

What's been happening at ABBOTS GREEN ACADEMY — June 2021

Hello July!

With the end of term ahead of us, we certainly do not seem to be slowing down! This month's newsletter not only provides updates but also information in response to questions and feedback given on the gate each day.



It has been great to see such energy from our staff and pupils as we make the most of the sunshine and showers on our school grounds. This month, we have been exceptionally active as we embraced our new Sports day experience. Whilst this was not our normal event, the children were bursting with excitement to use their new country class identify to travel the world, to visit

Olympic events on the track and field. Each event was celebrated with an Olympic podium celebration to share the highlights of the day as well as our Rainbow Sportsmanship.

Meanwhile, whilst our main school get sporty so do our Evergreen children. Today, our Evergreen children of age 2 and upwards, put on their animal costumes to participate in The Big Toddle in aid of Barnardo's. As the children stomped around the field, with what must have felt like a marathon, the children continued to be so proud of themselves as they made it the whole way round the 'big field'. For the rest of the school who watched in adoration from windows, we continue to be so proud of our youngest pupils who 'just kept walking and walking forever!'. What resilient learners we have already!



From Olympics to toddles to great strides of pride. I cannot let this month pass without sharing our united commitment to World Refugee Day, as a Rights and Respecting school, this month we have thought poignantly about how strong we are as a school community, and value our sense of belonging to our class and wider school. Following the inspiration of our Changemakers, we decided to come together to show our respect and honour Refugee's but most importantly, recognise and welcome anyone to our school.

During our assemblies and in class this month, we have been spending time being open minded, and optimistic about changes that we have ahead. Whether this be a change in class, school or even a new teacher, we look at this in a positive way. Some of our older children, especially in Year 6 have been incredibly reflective in understanding affirmations such as 'without change there would be no butterflies'.

This month, the commitment of our staff continues to showcase our efforts to making every day count as we look forward to flying to new beginnings on the horizon!



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

Reports

Today is the first release day of our revised end of Year reports - we look forward to sharing these with our Year 2, 3 and 5 families. Please do check your child's bag for this.

PE tops

It has been great to see our new PE tops appear in school - a fantastic addition to our uniform that we wear with pride.

Transition

On Thursday 15th July and Friday 16th July, children will be moving into their new classes to meet their new teacher. We plan to make these days as realistic as possible in terms of what to expect, from walking through the correct gate to new routines, we very much look forward to preparing your child for their next chapter. More information to follow.

School day

In September we will keep a staggered start and finish to the day to ease congestion on school site and in the community. Start and finish times will therefore be;

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
Reception, 5 and 6	8:30 am	3:15pm
Year 2 and Year 4	8:35 am	3:20pm
Year 1 and Year 3	8:40 am	3:25 pm
Gates close	8:45 am	3:30 pm

All things FOAG

This week we held a great FOAG meeting to plan ahead some great fundraising ideas. This term we will be calling our last week of term a 'Staycation' with class challenges and a non-uniform 'beach wear' themed day on Friday 16th July. To add to the fun, FOAG will supply an ice lolly for every child, therefore there will be **no tuck on the last day of term**. More information to follow.

Citizen Award- 2021

Before the first lockdown we launched our termly Citizen Award which promotes excellence and a consistent commitment to developing their Rainbow values. Next week we look forward to coming together as a school community virtually to finally celebrate our class citizens.

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Bingo Books

As we recover from lockdown, we have noticed several of our Bingo Books still remain at home, please can these be returned to school as soon as possible to allow us to replenish ready for the new school year.

Staff gifts

Whilst we do not expect any end of year gifts, we have had several parents ask whether gifts are appropriate this year. If you wish to bring a gift into school, it must be labelled and delivered in Year Group boxes by the office foyer by **Monday 12th July**, this allows for gifts to be kept safely 48 hours before children have their last day with their current teacher.

We would encourage parents to be creative and as possible with minimising any contact with staff. For an alternative gift idea for the whole school, each year group would welcome new books for our library.

Be aware!

You may have noticed Police presence outside our school. This is to reinforce neighbourhood conduct and recognise the seriousness of the recent incident where one of our children was approached by a stranger. As a school we support children walking home independently however we would encourage you to reconsider this if you have any concerns.

Wrap Around Care

The Booking and payment window for Autumn Term 1 2021 will be open from Monday 5th July 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021. A reminder and full booking details will be sent to parents of children who currently attend Sun Rise Club and Sun Set Club along with families of children due to start Reception in September. Please contact the school office should you have any queries.



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