

Put a Spring in your step



We have started April with a genuine Spring in our Step!

It was great to see our youngest pupils this week, embark on an Easter bonnet parade with a twist! As the children in our Evergreen nursery embraced the opportunity to explore the Daily Mile track- pupils collectively walked over 368 laps and have already raised over £500 showcasing their works of art along the way!



As pupils hopped along the field, it was great to see them notice the stunning artwork from our Year 5 Outdoor learning day - with natural faces spreading an infectious spring in our step.



From steps, to dancing and even jumping- It has been

fabulous to welcome our Year 3/ 4 parents into school this month to create our mannequin sculptures. With true commitment to growing as individuals, pupils work to create sculpture models that reflect their personality, inspired by the artist Alberto Giacometti.



Steps to safety have also been a big part of our learning in Year 6 this month, as part of our Science week pupils learnt how to perform CPR carrying out chest compressions as well as performing rescue breathing. As one child said, 'I can not believe that I know how to save real lives!'

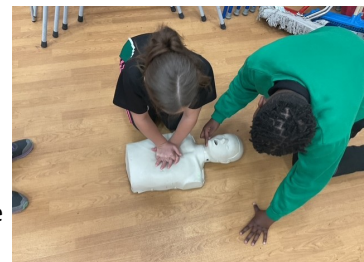
This week we have finished our half term in a place of great pride- as Abbots Green Academy, we have taken time to recognise our greater membership to Unity Schools Partnership. As we celebrate our family of schools, every child and member of staff enjoyed a 'Belonging Biscuit'. With the novelty of a longer playtime to enjoy our sweet treat, it was evident that we have an incredibly strong community and sense of pride that connects us all.



This week I would like to share our admiration for our Year 6, growing authors. Following our World Book day whole school story creation, our

Year 6 pupils have been on their travels this week to share the adventures of Abbots Green! Pupils listened in awe of our Year 6 storytellers who are eager to share this with you at home for the Spring break. Please find a pdf attached to the newsletter, alternatively, this will be shared in the class discussion in our Showbie classrooms.

Inspired by our pupils this month, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful spring break, full of lots of outdoor steps, creativity and time to slow down with a great book!



Other News:

Summer uniform

After Easter, we will be reverting to our Summer uniform policy. This is an opportunity for shorts or Summer dresses to be worn. Please refer to our uniform policy, paying particular attention to sock colours and school shoes. We do not expect children to wear Nike or branded socks.

Please ensure that PE kit is not branded, with such a smart PE t shirt it is expected that children wear simple black bottoms.

<https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/uniform>

ParentMail

Please be aware that there will be no more ParentMail from after Easter. All communication will be made on Arbor.



Our Community

As a school, we are working with the police, local councillors and the Moreton Hall Community group to make our school drop off and collection times safe for all of our pupils. We have observed people parking on the grass verges and other areas where they shouldn't. A reminder that you are able to park in the car park which is in front of the Sir Peter Hall School. We know that you all have busy lives but the safety of our children must remain our priority.

For the safety of all those on site, please can parents make sure that children dismount their scooters and cycles before entering the school grounds.

Attendance

Our Whole school attendance this year is 95.4%. As we support our children in becoming resilient, we would much rather pupils come into school if they're not feeling 100% than not come in at all- we will always make the decision to call parents if we feel children are not well enough to be in school.

This month the class with the best attendance is Australia and Italy joint with 96.8%.

We look forward to sharing monthly updates with you.

Parents evening success

Thank you to all parents who attended their child's parents evening this week- it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces. Thank you especially to the teaching team and admin staff in making this happen in such a friendly, professional way for a record 421 families.

Save the date

Our next parents forum will be on Thursday 15th May at 2pm, further details of the agenda to follow .

Return to school date

We look forward to returning to school on Tuesday 22nd April for the start of our Summer term.

Giant

At the end of the day, children and parents are expecting to leave school site. We have noticed an increase in parents staying on school site at the end of the day, allowing children to climb on the large log and giant- this is not acceptable nor safe. Safety Squad will be proactively supporting this to keep our children safe.

We aim to lock our gates promptly by 3:45 to allow After school club to commence on a safe, secure, site.

Rainbow Hampers

Congratulations to all of the winners of the FOAG Rainbow Hamper Raffle. All winners have been contacted today to collect their prize!



PE Days Summer Term

Reception Tuesday	Year 3/4 Kenya : Tuesday & Wednesday Ukraine: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 1 Tuesday & Wednesday	Year 5 Monday & Thursday (Swimming Kit also required on Thursdays)
Year 2 Tuesday & Thursday	Year 6 Monday & Friday
Year 3/4 Japan: Tuesday & Thursday Mexico: Monday and Thursday Morocco: Monday & Wednesday	

