



ABBOTS GREEN GAZETTE

WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE ABBOTS GREEN GAZETTE

Meet the teacher!

BY ARCHIE, YR 5

Abbots Green are proud to welcome some new teachers to the school this term. Here we find out more from the new recruits Miss Chapman, Miss Pearson, Miss Ogg & Miss Morgan.

What made you want to join Abbots Green?

Miss M – The staff & students all seemed lovely and the school was so welcoming, it had a good feel & it was a place I knew I wanted to work!

Miss P – Everyone seemed so happy here & it's a place that really goes the extra mile for its children and staff.

Miss C – I completed most of my training here and loved it!

Miss O – Everyone told me Abbots Green was a lovely school!

What are your favourite lessons to teach?

Miss M – Music, PE & English.

Miss P – English.

Miss C – Probably Maths or History.

Miss O – Phonics because children will use it forever!

What hobbies do you have?

Miss M – The theatre, dancing, time with friends and family and of course walking my dogs!

Miss P – Running, swimming, the theatre and cinema.

Miss C – Swimming and doing anything arty!

Miss O – Reading & baking!

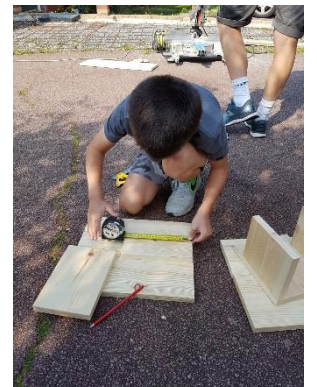
If you were not teachers what jobs would you do instead?

Miss M – I would probably work in theatre as that's what I did before becoming a teacher. I toured the UK with my theatre company!

Miss P – I would love to be performing in the west end!

Miss C – If I wasn't a teacher I would love to work with animals.

Miss O – Same as Miss C actually!



Lockdown life

BY MAX, YR 5

We all know 2020 hasn't quite been the year we expected. It's been boring for many of us during lockdown but here in Year 5 and across the rest of the school we have found different ways to beat the boredom! From learning new skills like woodwork, getting involved in DIY at home, baking, competing in virtual cycle races, producing astounding works of Art and plenty of Times Tables battles to name but a few. Even creating this newspaper, we have found creative ways to keep busy whilst at home.

Lockdown Life hasn't all been bad. For me personally (with a Mum working in the NHS) it meant I got to spend lots more time with my Dad recently. And that meant...later bedtimes, some unhealthy food (Sshhh, don't tell Mum!) and getting to see some of my friends from my old school. What memories will you have from lockdown? Many of us will remember those early days, making rainbows and proudly displaying these in our windows or standing outside our front doors to clap for keyworkers on Thursdays or more recently the Moreton Hall animal trail. I'm sure there will be some positive memories for us all to treasure.

Here in our keyworker bubble at school we have enjoyed regular quizzes on Kahoot (where things can get quite competitive!) decorating pebbles as lockdown keepsakes and challenging each other in seated squat competitions as part of our PE! While other bubbles have enjoyed competing in Ninja warrior competitions, movie afternoons, ice lollies and creating giant animals to display in the animal trail. Didn't the animals look great?

As the start of the summer holidays approaches, we hope you can all find something positive to reflect on and importantly enjoy the six week break! See you all back in September when we can have fun being back in our regular classes with our new teachers. I'm sure we'll all look forward to that!



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From cats to caterpillars, Amy keeps us to date with all the new additions since Lockdown!

BY AMY, YR 5

It wasn't just Mrs Worley who welcomed a new addition to her family during lockdown. Many of us welcomed new pets into our families. From cats to caterpillars there certainly was a variety of new family members in our homes this year.

With families spending more time at home lately it really was the perfect chance to get a new pet. Lots of us have found getting pets a good way of overcoming boredom and loneliness but also learning how to be responsible pet owners and a great way of families bonding together. I'm sure all these fluffy fellas are helping to keep us company and giving us more reasons to smile each day!

Two months ago, we brought home a very



Travis with Jeffrey the chick



Showbie: Lockdown tool or the new norm?

BY AVA, YR 5

What is Showbie? Well, Showbie is an online application which connects teachers with their students. This has been an extremely useful and successful tool during lockdown for loads of schools worldwide.

Showbie was founded in 2013 by Colin Bramm. He stated that 'the team worked closely with teachers to build this service'.

