



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

PTA Halloween Raffle—

Children can bring 50p for 1 strip or 3 strips for £1. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th October

Friday 6th October 2023

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News and updates

Staffing Update

I am pleased to let you know that over the last few weeks we have strengthened our support staff team in school. We would like to welcome Miss Perry as a teaching assistant to help support SEND pupils in early years. We also will welcome soon, two new 'Play Team' members (formerly the role of dinner ladies), who are Mrs. Gwitt-Brittle and Mrs. Coleman.

Academic Success in 2023

I am pleased to share with parents the progress and attainment that we, as a school, achieved last year. Please see statutory assessment information below;

End of EYFS: 50% achieved a Good Level of Development, 53% in 2022, compared to 65% nationally in 2022

Y1 Phonics Screening: 79.3% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 47% in 2022, and 75% nationally in 2022

End of Key Stage One Reading: 44.8% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 63% in 2022, and 67% nationally in 2022

End of Key Stage One Writing: 37.9% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 47% in 2022, and 58% nationally in 2022

End of Key Stage One Maths: 55% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 57% in 2022, and 68% nationally in 2022

End of Key Stage Two Reading: 80% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 59% in 2022, and 74% nationally in 2022. 30% achieved a Higher Standard in school, compared to 14% in 2022.

End of Key Stage Two Writing: 83% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 45% in 2022, and 69% nationally in 2022. 17% achieved a Higher Standard in school, compared to 3% in 2022

End of Key Stage Two Maths: 76.7% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 52% in 2022, and 71% nationally in 2022. 23% achieved a Higher Standard in school, compared to 13% in 2022

End of Key Stage Two Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG): 87% achieved the Expected Standard, compared to 55% in 2022, and 72% nationally in 2022. 60% achieved a Higher Standard in school, compared to 14% in 2022

All of these results can be found on the school website, and would not have been possible without the hard work of pupils and staff across the school, for which I am grateful. Well done to current and past pupils for their efforts in all of these key areas.

Ofsted Update

In May 2019, Abbey Primary School had its last Ofsted Inspection, where we were graded Good. Much has happened since then, particularly Covid, but as we move into this academic year, we anticipate that we will have another Ofsted inspection soon. To prepare for this, parents are invited to share their views on the school, using Parent View. This can be accessed anytime at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

We want the school to be the best it can be and we strive to be good each day. We will share with you the results of the parent questionnaires from parents evening soon, and also what we have done to continue to improve. We also welcome your comments and suggestions regarding our curriculum and all areas of school life.

Attendance—please also see September's attendance newsletter.

The class winners for the last two weeks, are as follows;

Week beginning 18th September Y5—97.2%

Week beginning 25th September Y3—96.9%

We have now come to the end of September and on Monday all the pupils who were here 100% of the time in September will go into a prize draw. We will let children know next week, who the 4 winners are, who will win the £5 each to spend at Asda.

School Council

I am pleased to let you know that the following children have been nominated as school councillors in their classes;

Y1 - Eloise and Jacob

Y2 - Elsie-Sue and Brody

Y3 - Arianna and Connor

Y4 - Alyssa and Kyle

Y5 - Ryan and Ruby

Y6 - Mason and Heeley

I am sure they will be a real asset to the classes and provide brilliant leadership and ideas. They will meet with Mrs. Sanders each half-term, and we will share their work in subsequent newsletters.



Parents evening—Message for Y5 Parents

A reminder that next Monday, 9th October is the new date for the previously cancelled parents evening. Times will be the same unless Mr O'Toole has contacted you directly, please come to the main entrance, where you will be able to wait and view pupil books. If you need to change the original time, please contact the school office or Mr O'Toole at the end of the day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone that supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. In total we raised an amazing **£239.32** that will go towards Macmillan nurses.

A-Stars update—Walk to School Month and 'Be Bright, Be Seen'

This year's Walk to School Month campaign will be held from **Monday 2nd to Friday 27th October (4 weeks)**. We are asking children to travel more actively on the journey to school by walking, cycling, scooting, using park & stride or car share. Children will collect a leaf in school, each day and place this on a poster to create a full tree poster per class. We are hoping that with each classes efforts, we can create a whole school forest.

Be Bright Be Seen- 6th -10th November

As clocks will go back on the 29th October and then we will start to have the darker winter nights, the first week back after half term will be the 'Be Bright Be Seen' week. Each child will receive a book-mark and will have an assembly that week to remind children about keeping safe at this time of year. The A-stars Sheriffs will also run a competition around Be Bright Be Seen this week too.

