight where all children showed brilliant confidence in singing and speaking in front of an audience. Our final trip to the seaside will be a great way to end a fabulous year.

We have also enjoyed a fun science week this year where we got to carry out lots of different experiments. World Book Day was another highlight where everyone dressed as their favourite book character and we celebrated the wonderful world of stories. The children have shown particular progress in writing this year. They have all developed their writing to become independent, expressive and creative writers. We have enjoyed lots of fun creative hooks in English which have included a crime scene in the garden, a mystery secret diary from a duckling and unbelievable breaking news story of a crocodile escaping the zoo.

Well done Confidence class on a fantastic year 1 and year 2!



RESILIENCE CLASS SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Resilience – the ability to withstand or recover quickly from difficulties – is the perfect class name for the children of 23/24. Throughout the year, they have worked incredibly hard to learn, improve and succeed and they have supported and encouraged each other along the way.

This term, children have taken part in a number of events: swimming, sports day, cultural week, the end of year production – and many activities to give our wonderful Year 6 children the send-off they deserve.



COURAGE

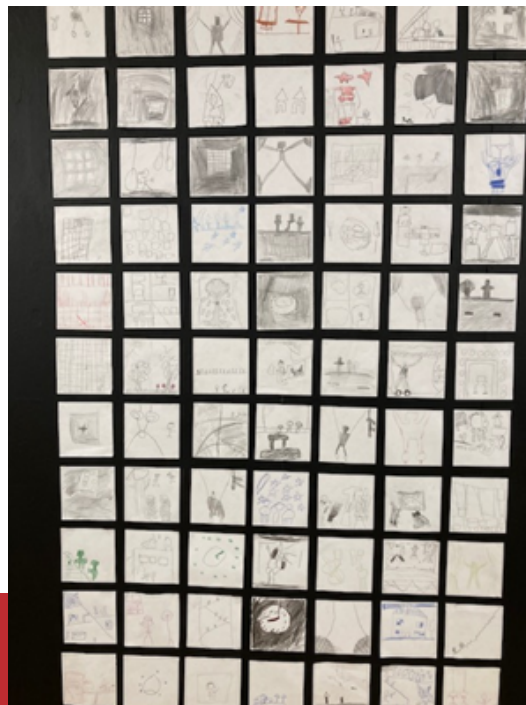
It has been a very successful year in Courage class with lots of exciting trips and experiences dotted in along the way. At the end of Autumn term, we started we took a trip to the cinema and to the pantomime and we had an absolute blast! Courage class were really interactive with the pantomime which made the day even more exciting.

Over the year, Courage class have learnt some very interesting facts about different eras of history over the year, but we had some particularly engaging activities for our Ancient Egypt unit in spring term. Back in January, we had an immersive experience with Portals to the Past where we looked at ancient artefacts, discovered some weird and wonderful facts about life in ancient Egyptian times and even got to play some historical board games and sports.

Then in February, we had a Prime VR experience where we entered an Egyptian pyramid through the technology of a virtual reality headset and explored what mysteries were inside. Then to top it all off, we dedicated our Play in a Week, as part of our 50 Things, to Ancient Egypt. With only a week to prepare for it, Courage did an incredible job alongside the other Lower KS2 classes at putting on an incredible show for the school and for parents.

Recently, as part of our sense of SELF initiative and our 50 things to do before you leave Abbotsweld, Courage took a visit to Gibberd Gallery in the town centre and learned all about Gerda Rubenstein and her artwork that showcased her unique and special relationship with Harlow. Alongside Respect and Independence class, we took part in a range of activities to learn more about Gerda and her artwork including a drawing that interpreted her work which has been turned into a collage in the Gallery. The exhibition is free and open over the summer holidays, so it might be a nice activity to check out and see if you can spot your childs' work in the collage!

Additionally, we were visited by the Safety Seymour team and were taught all about what carbon monoxide is and how we can detect it in our homes. This has been an exciting task to work on our specific class value of 'Courage' as it takes a lot of courage to know the signs of carbon monoxide and feel brave and courageous to be able to help people to safety in the event of an emergency. Each of us got to take home a goody bag with a carbon monoxide alarm to keep us extra safe in our homes.



INDEPENDENCE

English

In English this term, the children have been learning how to write an explanation text and a suspense narrative using the Talk 4 Writing strategy. The children have been really successful at internalising model texts, analysing their features and innovating with them to create their own versions. We used 'Matilda' and the 'Paperbag Prince' as a stimuli for their amazing writing! The children enjoyed deepening their when researching methods to reduce waste in their homes and when Mr Hession became the character of 'Bruce' eating the chocolate cake!

Humanities

In History & Geography, we have had a major focus on Italy and the Roman civilisation. The children have enjoyed learning about cities, landmarks and the landscape of Italy. This unit encompassed a huge range of learning about the Roman Empire, the children have immersed themselves on why the romans were keen to spread their power and land ownership across Europe and why they invaded Britain in 55BC. Children creatively learned roman dancing during PE lessons this term. Role playing as Boudica was a hit during these lessons.

Music

Year 4 children have had the opportunity to learn recorder from an experienced music teacher who has tirelessly taught them the art of using this wind instrument. This was concluded with an outstanding and enthusiastic performance to the Key Stage 2 children, who were rightly impressed with their newly acquired skills.

