

Abbey Primary Newsletter 22.10.21

Dear all,

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all the Abbey community for making all the new staff feel so welcome. The first half-term has been eventful, and it has been particularly fantastic to see how well the children have settled. We are proud to be working with your children!

The children have been very busy with the curriculum, and we have an exciting new project of designing a new school logo, watch this space. We have newly elected School Council members, and they are going to be heavily involved in future decisions, one of which being the new school uniform. We are also proud to have new House Captains.

We were delighted to be able to open our doors and welcome so many visitors back into our school again. The curriculum afternoons were a real success and after half-term you will have further opportunities to come into school, meet with the teachers and see your children's work.

I have really enjoyed getting to know your children through being in class and looking through their wonderful work. We are all very excited for the journey that the children will take this year.

Here are a few things to look forward to next half-term:

- Parents evenings/book fair
- Swimming (starting in Year 6)
- Christmas nativities
- Carol concert with the PTA
- Christmas panto
- House celebration days
- Launch of Room 13 (resident artist)

All the staff at Abbey would like to wish the children a fun filled half-term and we look forward to seeing them return on Wednesday 3rd November.

Thank you for your support,

Andrea Stirling-Williams

Headteacher

Congratulations Mr Sandeman

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Sandeman has been promoted to Acting Assistant Headteacher. He will be joining Mrs Davey, Mrs Stirling-Williams, Mrs Bedforth and Mrs Linsley on the Senior Leadership Team. Mr Sandeman will also continue with his current roles of Year 6 teacher, Key Stage 2, Assessment and Maths Lead.

Awesome Awards

The following children have been recognised by their teachers as being 'awesome' this week!

NS – Poppy BF
RC – Ella BW
RH – Nadir I
1E – Harlee JBS
1R – Adam P
2P – Ava W
2S – Jacob J
3L – April R
3W – Malalai K
4B – Zoya K
4S – Lennie S
5B – Maria P
5M – Noah E
6RB – Chayurikaa V
6S – Thomas E



Spanish Learner of the Month



Ashvath has been consistently enthusiastic and hardworking in Spanish this term. Ashvath has used all the complex language we have learnt over the last few weeks in his final assessment to produce a completely accurate and very impressive paragraph in Spanish. Well done Ashvath!

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory (and a parental duty) – we expect all children to be at school, unless they are self-isolating (due to coronavirus symptoms, and/or have tested positive, and/or have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace). Attendance is vital for the children's education, socialising and overall well-being, including their economic prosperity and long-term health – children benefit hugely from being at school.

Attendance for the whole school this week was 92.1%. Well, done 2S – best attendance this week!

RC	84.3	RH	85.2
1E	93.8	1R	93.7
2P	91.0	2S	97.0

3L	95.7	3W	87.8
4B	84.7	4S	94.3
5B	97.6	5M	95.6
6RB	92.0	6S	95.3



Spotlight on Year 1

Year 1 had great fun carving their pumpkins ready for Halloween!

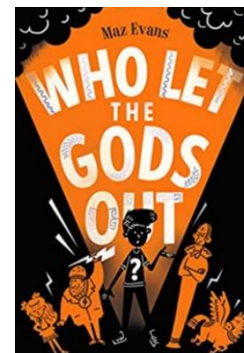


Recommended Read

'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans.

The first book in the hilarious bestselling 'Who Let The Gods Out' series, shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize!

When Elliot wishes upon a star, he doesn't expect a constellation to crash into a dungheap on his family farm. The star is Virgo. She thinks she's perfect. Elliot doesn't. And together they release Thanatos, evil Daemon of Death ... epic fail. They need the King of the Gods and his noble steed. Instead, they get a chubby Zeus and his high horse Pegasus.



Are the Gods really ready to save the world? And is the world really ready for the Gods?

This is an exciting, laugh-out-loud hilarious and highly-acclaimed *Percy Jackson*-esque adventure.

This book is recommended for children between the ages of 9 and 12.

Spotlight on.....Mrs Kuka






Hi, I am Monika Kuka and I am currently a Teaching Assistant in class 1R. I have been teaching at Abbey for 8 years and I have taught every year group previously, which gives me the experience to say that the children at Abbey Primary School are amazing. 😊

I have 2 children , a girl who is in 6th form and a boy who's in year 9.

In my spare time I like reading, going for strolls in the park and spending lots of time with my family.

