Abbey CE Academy Weekly Newsletter

"Together, anything is possible"

"Everything is possible for one who believes"

Mark 9:23

Date—10th February 2023

Principals Message

Principal's Message

The end of another half term, the year is flying past.

This week the cross country runners represented the school at a cross country competition and did an excellent job. The school came second overall which is a fantastic achievement and some individuals won medals as well, with 3 golds. I was also really pleased to hear about the positive attitudes that all of the children displayed and how they never gave up. I am very proud of you all. Well done.

This week, Year 5 have been working hard on practising for the Magic Flute performance next term. This is a fantastic experience and once in a lifetime opportunity for our children. Even in opera is not your thing, it will definitely be enjoyable. I really look forward to attending this and seeing all of our Year 5s in action. I really appreciate all of the support of parents to encourage and ensure that all children attend this. Thank you.

Also our attendance has continued to rise this term and last week we had the second highest attendance of all the DRET primary schools. Keep up the good work.

On another note, I am sure that you are all aware of the terrible tragedy unfolding in Turkey and Syria at the moment due to the earthquakes. We will be having a mufti day on the first Monday back after half term (20th Feb) in return for a donation of £1 or whatever you can give. All proceeds will be sent to the earthquake relief appeal. If you have any ideas of other ways in which we can support, please let me know and we will do our best to facilitate these. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all affected by the earthquakes. May God be with you.

Thank you again for your continued support, have a restful half term and please do not hesitate to contact me on dgodfrey1@abbeyceacademy.co.uk at any time. I continue to check emails over the holiday and no concern is too small.

Monday 20th February

Mufti Day in return of a donation of £1 towards Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Attendance

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The attendance for the school this week was 94.5%

The class that achieved the highest attendance Shakespeare with 99.17%

School Messages

Please note that we return to school on Monday 20th February 2023, it is not a training day here at The Abbey.
There is also no Brambles afterschool care on this day.

School Meals

The menu is on ParentPay, please remember to book your child's school meal before midnight on the Tuesday before the week you are booking for. Meals for Week Commencing 20th February needs to be booked by midnight on Tuesday 14th February. If you do not book by this date, you will need to send in a packed lunch as the school will be unable to provide a lunch if not booked in advance. This includes Free School Meals—these must be booked by parents in the same way via ParentPay www.parentpay.com

Timetable for PE

Year 3—Monday

Year 4—Tuesday

Year 5—Wednesday

Year 6—Thursday

British Science Week Event

Daventry Museum invites you to celebrate SCIENCE with a day of free, fun and interactive activities for all the family!

Free Entry

Saturday 18th March

Daventry Museum, 3 New Street,
Daventry, Northants, NN11 4BT

10am to 4pm

@Daventrymuseum

FREE Entry, no need to book

DAVENTRY MUSEUM

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Curriculum News

Year 3 - Potter

This week, in Potter class we have been very busy. In English we have been exploring different sentence types, how to correct our sentences with speech, punctuation and ensuring we use the correct tenses in our writing. In Maths we have been working on place value, counting multiples of 5, 10 and 50. In Geography we continued to look at The Great Wall of China and imagined that we visited this wonder by writing a diary on our experiences . In Science we explored whether the hypothsis of 'being tall meant you had bigger feet' recording our data on a scattergragh. In Art we used water colours to create our own William Morris patterns and disccussed what we thought went well and what didn't! Great work By everyone in year 3!

Year 5 - Shakepeare

We have had an enjoyable last week of term in Shakespeare class.

The children have loved our Romeo and Juliet unit in Talk for Reading, we concluded this unit acting out the Balcony scene and also really thinking about the Montague and Capulet feud, making predictions about the behaviour of the families after the love tragedy. In Talk for Writing, we finished off with an independent application on writing a set of instructions - the children have made so much progress from their cold write at the beginning of term. We started our new unit of money and decimals in maths and will continue with that next term. Our RE lessons this week was looking at the big question of 'What Would Jesus Do?' this generated lots of fantastic discussion.

Year 6 - Lewis

Another busy week in Lewis Class. The children continue to impress me with their attitude to their work.

Writing this week has been about creating our own journey tale. We've had characters escaping in submarines, helicopters and even bunny pods which bounce! The children's descriptive language has been wonderful, and they have certainly hooked me in with their imaginative writing.

