



Abbey Road News

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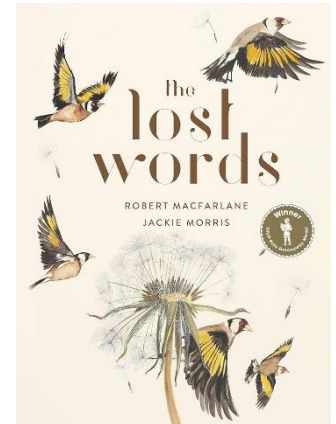
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Dear Parents/Carers

World Book Day

On World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, we invite children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas (or comfortable leisurewear) so we can all enjoy snuggling up with a good book! If you are able to, please come into school and join us at the start of the day to share stories and read with the children.

We will be celebrating books and words throughout the week with a focus on the magical book 'The Lost Words'. Children will be writing and illustrating their own poems, inspired by nature.



Please look out for the World Book Day voucher, which should arrive with you this week. It can be exchanged for a free book and there are lots of great choices this year, for children of all ages. Titles on offer can be found on the World Book Day website: [2024s-1-books \(worldbookday.com\)](https://www.worldbookday.com/2024s-1-books)

Marble Roller Coaster Competition

There has been much excited chatter about the marble roller coaster competition, and I am really looking forward to seeing the children's finished constructions! I clarified a few rules with the children last week. Firstly, the coasters need to work purely with gravity – eg: a marble has to be able to roll through the course without any help (from human hands or motors!). Secondly, I shared what counts as a 'turn'. (The coasters need a set number of turns, depending on age group.) A single corner (eg: 90°) or half turn (180°) count as one turn. If the track turns a full circle (360°) then this counts as two turns.

There is still plenty of time to enter this competition. Our in-school heats take place on the following dates:

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) - Monday 25th March

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) – Tuesday 26th March

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) – Wednesday 27th March

The top three entries from each phase will enter the Abbey Road finals, which will be held on Thursday 28th March, and one winner from each group will be invited to test their coaster against winning designs from other schools in the Equals Trust Grand Final on Tuesday 16th April. The marble coasters will need to be in school ready to compete in the heats. If coasters are created before the above dates, we would appreciate them not coming into school before Friday 22nd March to avoid the risk of accidental damage!

If you want to take another look at all of the rules, they can be found here: [SciTechcompetition \(abbeyroadprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.sci-tech-competition.co.uk/abbeyroadprimary.co.uk) If you have any other questions, children can find me in school to ask – or you can contact the school office.

Football News

Abbey Road football teams have been in action recently. Our girls came back from 2-0 down to win their game against Tollerton Primary with a final score of 9-4! This takes them through to the next round of the Rushcliffe league. A team of boys from years 5 and 6 enjoyed a close game against Heymann Primary earlier this week. And good luck to our boys' team who play their next game in the Rushcliffe league this week.

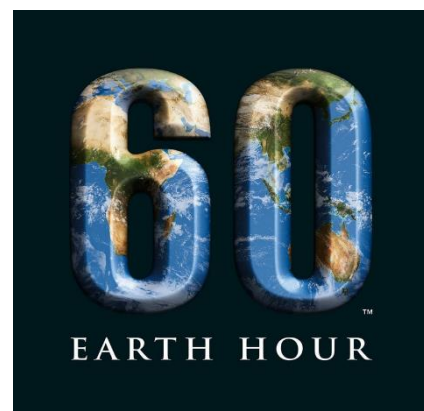


Eco Council – Earth Hour

Every year in late March, millions of people across the globe unite to show that they care about the future of our planet, by switching off for one hour. Our Eco Council are keen for as many people as possible to participate in Earth Hour this year and so here is their request to you...

"We are some of the Eco reps of Abbey Road and we would like to inform you about Earth Hour, which takes place on Saturday 23rd March this year. Between 8:30 and 9:30pm, people are encouraged to take part by not using electricity. This happens all around the world. As a school we are going to have our own Earth Hour on Friday 22nd March, where all teachers will plan lessons that use no electricity – but it would be great if families could join in at home on the Saturday too, by switching off gadgets and screens and planning different things instead. Earth Hour is important because it reminds people to use less energy to help reduce global warming. Thanks for your support."

Tillie, Nyomi, Flora (Y6); Emily (Y5); Thomas and Eva (Y2)



Dates for the Term Ahead

Monday 4 th March	Bookings for parents evenings open at 8am
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – children can come to school wearing pyjamas or comfortable leisurewear. <i>Please join us for shared reading from 8.40am.</i>
Friday 8 th March	Year 5 visit to National Space Centre
Tuesday 12 th March and Thursday 14 th March	Spring term parents evenings
Wednesday 13 th March	Height and weight checks – reception and year 6
Friday 22 nd March	Equals Trust – year 4 football tournament (<i>teams from all Trust schools to compete at Abbey Road</i>)
Monday 25 th March	Key Stage 1 marble roller coaster heats
Tuesday 26 th March	Lower Key Stage 2 marble roller coaster heats
Wednesday 27 th March	Upper Key Stage 2 marble roller coaster heats
Thursday 28 th March	Marble roller coaster school final
Wednesday 27 th March	‘Let’s Sing’ – Year 6 Glee Club members to join other Equals Trust Choirs at the Albert Hall, Nottingham
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April	Back to school
Tuesday 16 th April	Marble roller coaster Equals Trust final

Best wishes,

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