Come and say hi when you see me in the year 1 corridors . 😊

House Point Leaderboard

	Earth	1678
	Air	1778
	Fire	1717
	Water	1753

The children in Air will be able to come to school wearing yellow on Friday 5th November. Well done Air House

Harvest



Thank you to everyone who has donated food items to our Harvest 'Food Bank' collection. Mrs Skinner will need to make sure that the boot of her car is empty to fit everything in!

School Council

Congratulations to our new School Councillors.

1E	Esmae & Thomas	1R	Nevaeh & Sadeed
2P	Joshua & Lily	2S	Zach & Alva
3L	Dylan & Natalie	3W	Emily & Terence
4B	Safi & Sophie	4S	Aish & Filip
5B	Kane & Frederica	5M	Emmett & Anna Maria
6RB	Risha & Rohail	6S	Harry & Ashvath

Goodbye!

The children, staff and parents at Abbey Primary have been my second family for the last 25 years. You have celebrated the positive events in my life with me and helped me through the more challenging moments. It is an understatement to say that I will miss every one of you and I am heartbroken to be saying 'goodbye'. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the hugs, messages, flowers, and gifts that I have received over the last two days.

Safeguarding – Clocks Back! Dark Nights Ahead!

We'll soon be setting the clocks back an hour and summertime will end. The link below will help remind children, including teenagers, about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

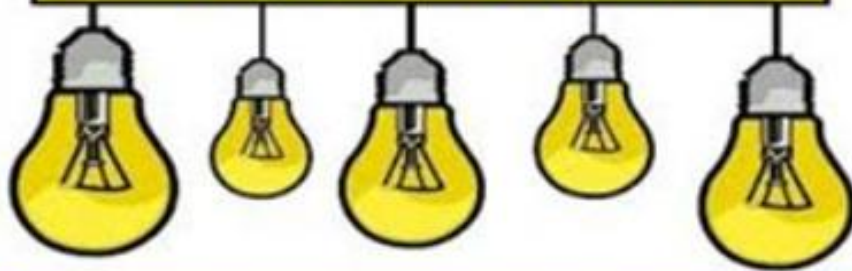
For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**

THINK

Friday 29th October, 4:00-5:30pm "Light Party"

LIGHT PARTY



Friday 29th October 4-5:30

St Lawrence Church centre

Come and enjoy some light themed fun, games, craft and food before the clocks go back and everything gets a bit **dark** .

For kids aged 3-11

Please let us know if you can come

To RSVP and for more info text Clare

07814 903357

Sunday 31st October, "Trunk or Treat" Drop-in event, open 4:00-6:00pm

(We'll have trunks full of sweets, and other fun things for kids who are out and about looking for that kind of thing...)



Trunk or Treat?!

31ST OCTOBER 4-6PM
OUTSIDE ST LAWRENCE

 stlm.uk/trunkortreat

DROP BY TO DIG INTO OUR
DECORATED TRUNKS FOR SWEETS,
HOT & COLD DRINKS, SWEETS,
ACTIVITIES, SWEETS AND MORE!

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a 24/7 crisis line for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder (link below) but the table provides all of the telephone numbers in London.

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline>



Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
South West London	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2021-2022

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October – school closed for half-term

Monday 1st November – school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

Tuesday 2nd November – school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

Monday 8th – Friday 12th November – Scholastic book fair in school

Wednesday 10th November – Parents Evening (3.30-6.50pm)

Thursday 11th November – Parents Evening (3.30-4.50pm)

Friday 12th November – PTA Mufti Day

Monday 15th – Friday 19th November – Anti-bullying Week – One Kind Word

Friday 19th November – Odd sock Mufti Day

Tuesday 30th November – ‘Scroogical – the pantomime’ - Year R to Year 6

Friday 3rd December – PTA Mufti Day

Friday 17th December – Last day of term – **early finish for all children (including Nursery)**

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January - school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

Wednesday 5th January - school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

Thursday 6th January – Children return at 8.45am (Morning Nursery at 8.30am)

Monday 14th to Friday 18th February – school closed for half-term

Friday 1st April – Last day of term – **early finish for all children (including Nursery)**

Summer Term

Tuesday 19th April – Children return at 8.45am (Morning Nursery at 8.30am)

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – school closed for half-term

Monday 20th June - school closed for staff training (INSET Day)

Friday 22nd July – Last day of term – **early finish for all children (including Nursery)**

And finally....

