

# What's been happening at ABBOTS GREEN ACADEMY — NOVEMBER 2020



## This month has been the month of Rebuilding, Recovery and Recognition!

With three weeks of being fully open under our belts, we are beginning to build up our strength and stamina to learn together again. It has been great to get back into routine and continue to take our learning outside as much as we can. Whilst the weather has turned, this has not stopped us from embracing our outdoor space. Last week our Year 6 hosted a spot of alfresco cooking; the smell of stone baked pizzas filled the field as our Year 6 forest school day allowed a spot of creativity that in some cases was described as 'better than any Domino's pizza!'

Together as a school community we cannot help but feel we are still recovering from a period of illness and absence. We do, however, manage to find strength from one another as we continue to connect online as much as we can. This month, we have launched our World Wide Wednesday assemblies which allow classes to tune into a whole school assembly hosted by a different country from across our school community. A great team effort yet again.

This week we have been excited to come together to light the first candle on our Advent Wreath. As we began reflecting on our year, it was agreed that we must find the achievements of things as a school that we should be proud of.

Only this week, we had confirmation that Abbots Green have been recognised as a UNICEF Bronze Rights and Respecting School. This award celebrates our commitment to ensuring all our children have the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens. Watch this space for further progress as we now work towards the Silver Award.


This month could not pass without thanking the Friends Of Abbots Green past and present for a never-ending commitment to fundraising. This week, we had the long awaited arrival of our brand new library furniture. We now have the opportunity to grow a fantastic resource for all year groups once it is safe to do so. Projects like this, would not be possible without the support of all our families and we very much look forward to sharing this with you soon.

As we continue to look forward and plan for an alternative festive season, let's hold onto the achievements and positivity that we continue to make each day.

Whilst the wait for normality grows, our pride for all we achieve must grow too!



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



## Dates for the diary

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**—Class lists for Christmas Cards available on Showbie. Please note Christmas cards can only be delivered within Year group bubbles—we would encourage you to seal the cards by tucking in the envelope rather than sticking down.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**—Santa Run (Santa hat/ jumper or outfit needed).

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**— Christmas Jumper days for our Christmas and Boxing day menu!

## Uniform

Winter is here and windows are open! All children need to be suitably dressed with trousers not shorts.

For further layers, we now have Abbots Green fleeces available in black for pupils and staff. These are available via [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com).

## Teacher gifts

Whilst we do not expect any staff gifts for Christmas, we have had several parents ask whether gifts are appropriate this year. Gifts are welcomed this year but must be labelled and delivered to year group boxes by the relevant gates between Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. This allows for gifts to be kept safely for a week before delivering them to the staff.

We would encourage parents to be creative as possible with minimising any contact with staff. For an alternative gift idea for the whole school, each year group will share a top 20 list of books through Showbie that we would welcome for our new library. These can be purchased through Amazon and be delivered directly to the school without any contact.

## Parents evening

This week, we look forward to our new virtual parents evening! Yet again, this is another new way of working and showing the huge commitment our staff have put in, pushing beyond all boundaries to find solutions to the current pandemic.

## Did you know?

We now have our own Evergreen Cook! Mary Mills produces homemade meals each day for our Evergreen pupils using ingredients from a local farm. Feel free to view our bespoke menu on our school website.

## Sad Farewells

This month we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Annette who will be leaving our Abbots Green team. We know you will join us in recognising the commitment that Mrs Annette has given the school for over 10 years, she will be hugely missed by us all.

## COVID COMMUNICATION

Thank you for supporting our office and minimising any contact with our office team. Please can we ensure that any proof of COVID testing is also sent to the office to ensure attendance is recorded accurately. Class emails should not be used to report absences.

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