

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024

# ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY



Dear Parents and Carers,

Finding a Sense of SELF through Academic Success, Positive Wellbeing and Physical Development has been in full swing this half term!

We hope this message finds you well. We're thrilled to share with you some highlights from the action-packed half-term at Abbotsweld Primary Academy!

It has been a whirlwind of activities and events, showcasing the vibrant spirit of our school community. Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to:

**NET Dodgeball Tournament:** Our students showcased their agility and teamwork at the NET Dodgeball Tournament, representing Abbotsweld with great enthusiasm.

**Spring Craft Workshops:** Parents and carers had the opportunity to engage in creative endeavors alongside their children during our spring craft workshops, fostering bonds and creativity within families.

**Year 3 and 4 Play in a Week:** Witnessing the talents of our young actors and actresses was truly delightful during the Year 3 and 4 Play in a Week production. Their dedication and hard work were evident in every performance.

**Virtual Reality Headset Workshops:** Exploring the wonders of technology, our students delved into immersive experiences through virtual reality headset workshops, broadening their horizons in innovative ways.

**Swimming and Bikeability:** Safety and health are paramount, and our swimming and Bikeability programs provided valuable skills and confidence to our students.

**World Book Day:** We celebrated the joy of reading with gusto on World Book Day, igniting imaginations and nurturing a love for literature across the school.

**Science Week:** Science took center stage during Science Week, with engaging experiments and activities sparking curiosity and discovery among our students.

Assessment Week: Our students demonstrated their learning and progress during Assessment Week, showcasing their achievements and growth.

Additionally, parents will be receiving their child's spring term interim reports shortly. We're sure you'll be proud of your child's progress and look forward to next term bringing many more successes.

As we enter the summer term, there will be a buzz around many assessments for our children, including the Year 1 Phonics Screening, Year 2 SATs, Year 4 Multiplication Check, and Year 6 SATs. We, at Abbotsweld, see these as points in time to celebrate the hard work of all and say well done to the children for their academic achievements.

We extend our gratitude to you, our supportive parents and carers, for your continued involvement and partnership in your child's education journey.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating break, and we look forward to more exciting adventures ahead in the coming term!

Reminder- Monday 15th April 2024 is an Inset Day. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 16th April.

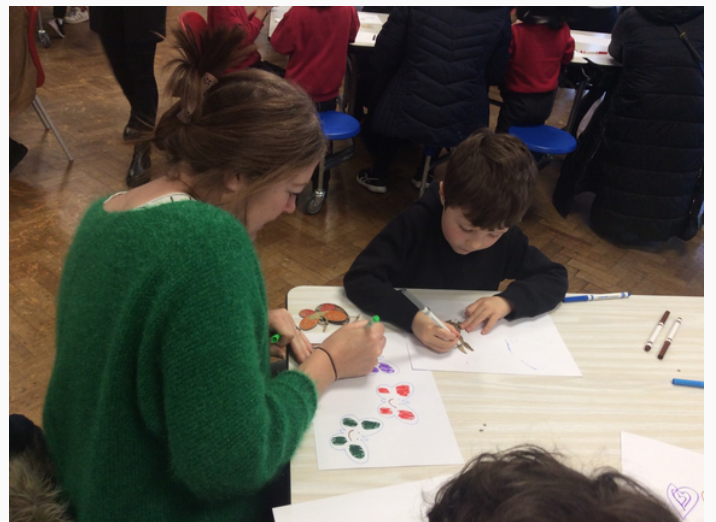
Keep safe and warm regards,

Mrs Benson



# Spring Parent

# Workshops!



Thank you for coming!





# World BOOK DAY!

At Abbotsweld, World Book Day is magical day for us to celebrating the wonderful world of books together. Reading is always a priority of ours at Abbotsweld and successfully promoting a love for reading with our children is something we pride ourselves in.

Every year we look forward to seeing all the creative character costumes the children come up with and this year certainly did not disappoint. We enjoyed celebrating through a range of activities during the day with the Masked Reader being a favourite amongst most of us. We started our day holding a special whole school Collective Worship where we discussed our favourite books and authors and the importance of enjoying reading. During this Collective Worship, some Abbotsweld staff held a Masked Reader competition. Each member of staff was hidden behind a screen, they read their favourite book and the children enjoyed trying to guess who was reading.

Later in the day we engaged in stop, drop and read. A bell rang randomly throughout the day and we had to stop what we were doing and read our chosen book for five minutes.

To end our day of promoting reading, we teamed up with our reading buddies to enjoy sharing stories together. The older key stage 2 children visited key stage 1 and early years to read their favourite stories together.

Thank you all for your creative costumes and brilliant enthusiasm towards reading. It was a fantastically enjoyable day, with a real sense of community and pleasure around reading, and we already cannot wait for next year!



