

What's been happening at

ABBOTS GREEN ACADEMY — October 2020



After an eventful first half term, we have made it!

Whilst we have started to work in a way where we dread a Parentmail about a bubble closure, it is important as we reach half term, that we find time to value the little things, the golden moments, and pockets of well being that mean so much to our school.

As I reflect on the last few weeks, I am incredibly proud of our new Reception children who have embraced the seasonal changes and opportunities to explore the world around them. Seeing them march out of school, balancing an Autumnal hat of leaves and twigs of various sizes, is a great sign of how we make use of our outside spaces and keep learning fun!

As we launch our new country class names, the stampede of the Daily Mile continues. As a school it has been great this term to get back into a routine of being active every day, with Mr Newson inspiring us to run and keep our own pace. Again the endless space we have really has been a gift this month.

One of the most valuable forms of well being we have at the moment is the power of interaction. I feel honoured to speak to children across the school especially in our reflective assemblies. Last week, when talking about how we feel safe in school, pupils spoke sincerely about how they felt being back in school. Quotes such as 'our zone boards keep us safe', 'our rainbow values keep us strong' and 'every adult and every child keep me happy' echo all the hard work and commitment from an exceptional team.

With a well deserved break upon us, I would like to take the opportunity to openly thank an incredible group of staff, children and their families this half term.

Best wishes for a Autumnal half term break.

Mrs A Morrison

Information for Parents/Carers:

Half termly reflection—Attached to this newsletter please find a reflection of this term, whilst we have had several bubbles close, please take the time to find out more about what has been done to keep your child as safe as possible.

Winter uniform—Please ensure that when returning to school after half term, we continue our expectations of sensible clothing. This means that girls must ensure that, as winter weather commences, tights/knee high socks are worn, with boys putting their shorts away until the Summer term. The school is often commended on how smartly children look in their uniform - let's keep it up!

Flu Immunisation — following full school closure we are awaiting a new date for children to receive flu vaccination. We will let you know as soon as we are advised of this date.

Thank you to our Year 3 pupils—This month the Year 3 pupils have become very concerned about the excessive litter, fear not they also shared a solution! Thank you to our Year 3 pupils who felt passionately about the school grounds, and now have a rota in place for litter collecting throughout the school day!

Tea at 10—With the challenge of parent tours at this difficult time, Mrs Morrison is keen to continue family tours for any new parents. After half term, a video of our school will be available on our website. Following this, perspective parents are welcome to tune into a zoom meeting to ask individual questions. Please contact the office to find out more information.

Sneak preview—This half term, the school has come together to create our Rainbow tree (see photograph above), this is a symbol to represent the quote 'Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet our **rainbow** roots remain as one'.

FOAG Update—We are thrilled this week to have received a donation of £9000 from our Friends Of Abbots Green to support us in purchasing a brand new library. The dedication and hard work of the FOAG over the last three years is hugely appreciated as we purchase things that would not be possible. We look forward to showing photographs of this soon.

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