

Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Spring Term 2024—Issue 10

News and updates

With the last two weeks before half-term, the pupils are continuing to work hard across the curriculum. Each week we have children selected for Star of the week in their classes. This is often for an outstanding piece of work. We also have the citizenship award which recognises pupils good behaviour, excellent attitude or helpfulness to peers and staff. If your child has been chosen this year then you should be rightly proud, and we hope that all children will be selected at some point for the remainder of the year.

This half term the children have been focusing on one of the British Values, of Respect. They have completed some work on this in PSHE lessons and it has been a focus for some assemblies. The majority of our children are brilliant at this, and we hope all children work towards showing respect for all people they come into contact with in and out of school.

Young Voices

On Monday of this week a number of children attended the young voices concert at Resorts



World in Birmingham. With staff as well, they did an amazing job along with over 6000 other children. They entertained the audience superbly and although it was a long and tiring day, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I have had nothing but positive comments from parents and children who

attended, and we hope that next time, we may be able to take more to this event.

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March 2024

This year to celebrate World Book Day children can come dressed in their **pyjamas/onesies** ready for a bed-time story, or come as **a character from a children's book**. Please do not go to any additional expense for the one day. Children can bring some slippers to wear inside school, if they want to change from their school shoes.

On this day in school, we also have an author visit, a lady called Cheryl Boot. The classes will get time during the day to work with the author and see how stories are written. We want to inspire our children to be the next Roald Dahl or Jacqueline Wilson, and this may be the inspiration that they need.

Children will also get a voucher or book as part of World Book Day.

P.E. Kit support

Thank you for your support this week in helping us improve the PE kit that is worn in lessons. If you do need guidance or further support with this please speak to your child's class teacher. If PE kit continues not to be worn children may risk losing places in after school clubs and/or participation at break/lunchtimes. If you cannot find a coloured top for PE, please send your child with a plain white t-shirt, and no football tops.

Eco-update

As part of the 'A cleaner tomorrow' work, via Walsall Council, in week beginning 12th February the children will have a series of lessons on improving the environment around them. They will also take part in a litter pick, on site for younger children and off site for older children.

Also each class will producing a piece of junk art, and requests below for some materials have been made on the next page. This is another example of how the children in our school community to help support the wider community of Mossley and Walsall.

Attendance Policy

Please go to the website to view the updated attendance policy.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 31st January & Monday 5th February —Pupil Progress Evenings 3.15pm-6.15pm

Friday 2nd February—Safer Internet assemblies for KS1 and KS2

Monday 5th February—A Cleaner Tomorrow assembly and start of the work for the week.

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February—Break up for half term

HALF TERM—Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February—children return to school.

Monday 26th February-Wednesday 28th February—Y5 & Y6 residential visit to Bryntysilio, Llangollen.

Tuesday 27th February—Y5 and Y6 children in school who are not on the residential will go swimming as one group, as a one off.

Thursday 7th March—WORLD BOOK DAY and author visit from Cheryl Boot.

Friday 8th March—9am EYFS Mother's Day assembly for all mum's in YN and YR.

Monday 11th March—Professor Bubbleworks in school all day to start Science Week

Monday 18th March—Assessment week in school

Thursday 21st March & Friday 22nd March—Bikeability for 12 children in Y5/6

Thursday 21st March Y3—all PM—A-stars Pedestrian training & 2.30pm—Y1 Easter assembly for Y1 parents

Friday 21st March—WOW of the term assembly and break up for Easter, at normal time.

EASTER HOLIDAY—Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April 2024

ECO Project request

Mrs Sheargold has requested if any families have **red crisp or chocolate wrappers** to be brought in for the Y3 class. Your child doesn't have to be in Y3 and you can pass them on via the school gate, your child or the school office, by Monday 12th February 2024.

Attendance for wb 15 January 2024

Last half term we saw a 2% increase in attendance, which doesn't sound a lot, but for the whole school this is fantastic achievement. Thank you for your support.

We are still having a number of lates each morning and we need to reduce this. Please try to be here for between 8.40am and 8.50am, if you want to avoid the rush and numbers of parents, after 8.45am is a lot quieter.

Our top three classes for last week are below;

1. Year 2—95.7%
2. Year 3—95.4%
3. Year 5—94.8%

The top class wins the attendance teddy, trophy and sweets.