# REMINDERS

To support the safety of our children during Physical Education (PE), we would like to remind parents that earrings should not be worn on these specific days. The physical activities involved in PE may pose a potential risk for accidents and injuries related to earrings.

It is therefore crucial that earrings are removed before the school day begins on PE days.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated, as it contributes to the overall well-being and safety of our students. We understand that safety is a top priority for all parents, and your adherence to this guideline will help create a secure environment for everyone.

I would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality. School starts at 8:45 am, with doors opening at 8:35 am.

Being on time is not only a key factor in your child's academic success but also contributes to the smooth operation of the school day. It ensures a positive start for everyone involved.

School trips are an important part of the Abbotsweld experience. They are chosen to provide our children with opportunities of growth, learning and exploration beyond the classroom.

They not only extend the curriculum but offer unique experiences that may not be accessible otherwise.

In order for trips to take place we ask for parents to support us on the days but also financially. We understand that times can be financially challenging and we are committed to working with you to support with this in a number of ways:



# ATTENDANCE



## WORK TOGETHER

Have above 96% attendance.  
Go on holiday during school closures.  
Make non-urgent medical appointments OUTSIDE the school day.  
Telephone the school as early as possible on each day of absence or lateness.

If contact has not been made before s/he returns to school please send a note.  
National guidelines mean that we will not be able to authorise such an absence.



## MARCH'S ATTENDANCE...

★	<b>Resilience</b>	96.79%
★	<b>Courage</b>	96%
	<b>Confidence</b>	95.85%
	<b>Empathy</b>	95.62%
	<b>Kindness</b>	94.72%
	<b>Respect</b>	94.68%
	<b>Honesty</b>	94.68%
	<b>Responsibility</b>	94.07%
	<b>Independence</b>	93.81%
	<b>Equality</b>	93.13%
	<b>Determination</b>	92.53%

OUR SCHOOL TARGET IS FOR ATTENDANCE TO BE ABOVE 96% OR ABOVE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE OUR GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL...

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

# EVENTS

## APRIL

15TH INSET DAY  
16TH RETURN TO SCHOOL  
17TH SWIMMING FOR GROUP B BEGINS  
18TH MYHAPPYMIND PARENT APP WORKSHOP  
19TH CURRICULUM LETTERS  
23RD ST GEORGE'S DAY

## MAY

KS1 SATS ALL MONTH  
6TH BANK HOLIDAY  
9TH COFFEE MORNING/SEND  
13TH-16TH KS2 SATS  
17TH YEAR 5/6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT  
21ST & 21ND MOVIE AND MUNCH EVENING  
24TH FINISH FOR HALF TERM

## JUNE

5TH Y6 BBQ AND GAMES  
W/C 10TH Y4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK  
W/C 10TH PHONICS SCREEN CHECK  
10TH RETURN TO SCHOOL  
12TH – 16TH PHONICS SCREENING  
18TH Y6 HARLOW COLLEGE  
18TH Y6 CHURCH VISIT  
20TH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS- CLASS  
21ST YEAR 5/6 KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT  
25TH JUNE SPORTS DAY  
27TH YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

## JULY

2ND RESERVE SPORTS DAY  
4TH Y6 MUSIC STUDIO  
5TH ANNIVERSARY OF NHS  
5TH YEAR 5/6 PRODUCTION- PLAY IN A WEEK  
10TH CLASS SWAP  
10TH END OF YEAR REPORTS  
11TH Y6 SUPER SILENT DISCO  
11TH CURRICULUM EVENING 4-5PM  
12TH YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL  
17TH Y6 DINNER AND DANCE  
18TH END OF TERM- 3.45PM  
18TH YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY  
18TH END OF TERM



# ONLINE SAFETY



## How to start a conversation with your child about using Smart TVs safely:

### ■ Why do you want to get a smart TV?

If you already have a smart TV within your house, then why not ask what they like about using the TV.

### ▲ What do your friends like to watch on smart TVs?

You can ask your child about what shows their friends like to watch and what apps they like to use on the smart TV. You can also ask the if they have used a smart TV whilst visiting friends.

### ● What is your favourite thing to do or watch on the TV? What can we do as a family to help you use the TV safely?

Ask your child about activities or shows that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

### ◆ Are there things you use the TV for apart from watching videos or TV programmes?

Find out more about their favourite apps and streaming services, ask about their recommendations for shows or things to do on your smart TV.

## 3 tips to take away:



### Talk with your child about responsible use of their smart TV

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their TV for. Talk about time limits and expectations of when the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the TV being used with other members of the family or only watching shows that are age appropriate.



### Think about the location of the TV

Will it be used in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; restricting inappropriate content; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



### Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the TV itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



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