

# What's been happening at ABBOTS GREEN ACADEMY — SEPTEMBER 2021

As we reach the start of a new month, it is hard to believe that we have been back in school for only a few weeks. This month we have already achieved so many things as we thrive upon the opportunity we now have for further interactions and additional learning opportunities.

It has been great to see our children beginning to access an enriched curriculum that brings learning to life! From our Year 6 pupils visiting Blackthope Barn exploring the work of local artists to our Year 2 children preparing for afternoon tea with the queen, children are embracing every opportunity that comes their way.



It has been a pleasure to see many of our pupils representing our school again in sporting competitions across the community. With some great results from our Year 5 and 6 footballers as well as amazing cross country runners, time and time again we're reminded by others about how smart our children look and how their attitude, manners and rainbow values shine through into the community.

This month we have reached a new milestone by recognising children in school who received 100 gold stars. Whilst these pupils have attended school for many years, as a school we felt that this needed to be celebrated! Next week we look forward to the arrival of our golden AG 100 badges that will be spotted amongst the school.



As if this is not enough, we're thrilled to be awarded with our Silver Rights and Respecting School Award. This recognises the school's commitment to empowering our pupils and staff to understand what rights we all have as human beings. More importantly, it gives our pupils the ability to articulate their knowledge of values that

make our school community fair and respectful. As part of our assessment towards the accreditation our children were quick to explain that at Abbots Green, children make a difference by working with the adults to do the very best for every child! We look forward to sharing more information with you soon about our continued journey to Gold.

Next week, look out for the launch of our Reading Championship that will promote a love of reading at home and in school. As a school where we enthuse our children's curiosity, I would like to finish by sharing a new book suitable for a child of any age! Everything under the Sun, a curious question for every day of the year! A wonderful book that allows children to ponder, discuss over dinner or and even share a snippet before bed.



Happy October!

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



## **Reminders**

### **PE Kit**

It has been great to see so many of our pupils wearing our new PE kit. Please ensure that your child is not wearing any bright coloured clothing for PE. For PE kit expectations please refer to the school website - <https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/uniform>

### **Home School Agreement**

This week your child should be sharing with you our most up to date Home School Agreement. It is important that you discuss this with your child and sign this together with the class teacher to recognise the commitment to work in collaboration this year.

### **Giant**

At the end of the day, children are expected not to be on the giant. Families are encouraged to leave school site promptly to allow the gates to be locked to safeguard our children accessing the after school club.

### **Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a full time Learning Support Assistant, if you would like to find out more about this position please contact Mrs Morrison either on the gate or at the school office. Previous school experience is preferred.

### **Fidget Toys**

We have had an increased amount of children bringing in toys from home especially fidget toys. Toys are not to be brought into school as these distract children from their learning and are at risk of getting lost. Any toys in school will be confiscated until the end of the day as stated on page 8 in our behaviour policy— <https://abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/files/resources/positive-behaviour-policy-ag-november-2020.pdf>

### **Clubs**

Coming soon - Abbots Green 2021/22 Club calendar outlining a breakdown of clubs that will be available to all children throughout the year.

### **Parents Evening**

Save the date! Parents evening will be virtual again this half term. Details of booking appointments will be sent out on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

### **Parking**

It has been reported to us that, at drop off and pick up times, several parents are parking on driveways of local residents. Please be respectful of our community and park considerately.

### **COVID Reminder**

May we remind you that if your child experiences any COVID symptoms that they must take a PCR test before they return to school and **NOT** a lateral flow test. Anyone else within the household would be encouraged to take a PCR test however can return to school if they have no symptoms.

### **Census Reminder**

Next Thursday is the Autumn School Term School Census which determines the school budget for the following year. One criteria used is the uptake of school meals on this day. To encourage as many children as possible to have school meals on this day the menu will be Pork/Vegetarian hot dog, potato wedges and baked beans followed by chocolate crunch and ice cream. The cold option remains the same and Jacket Potatoes will also still be available.

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