Reading has been finishing off our unit on Rooftoppers. We've really enjoyed this book and are desperate to find out what happens to Sophie and Charles. We predict that she learns to play the cello and goes in search of her mother who is a famous musician! Maths has been finishing off Geometry. Lewis have really blown my socks off with their reflecting and translating shapes in four quadrants.

In RE we have been looking at writing a guide for life. We all agreed that we need support along our journey and to embrace every moment.

I hope you have a relaxing week off Lewis class, you are all amazing!

Year 4 - Dahl

Dahl class have had a super week! In English, we have been giving the characters in Elf Road a voice by hot seating and learning about direct speech. We have started our new text in Reading, The Jabberwocky, and the children have really enjoyed the unusual words in this poem by Lewis Carrol. In Maths, we have started learning fractions. Please ask your child to find halves, quarters, thirds, fifths and eighths of even numbers to support their learning. In Science, we carried out an investigation to find out which objects had the most gas in and around them.

Year 5 - Blyton

This week in Blyton we have been completing our hot writes - we wrote instructions for a subject of our choice and had a fascinating variety of pieces of writing (from how to play chess, to how to look after a pet, to how to survive an apocalypse!) Well done everyone - some really creative and unique work.

In Geography, we were looking at the big issue of global warming in the Arctic and considering the global implications of this - the children were really engaged in this learning and found out some fascinating and scary facts. In History, we considered whether the Anglo-Saxon justice system was harsh and found out all about their different punishments for crimes (the children really enjoyed find out about this!)

This week, we have also been digging deeper into the story of Romeo and Juliet and having a go at performing a scene with a group - in character as Romeo and Juliet! On Monday, we welcomed Year 2 from St James to read with us and we were brilliant role models for the younger children. In addition, we have been learning a new song from 'The Magic Flute' and practising our beautiful singing in class.

Have a wonderful rest over half term everyone - you truly deserve it.

Year 6 - Morpurgo

Morpurgo have had a fantastic last week of term, their wonderful work ethic has continued up to the final day - Well done everyone.

In maths this week we have concluded our unit on geometry. We finished the unit working on co-ordinates and translations which the children really enjoyed. Morpurgo class have been writing fascinating journey tales using a range of sentence structures and figurative language. The work has been a joy to read. Rooftoppers was our text in reading and we have been answering questions using evidence from the text. The children have been writing their guidelines to life having learned about the Ten Commandments in RE.
Have a wonderful half-term Morpurgo!

Dates for the Diary

February

Wednesday 22nd—Year 6 to Parker E-Act to watch Legally Blonde

March

Thursday 2nd—World Book Day (more details to follow)
Friday 3rd March—Mufti Day for donation of an Easter Egg
Friday 17th - Red Nose Day (more details to follow)
Wednesday 22nd - Parents Evening 3:40pm - 5.40pm
Thursday 23rd- Parents Evening 5pm - 7pm
Thursday 30th—Year 5 Magic Flute Performance—Rugby School—details to follow

April

Monday 24th—Year 3/4 Enterprise Week
Friday 21st—Year 5 Peterborough Cathedral Trip - details to follow

May

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th - Year 6 SATs

June

Monday 5th—Life Education Bus
Thursday 22nd Year 6 Leavers photos and whole school class group photos
Monday 26th—Year 6 Enterprise Week

July

Tuesday 4th Sports Day at The Abbey with children/staff from St James
Thursday 6th - Summer Cup
Friday 7th—Year 6 Leavers Service

* Dates may be subject to change and will be updated as events are booked

Term Dates for Academic Year 2022-2023

Term 1

SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY	**Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd SEPTEMBER**
TERM STARTS	MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSED	**MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Term 2

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 31st OCTOBER
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Term 3

SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY	**TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY**
TERM STARTS	WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Term 4

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Term 5

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 17TH APRIL
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	**MONDAY 1ST MAY**
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	**MONDAY 8th MAY**
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 26TH MAY

Term 6

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 5TH JUNE
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 21ST JULY

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 1

TRAINING DAY	**Friday 1st SEPTEMBER**
TRAINING DAY	**Monday 4TH SEPTEMBER**
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 5th SEPTEMBER
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Term 2

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
TERM ENDS	WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Term 3

TERM STARTS	WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024

Term 4

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024
TERM ENDS	THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024

Term 5

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 15TH APRIL
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 6TH MAY
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 24TH MAY

Term 6

TERM STARTS	MONDAY 3RD JUNE
TERM ENDS	FRIDAY 19TH JULY