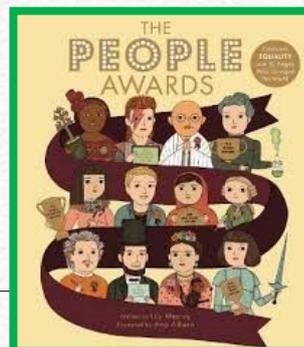




# What's been happening at

## ABBOTS GREEN ACADEMY—JANUARY 2020



### What a fantastic start to 2020!

As a school we have been using the inspiration of the mole, from my current favourite read, to consider how we react to situations. It has been great to see the children's reactions to our 2020 challenge to 'Read a Rainbow'.

Not only have the children been inspired to take note of the books that can be found both at school or at home, children throughout the school can be heard discussing and recommending books to one another. Well done especially to James in Year 5 for having the idea to raise money for new books by donating a book token to the school! Let's keep it up!

As we look towards longer days and the Spring time we also start to consider holidays! Abbots Green is proud of it's excellent attendance data, reflecting the commitment to learning and importance in your child's education. Please do ensure that any absence requests are put in writing using the school Leave of Absence form, to allow careful consideration to individual cases. It is however, our aim to remain at a minimum of 97%, which is above the National expectations of a good school.

With sunshine coming, we also look forward to starting the Daily Mile again after half term. We are thrilled that the KS2 building is first to be completed, meaning that we will have our playground back again! Watch this space for a whole school incentive to relaunch this next month.

As we become fully immersed in our new topics, we are keen to develop our website to showcase our learning. This will be one of the agenda items for the **Parents Forum** next half term (Thursday 12th March—2.30pm and 6pm). Please do feel free to come along to offer feedback and find out more about school priorities and how you can help. Here's to a fantastic 2020 at Abbots Green.

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**Building update**—As building works comes to a head, over half term the hall will be knocked through to accommodate our bi-folding doors and new kitchen. To give the building team adequate time to do this, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February the hall is out of use. A ParentMail Form was sent out on 23<sup>rd</sup> January regarding meals on both days. **Please make sure that this has been read and completed where appropriate.**

**Evergreen Nursery** - It's official, the Evergreen Nursery is due to open in March, with our current nursery moving over next half term. (Separate communication to follow for nursery parents). Our nursery provision will be open from 7:45-6pm for 2 year olds and above for 50 Weeks per year. Please do spread the word! Watch this space for open days!

**COMING SOON: The Abbots Green Citizen Award—2020** has seen the launch of the Abbots Green Citizen award. Based on a book called The People award, as a school we will be nominating pupils to recognise those who consistently display their rainbow values. Parents will be invited to this celebration by initiation only, more details to follow.

**Trust Council**—Working as part of the Unity Schools Partnership, we have established a trust council, this gives our older pupils the opportunity to work as part of the trust with pupils of up to secondary school age to support the vision of the trust. This term Grace from Year 5 and Chloe from Year 6 have been selected for a two year post. Both Grace and Chloe cannot wait to attend their first meeting in March and feedback to the school!

**Always Club**—This month we are launching the 'Always Club' to recognise the hard work and commitment of Year 5 & 6 children who 'always' complete homework and actively continue their learning at home.

**Exciting news!** Congratulations to Mrs Woolford who will be expecting her second baby in July! We will keep you informed of any staffing changes at our earliest convenience.

**Lost Property**—All lost property will be displayed on tables in the school hall from 3pm to 3.30pm on **Tuesday 4th February**. All parents/carers are welcome to come and have a look for items which children may have lost/misplaced. If you are unable to make this please may we suggest a friend or relative check for you.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please either catch Mrs Morrison before school or make an appointment via the School Office.