How does it work? Each student gets a login and a password and can then create their own profile on Showbie which allows them to access their work schedules, teaching documents and learning information which teachers can upload for them. In addition, it enables students and teachers to communicate with each other by sending messages,

adorable black and white kitten named Mia who is proving to be a very curious and sweet little cat indeed. While Miss Hammond and Ava in Reception both enjoyed raising caterpillars into butterflies and then setting them free! I'm sure we can all remember from school last year how exciting watching this is?!

Travis in Year 5 was lucky enough to experience hatching baby chicks at home and is now busy looking after his hens, along with all of his other animals! Ronnie in Year 5 welcomed a tortoise into his home as a birthday gift and Charlie in Year 5 and Oliver and Dylan in Year 2 all welcomed a new puppy into their home named Dexter. Doesn't he look cute? But they weren't the only family to welcome a fluffy friend into their house, Isabella in Year 4 and Rose in Year 1 also are busy puppy training their cute and cuddly cockapoo named Nellie. Look out for these fluffy friends on the way to school in September.

We hope you all enjoy spending time with your new pets this summer and learning how to be responsible pet owners which we are sure you will take in your stride!

Isabella and Rose with Nellie the cockapoo



Amy's new kitten named Mia



Charlie, Dylan & Oliver with Dexter

voice recordings and videos! Students can upload their work onto Showbie for teachers to check too!

As a student I have used Showbie regularly during lockdown to watch my daily teacher videos and collect my work. Once I've done my work I send it in to my teachers to check. They always send me back messages to tell me how I've done. It's great! I have found this website so helpful through lockdown to enable me to access my work quickly, to know how I'm doing from the regular feedback I get from my teachers and to be able to communicate with them.

Lockdown has been very isolating for so many school children and Showbie has given them a way to feel connected with the teachers that they may be missing. The daily videos that we have received from them has helped me with this too! This website has been very helpful for children to connect and communicate with their teachers on a regular basis.

So, what is the future for Showbie after lockdown? Will more schools use the application when they return? In the digital age we live in could Showbie be used in the classrooms? As an online application to enable teachers to set and mark the work of their students this could save them time and paper (which in turn would help the environment). We will have to find out when we return in September...



LOCKDOWN FASHION

Loungewear, comfy casuals and Pyjamas!

BY ILA, YR 5

So how has lockdown changed what we've been wearing? No school uniform that's for starters! But we have also found ourselves embracing our comfy casuals, loungewear, sports gear or even just pyjamas. If you're a fashion follower like me but comfort is still key to your looks then read this article for my fantastic fashion tips!

Ila recommends...

- Leggings, all day, everyday. Super stretchy & a wardrobe staple.
- Loungewear, perfect for those netflix days in front of the TV. Who doesn't love their loungewear?
- Sliders and trainers, the perfect shoes for the summer.

BUT don't get used to it. We'll soon be back to school and that means one thing...UNIFORM!



MY LAST DAY AT ABBOTS GREEN!

BY OLIVER, YR 6

'My last day was something I could never forget, it was an ever-lasting memory,' Rosie from Larkspur class commented. This quote shows greatness, a poignant light upon those that contributed and joined the Year 6 leavers last week. The staff which made it all happen and the students that relished their final day. James Dean once said that you should 'dream as if you will live forever, live as if you will die today' - one of my favourite quotes I might add. This quote shows that if your time at Abbots Green was thoroughly enjoyed, then the last day shall not be looked back at as a sad moment, but a joyful memory. Which it was.

The last weeks of Abbots Green were fantastic! 'Superb', 'Colourful', 'Incredible', 'Emotional'. These are all quoted words used to describe some of the many thoughts and feelings going through each and every person's body that week, in particular the last day. From doing no work, to a tasty BBQ, all the way to being covered, head to toe, in colorful powder, the 3rd of July was a truly amazing day filled with laughter and remembrance. The teachers had just as much fun as us, the year sixes, throwing powder at us, joining in with the silent disco. Quite a day it was for all of us! Thomas Dobbyn from Heather class, succinctly said, 'It was colourful!' This is a perfect way to describe the rainbow run. It was very fun and very messy. The silent disco was an amazing time, a great twist on a classic event. Listening to music through headphones, eating sweets, spending time with our friends; an experience which will be remembered for all time. Having the chance to say goodbye to our beloved Abbots Green meant so much for all of us, and every year 6 will hold the memories close to our hearts, forever.



Oli on his last day at Abbots Green, after the colour run!

END OF YEAR POEM FROM THE TEACHERS

STAY SAFE & SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



I'm so proud
I was your teacher.
I've watched you
learn and grow.
We worked so hard,
and had such fun.
How fast the time did go!
Our year was interrupted,
and it seemed too soon to part.
Just know that you will always
have a special place
within our heart.

Completely
Totally
Proud of
you