Hello Yellow Day and Mental Health Parent Workshop—Tuesday 10th October 2023

As part of Mental Health Hello Yellow Day, we are holding a parent workshop on Tuesday 10th October at 2.30pm. This is to share our new initiative called; 'My Happy Mind'. It is for all YR-Y6 parents & will be held in the hall. It would be great to see as many parents as possible. The session will be led by Mrs. Baker (mental health lead and Y6 teacher)

Forest School Request

Mrs Sheargold is asking for your help to collect the following items;



Conkers, acorns and pine cones.

Please bring in and hand to the office or Mrs Sheargold in Y3. Staff can also take them from you on the gate in the morning.

PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS AT CAMHS

Come and join our CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops. We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

Our Parent/Carer Workshops run virtually (Zoom) from 12pm - 1.30pm

27/09/2023 Trauma & Attachment
11/10/2023 Communication/Speech & Language
15/11/2023 Autistic Spectrum Conditions
06/12/2023 Depression/ Low Mood
17/01/2024 Anxiety/OCD
14/02/2024 Self Harm
13/03/2024 Anger/Conduct
17/04/2024 Anxiety

If you are interested in joining a workshop, and have a child/young person accessing Black Country CAMHS Services - please contact Andrea Ehgartner on Tel: 01902 444021 to book your place.



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Measles Information from the NHS

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. With millions of children across the country going back to school this last month, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Cricket Sessions in school

Over the last six weeks, the children in Y1-Y5 have been participating in free cricket sessions in school and then KS1 have had the opportunity to attend an after school club. The sessions finish after next week, but children have been given some information if they want to attend a local cricket club, and I have to say we have seen some talent emerging.

If you are interested please see Miss Bullock (Y2 teacher).

Just a note that the last two weeks of Cricket club finishes at 4pm, in a previous letter it stated all clubs finish at 4.10pm, which was an error in terms of this cricket club.



Vandalism on Mossley Estate

Last week I was contacted by a resident on the estate whose son's house is in Shrewsbury Close. Unfortunately they have been targeted by young people throwing stones at the windows. On Sunday 24th September, they succeeded in breaking through the outer layer of double glazing on the main window. On Monday 25th September they had another try and again broke through the double glazing on the same window. This has been happening at around 5pm-6pm in the evening. Neighbours have seen children aged about 8 or 9 running away from the scene.

All children in KS2 have been spoken to about this and I am hopeful it is not any children that attend Abbey Primary School. We expect high standards of behaviour from our pupils, inside and out of school. Please can I ask that parents keep an eye out if children are out on the estate. The matter has been reported to the police by the resident and I have also contacted our PCSO to see if I can find anymore information. If you do have any information please contact myself or the police.

Dates for the diary

October—Walk to school month—please walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride.

Monday 9th October—3.20pm-6.00pm Y5 parents evening (from postponed 18th September date)

Tuesday 10th October—Hello Yellow Day—all children can wear something or everything yellow.

2.30pm—3.00pm YR-Y6 parents Mental Health Workshop 'My Happy Mind'

Wednesday 11th October—9.30am-lunch—selected Y6 pupils at Aldridge Airport for Footgolf.

Wednesday 11th October at 2.15pm—Reception parents RWI workshop

Thursday 12th October—Wolverhampton Grand Theatre Pantomime performing for school—all PM.

After school netball tournament for selected Y5/6 pupils at Shelfield.

Monday 16th October—HARVEST WEEK—please bring donations of food items for the local food bank.

Tuesday 17th October—Flu Vaccinations for pupils (whose parents have given consent.)

Wednesday 18th October at 2.15pm—Y1 parents RWI workshop.

Thursday 19th October—2.30pm, Y2 Harvest assembly for Y2 parents. 12-3pm—My School, My Planet Celebration Event for those pupils taking part—more details to follow.

Wednesday 25th October—NSPCC workshops for Y5 and Y6

Friday 27th October — Non-uniform day for PTA, please bring a bottle or chocolate instead of money.

Break up for half-term at normal time.

HALF TERM—Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November 2023

Monday 6th November 2023—TRAINING DAY—no school for pupils

Autumn Term 2—Tuesday 7th November—Thursday 21st December 2023

Tuesday 7th November—children return to school & 'Be Bright, Be Seen' week

Thursday 9th November—A-stars Reception Parents and children walk 1-2pm and 2-3pm.

Friday 10th November—9am Y6 Assembly—Armistice Day (Y6 parents are invited to attend)

Friday 17th November—Children In Need Day—Bearpees (burpees) theme—more details to follow