



# Abbey Road News

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## Dear Parents/Carers



## Young Voices

120 members of our Glee Club attended the Young Voices concert this year and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Performing together with 6,000 children from across the country is special enough, but to also be accompanied by professional musicians and singers in a massive arena is just awe-inspiring. Abbey Road sang and danced with gusto and we were so proud of everyone. One of the highlights this year was to witness (and sing along to!) the incredible talent of thirteen-year-old Nandi Bushell, who led a rock medley with her amazing drum skills. In Glee Club this week, Mr Marshall asked the children if they wanted to repeat the experience again next year and the answer was a resounding 'Yes!'.

Some more photos of our day at Resorts Worlds Arena have been uploaded to the school website: [Young Voices 2024 – Abbey Road Primary School](#)

## Sporting News

Children from Year 6 represented Abbey Road at the recent indoor athletics Sportshall competition. They finished in first place and have qualified for the borough finals next week.

Cross country is also going strong this term. We have 30 children competing at the Nottingham High Junior School Cross Country Races at Wollaton Park this week. Six children from Abbey Road have qualified for this year's county championships and Finlay Gray earned himself a silver medal at the recent national competition, representing Nottinghamshire. Well done and good luck to all our fabulous athletes!



## Pupil Voice at Abbey Road

Our Pupil Voice groups are keen to tell you (in their own words!) about the roles they have in school and what these involve. This month, members of our Sports Leader team and School Council representatives have written pieces to share with you.



### Sports Leaders

*'We are members of the year 6 Sports Leaders team. We would like to inform you of what your children may get up to during their time in the week with us. Sports Leader sessions run every day of the week during breaktimes. During the sessions, we interact, play games and have lots of fun with the youngest children in school. Some of the games we play include 'Duck, Duck, Goose; Ring a Ring o' Roses and Hide and Seek. We also use equipment to play ball games, such as penalty shoot-outs and catch. We aim to find out what the children enjoy and adapt our activities to match their interests.*

*At the moment, Sports Leaders are also planning tournaments and activities for the older, Key Stage 2 children, including football, table tennis and netball.*

*Overall feedback so far is that the children are really enjoying the sessions. We enjoy helping the younger children and like seeing them gain confidence and have fun.'*

### School Council

*Just before Christmas, Abbey Road School and Wellbeing Council took part in organising the Christmas Toy Appeal. The Christmas Toy Appeal is an event about helping children have the Christmas they deserve, and it supports families who are facing hard times.*

*On the morning of the appeal, The School and Wellbeing Council all came together to help load the many toys (that you had kindly donated) into Mrs Phillips' car, ready to go to the children who need that extra bit of love at Christmas time.*

*We arrived at St John's Church Hall in Bilborough and we met this kind lady called Hazel who showed us around tables that classified each and every toy. We unpacked the toys and helped sort them to where they needed to go. It was great fun and there were a lot of volunteers there to help us. Many hands made light work!*

*After this, we met Joyce, the founder of the Toy Appeal, and she told us her inspirational story: Fifty-one years ago at Christmas time, Joyce adopted a little boy at 8 weeks old. His parents could not afford to look after him. Joyce and her husband felt so happy to be helping their little boy, but it was sad that many children like him would not be so lucky to find themselves in a loving home at Christmas time. So Joyce decided that she would do something to help those children less fortunate – and the Great Christmas Toy Appeal was born!*

*As we were getting ready to leave (as well as finishing our hard-earned cupcakes!), Hazel brought our attention to a toy category that was a little less stocked compared to the others – 15-18 year olds. We discussed how next year, the council could try and make this a priority for our appeal.*

*We hope you enjoyed reading our article and thanks again for all your extremely kind donations!*





## NHS Advice

Parents sometimes inform us when they spot conditions such as headlice or threadworms. Both are very common in children and can spread easily. The NHS provides useful information about these, including how to spot, how to treat and how to help prevent the spread.

[Threadworms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

There is no need for children to be kept off school for either of these reasons.

## HSA News



### Christmas Fair Review

Thank you to everybody who came to the Christmas Fair this year. It was very chilly, but we had a blast! With your help, we raised £2354.40 to reinvest back into the school.

A big well done to all of the Year 6 children, who raised £163 via their festive games stalls. This money will go towards their summer trip. Last year, they spent their profits on visiting the Tramway Museum.

### New Stage

It was great to see the new HSA-funded stage put in action during the fantastic nativity performances by Foundation and Year One.

### Dates for the Diary

07/02/24: Valentine's Cake Sale (after school)

08/02/24: HSA School Disco (tickets on sale)

### Next HSA Meeting

8pm, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the Willow Tree

### Feedback

Your opinion matters - if you have any suggestions or feedback, please contact your year group rep or pop along to our next meeting 😊

## Equals Trust Chess Tournament

Our team of four talented chess players represented Abbey Road brilliantly at the Equals Trust chess tournament this week – a new event for the Trust. Their combined points saw us finish in joint third place and I was very proud of them all. Mr London, our chess teacher, was there to support and cheer the boys along. He is keen to welcome new members to the two clubs that run each week (beginners before school on a Wednesday and more advanced players after school on a Tuesday). Please contact the office for more details.



## Dinner Money – Ready Reckoner

If you like to pay up-front for school meals for a whole half term, the cost for the second half of the spring term will be £78.30 (a daily charge of £2.70).

## Dates for the Term Ahead

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<i>Year 6 school council representatives attending <b>Rushcliffe Pupil Parliament</b>.</i>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Nottingham Junior High School cross country races</b> – <i>team of 30 children from key stage 2 at Wollaton Park.</i>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>NottAlone Live</b> – <i>Wellbeing Councillors and Mrs Lovett</i>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HSA cake sale</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Rushcliffe Sportshall athletics finals</b> – <i>year 6 team</i>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HSA Disco</b> <i>6.15-7.15 – Reception and key stage 1</i> <i>7.30-8.30 – Key stage 2</i>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Half term</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>HSA meeting</b> <i>Willow Tree – 8pm</i>
w/b Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> <i>(We will be running a project through the whole week. More news to follow after half term.)</i>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 5 visit to National Space Centre</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Spring term parents evenings</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Height and weight checks – reception and year 6</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Equals Trust – year 4 football tournament</b> <i>(teams from all Trust schools to compete at Abbey Road)</i>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>‘Let’s Sing’</b> – <i>Year 6 Glee Club members to join other Equals Trust Choirs at the Albert Hall, Nottingham</i>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter holidays</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Back to school</b>

Best wishes,

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