



Abbey Road News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Children in Need

Our School Council came up with so many exciting ideas for Children in Need this year, we couldn't fit all of their plans into the day!

Our Run Pudsey sponsored event saw every class in school out on the playground, adding as many laps to their total as they could.



The ever-popular non-uniform day and cake sale added more money to our fundraising total and then there was the duck race...

I have attended many a noisy assembly during my career, but this one took things to a new level! We had originally planned to have one race, but such was the enthusiasm about the event, the number of ducks soon exceeded the maximum limit! This meant we had two races to cheer our way through. As you will see from the photos, staff excitement matched the children's and after a lot of screaming and cheering, the Rainbows and 5M ducks crossed the finishing line in first place, winning prizes for their classes. (I enjoyed the event so much; I am hoping it will become a permanent fixture in the Abbey Road calendar!)

Most importantly, thanks to your support and generous donations, we raised over £2700 for this amazing charity – well done to everyone and thanks to Mrs Phillips and the School Council for their hard work.



Christmas Carol Service

It has become tradition to close the autumn term with an outdoor carol service and we hope you will be able to join us and lend your voices to the Abbey Road congregation! Friends and family are all welcome and we invite you to come along and gather on the top playground at 2.45pm. Our singing will be accompanied by live music and we are always on the lookout for new band members! If you play a musical instrument and would like to join the ever-growing group of merry musicians, please contact the office or speak with Mr Marshall or Mrs Smart so we can share the relevant music with you.

Any donations received on the day, will be shared with the Salvation Army, who work hard to help vulnerable people – offering practical help, friendship and support.



Hathersage

Our Year 4 children started the half term on a residential visit to Hathersage. They enjoyed activities such as river dipping, orienteering, den building and a (six hour!) hike. It is clear to see how much the children enjoyed their time in the Peak District and we have loved hearing their tales of the experience. Teachers are still waxing lyrically about how fantastic the children were during their three days away (apparently, never before have a group of children slept so well on a school residential!!).

Here are just a few images from their adventure – many more have been shared on our website and Twitter (X) feed.



Reading Volunteers

We are always on the lookout for new reading volunteers to come into school and spend time reading with the children on a 1:1 basis. Our volunteers make such a difference to the progress children make and we value their support so much. Volunteers are always based in the same year group, so they get to know the children they work with very well, and the timings can be negotiated to best suit each individual.

If you have a spare hour each week and are interested in this valuable role, please contact Mrs Horton – tina.horton@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk.



Book Swap

Mrs Horton has set up a book swap for parents and carers in the main entrance to school. You are invited to bring along a book you have read and enjoyed and then help yourself to a new one. As the children have plenty of access to books at school, this bookshelf is just for the grown-ups!



Robin Hood Runners

A huge well done to our Robin Hood Mini Marathon runners who were invited to the annual presentation evening last week. The team won joint first place in the schools' competition and the different age groups were awarded with individual medals too. Great job everyone!



Abbey Road HSA

I am sure you will have heard lots about our Christmas Fair, which takes place outside on the playground after school on Friday. Many thanks for your support with this event – your donations are always so gratefully received and help to create the stalls and activities that the children love so much. Our hardworking HSA elves are busy preparing for Friday as I type, and we look forward to seeing you there. Wrap up warm!

Abbey Road H.S.A Update

What is the H.S.A?

Previously known as the P.T.A, the H.S.A (Home School Association) is a group of parents who meet up every month to organise & run fundraising events to support the financial needs of the school and enhance our childrens' school experience.

How can I join the H.S.A?

Every parent is welcome to join! We are an inclusive bunch and open to and encourage new ideas. Pop along to our next meeting to take part.

**Our next meeting is on
January 11th, 2024, 8pm
at the Willow Tree pub.**

What if I can't attend, but I have ideas/suggestions?

We understand that not everybody is able to attend our meetings, but may still have ideas to offer. Reach out to your class rep via WhatsApp. We would love to hear from you!

Who are the class reps?

Foundation: Daisy Sheridan. **Yr 1:** Charlotte Wroughton. **Yr 2:** Lucy Wilkie.
Yr 3: Leanne Davies Key. **Yr 4:** Jo Lloyd. **Yr 5:** Lyndsey Wheeler. **Yr 6:** Charlotte Buggy.

On behalf of the H.S.A, the school have purchased:

- Portable staging
- Two whole class sets of glockenspiels
- Portable PA system
- Foundation Lakeside theatre trip
- Year 1 'Toys from the past' experience
- Year 2 Florence Nightingale experience
- Year 3 Shang play in a day experience
- Year 6 Mayan history experience

(We will also be funding experience days for years 4 and 5)

Cake Sale

Thank you for all of your wonderful cake donations at the end of last term. It was a roaring success and we made £134.63!

Date for the calendar:

H.S.A Christmas Fair
on Friday 1st Dec 3:30 - 5:15pm



Thank you

None of this would happen without you giving your time and generous donations, of which all goes directly back into the school. Thank you for supporting the H.S.A.



Equals Trust Storytelling Project

Last half term, our Year 6 children all enjoyed listening to and telling stories together with the wonderful Mike Payton. This was part of a project set up by Equals Academy Trust and last week, four of our storytellers joined year 6 children from other Trust schools to share stories with their families. Our four did an amazing job, acting out their tale with great expression and confidence.



Crime and Punishment

Our Year 5 children really enjoyed their day at the National Justice Museum last week, learning more about crime and punishment through the ages. The highlight of the day was re-enacting a trial, where the children took charge to decide the fate of some interesting characters.



Dates for the Term Ahead

Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day in exchange for Xmas Fair donations (bottles or chocolate)
Friday 1 st December -	HSA Outdoor Christmas Fair (after school)
Friday 8 th December	Year 4 – Jingle Jog at Rushcliffe Country Park
Monday 11 th December	Year 6 Glee Club singing at Leawood Manor
Tuesday 12 th December – 9.30am	Reception Nativity – Sunshine and Rainbow classes
Tuesday 12 th December – 1.45pm	Y1 Nativity – 1P and 1B
Wednesday 13 th December – 9.30am	Y1 Nativity – 1P and 1B
Thursday 14 th December – 9.30am	Reception Nativity – Sunshine and Rainbow classes
Friday 15 th December	Year 1 visit to Nottingham Playhouse
Monday 18 th December	Year 1 grandparents' afternoon (sharing childhood toys) - 2pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime – Years 2-6 (in school)
Tuesday 19 th December – 5pm	On the Stage – end of term performance
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20 th December – 5pm	On the Stage – end of term performance
Friday 22 nd December	Reception visit to Lakeside Theatre
Friday 22 nd December – 2.45	Carol Service (please come along and join us)
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Back to school

Best wishes,

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