Trip to Gibberd Gallery

We were invited to the Gibberd Gallery for an informative and creative learning experience, for which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The Gibberd Gallery is a visual arts space run by the Harlow Art Trust. It is home to the Sir Frederick Gibberd Watercolour Collection, several sculptures, and an annual programme of exhibitions. The bespoke timetable offered by the Gibberd Gallery, highlighted the historical aspects of Harlow town's many sculptures. The children enthusiastically as always, emulated their own versions of the artworks displayed. The impressed gallery staff have displayed them in the exhibition. What a fantastic opportunity for the children! It was an absolute pleasure to observe the children having the exposure to make choices based on their own context, in their communities' context and their world, as set out in the Sense of Self programme.



RESPONSIBILITY

What a term year 2 have had! The children have been busy across all curriculum subjects. In D&T the children have been busy learning about what makes a stable structure and then became engineers when they designed and constructed their very own windmill with a working turbine.

Similarly, in Science during the topic of 'Animals including humans' the children have been learning all about the different types of offspring including the lifecycles of both animals and humans and what they need to do to survive - which included discussions on eating healthily and the impacts of exercise.

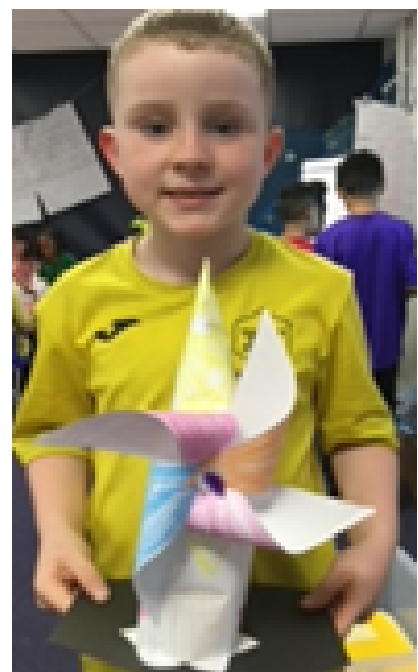
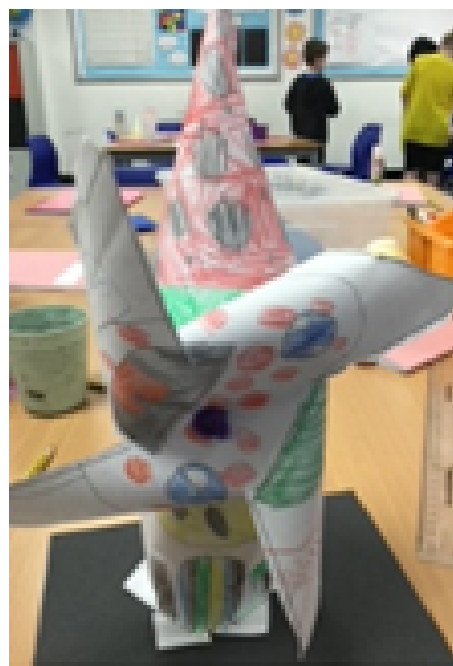
In Computing, year 2 have been learning all about programming and algorithms and have used their knowledge to create animations within Scratch Jnr. Which is very impressive!

In Geography, the children have been learning all about 'Our world' including, the different names and locations of the 5 seas and oceans and the location of the 7 continents. They have also been identifying daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom as well as the locations of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and North and South Poles.

All the children have worked so hard in year 2, as well as learning about the different climates in Geography the children also learned about how seaside's in the UK have changed over the past 100 years and this week we went on a brilliant trip to Southend Beach and participated in workshops inside the Sea life Aquarium, where we learned all about

As you can see from the pictures the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was very much well deserved!

Responsibility class, we have enjoyed teaching every minute with you and watching you grow into fantastic individuals. We wish you all the best for year 3.



RECEPTION

Talk4writing

This year, we have covered a range of books in our literacy lessons. I am so proud of how far Honesty Class have come. We have focussed on the 'Character, setting, problem and solution' in fiction books. The children have been able to use their imagination and innovate stories and have become confident writing words and sentences about these. Well done!

Phonics

Reception Class have used their hard work and determination in phonics this year. All children have made a huge amount of progress and seeing the children learn to read and write has been a real privilege. Amazing work!

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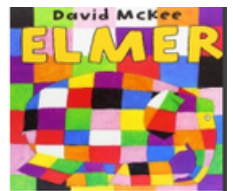
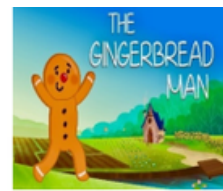
This year, reception experienced a really exciting trip to the farm. We went on a hungry caterpillar guided visit. We fed animals, went on a tracker ride and made a fruit salad. The children's behaviour was impeccable on this trip.

Communication and Language

I am very proud of how far the children have come with their communication and language skills this year. The children speak in full sentences, with manners and are able to have conversations with both children and adults.

Sense of self & school vision

In Reception, we have understood and implemented our 3 school rules. These are be honest, be safe and be respectful. We have learnt the importance of our rules and how they create a happy, safe learning environment in which the children can thrive in. Our school vision is 'Sense of Self' and the children have learnt skills in reception that will prepare them for their school life. The children show a curiosity to learn and this is something I am very proud of.



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