

hello SPRING



Abbots Green Newsletter—February/March 2023

With lighter nights and glimmers of sunshine, it is refreshing to see that Spring is upon us in more ways than one.

Shining bright in school this week is our Safe-guarding culture of the colour Orange. I continue to be so proud of all our pupils that understand the importance of Staying Safe and how we work together to do this. Led by our Online Officers and Safety Squad, our pupils have communicated how we can continue to listen to one another's feedback and find solutions to safety concerns. Suggestions such as 'considering the future of our giant' to 'listening to online experts in different year groups' show how open minded we're learning to be.



With just two weeks since half term, it has been great to open our doors to welcome our parents and families to share so many of our learning experiences.

From our Year 6 pupils making clay hearts, to Year 4 creating 3d Sculptures as a school community there is a shared positive energy and buzz towards parent partnership sessions. The combination of happy faces and mucky hands from staff, parents, and children echo's our commitment to reaching out beyond our classroom learning every day.

From reaching out, to shining bright, March looks set to be a time of much growth, freshness and excitement at Abbots Green.



As well as keeping ourselves safe in school, the fire brigade caused great excitement this week as they paid a visit to Year 2. Having created our model houses following our Great Fire of London learning, our creations were set on fire but thankfully rescued by our fire brigade. This will undoubtedly form memories to be spoken about for days and years to come!



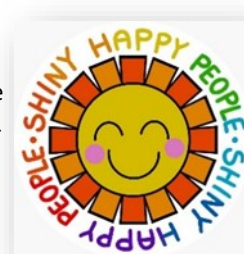
March is often the month with so many traditional events that the children look forward to and remember, but also recognises the importance of connecting through shared experiences. Only this week for World Book Day, it was great to see pupils visit different classrooms to share a story as well as a biscuit. To hear all our pupils reading with confidence and sharing a love of books with our youngest pupils was a joy to see.

As quickly as we enjoyed World Book Day, we will find ourselves in Fair Trade Fortnight. Next week we look forward to learning more about where our food comes from and even how we can ensure that workers within this industry are treated fairly with respect. Our Changemakers will be teaching us to 'Make the Switch' to look out for Fair trade products and even sampling various tea's and coffee's with our Oxlip House neighbours. Watch this space for our revised Fair Trade Friday tuck shop next week.



Time to Shine

'Next week we look forward to our choir and Ukulele players celebrating the musical talents that we have at Abbots Green at a performance in Snape Maltings. With a collaboration of feel good tunes from including Shiny Happy People, Count on Me, Reach and True Colours this is set to be an incredible experience for our pupils as well as an outstanding reflection of our school values and ethos.



FOAG

Coming soon! Our FOAG continue to bring some great ideas to fundraise for our school. Currently FOAG are creating our Rainbow Hampers ready for the prize draw on Friday 31st March. Tickets are available through ParentMail or with cash on parent's evenings.

With the money raised so far this year, we look forward to the additional scooter storage that has been purchased to keep our school tidy, organised and accessible for all our pupils.

Many thanks for all of the donations so far for the Easter Rainbow Raffle. FOAG are in need of more black & white items—if you are able to donate please hand to the school office or send in with your child to class.



Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose day on Friday 17th March, pupils will be welcome to wear any items of red clothing or Red Nose Day Merchandise. We will also be donating all tuck money to Red Nose Day following a Red Nose Day selection of snacks.



Water Bottles

We have had several 'Air Up' bottles and prime bottles come into school.

Whilst these are hugely popular at the moment please ensure that these stay at home. Water should be in school in a simple, transparent bottle, we have also found air up bottles to be a distraction in class as well as hugely unhygienic as children can not help but sample variations in flavours from one another.

Strike Warning

NEU is currently planning further strikes on Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March, currently this is looking to affect India class only. Further updates will be shared as soon as Mrs Morrison is made aware.

Staffing updates

This Month we look forward to welcoming back Miss O' Grady who will be working as part of our Year 1 & 4 team.

Save the date

Don't forget WOW Wednesday on Wednesday 29th March, an opportunity to come and look in your child's books from 2:45pm onwards.