



House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Ridgeway	576pts
Avebury	565pts
Kennet	562pts
Silbury	550pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

This week we have been learning lots of number rhymes with a particular focus on the number 3. Next, we end the term with the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. We love to link our learning to story and rhyme, reflecting the language rich curriculum we deliver. We are now full in nursery for the rest of this academic year and filling up at speed for September, so if you would like a place, ensure you apply now to avoid disappointment.



Girls Superb in first football tournament

Congratulations to our Girls Football Team who played in their first tournament last week. They played 6 games, with 4 wins, 2 draws, 22 goals scored & 3 conceded.

They showed amazing energy, enthusiasm and attitude towards each other and their opponents.

Undefeated!

Top work girls!



Netballers win first match of the season

Miss Hewitt was extremely proud of the netball team, after their first game of the season resulted in a 7-3 win away at Ruskin Junior School. The result is all the more impressive since the company who installed our Astro pitches is still waiting to finish the lines. So, the team have had to train without an actual netball pitch to play on! Amazing!



Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.

Didi, Natan and Lorena (Elm)

Bihani and Anthony (Holly)

Olivia and Nathan (1Beech)

Rogan and Joseph (1Hazel)

Miguel and Daniel (2Alder)

Ashton and Caspian (2Birch)

Astrid and Jacob (3Chestnut)

Imogen and Martha (3Hornbeam)

Sam C and Joe (4Rowan)

Lola and Riley (4Sycamore)

Josh and Annora (5Juniper)

Jessica and George (5Willow)

Macey and Tumi (6Glenmore)

Amy and Zac (6Pengelli)

Izzy and Jess (6Sherwood)

Luciano and Lydia (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

Year 4 Assembly next THURSDAY!

Just an important reminder that the Year 4 Assembly is next THURSDAY for ALL parents from both classes at 9am in the hall.

The children had a fabulous time at The Wilderness Centre, which links with their learning in school.

Come and see the assembly, but be aware there could be up to 120 parents watching in the hall.

Sure you saw this on [TWITTER... Click here](#)



Year 1 Recreate Great Fire of London

It was lovely to see learning come alive in Year 1 this week when they recreated the Great Fire of London.

To start with they used bubbles to check the wind direction and then, having started the fire in the first house, watched as the wind blew the flames from one house to another.

You can see the video capture on [Twitter here:](#)
https://twitter.com/AMCPS_Swindon/status/1620498569177497600?s=20&t=rrfojlxBiyAlZwCPpk0bYQ

Thank you to Mrs Woods and Mr Badger who joined Year 1 for the event, to make sure the fire didn't get out of hand. *Pity they were not around in 1666!*



New Kit for Football Teams

We are indebted to Kingsdown Lions FC for their kind donation of 2 football kits to the school.



It is in appreciation of our working together to promote healthy lifestyles for young people; promoting sporting excellence both in performance and behaviour. It is lovely to see some of our former pupils doing so well with this team and we are grateful for this kind donation. The children will love wearing them in future matches.

Reception Classes NEED YOUR HELP!

In Term 4 our Topic is all about people who help us. We will be focussing on vets, doctors, medical staff, opticians, fire fighters and police. We would really appreciate your help in equipping our role play areas if you have any old dressing up or role play resources that you no longer need.

If you work within these professions and would be able to come and speak to the children about what you do, please do let us know.



Thank you all so much,
The Reception Team.



Girlguiding/Scouting Thinking Day

Girlguiding and Scouting, have a special day on 22nd February called Thinking Day or Founder's Day. On this day, all members of Girlguiding and Scouting celebrate to remember their founders and pioneers, Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Lady Baden-Powell, both of whom were born on 22nd February.



On this day they think about their **Promise**, the Girlguiding and Scouting heritage and their members around the globe, as both have organisations all over the world. Children from these organisations are permitted to wear their Girlguiding or Scouting uniforms on this day, to show the world that both organisations are still very much alive and going strong in the 21st Century!

Perhaps they could recite their Promise to the class on this day and explain what it means?



The Abbey Meads Amble 2023

5K Walk-Jog-Run-Crawl

When: 25th March 2023 **Time:** 10am Registrations
11am Start



Come and join us for what is affectionately known as The Amble. One person's sprint is another person's amble. Come and walk, jog, run or even crawl around our specially designed 5K route around Abbey Meads and Seven Fields.

Whether a 20-minute dash or a scenic stroll, 5km is 5km (3.1 miles)! Amble, scramble or ramble your way around and we will celebrate 'finish lines' not 'finish times'... *unless you want to try for one of the fastest age group times!*

There is a small entry fee of £3.00 per person - but feel free to collect sponsors too!

There will be a medal for all finishers and a Fun Day to follow, with bouncy castles, BBQ, cakes and other refreshments available.

All money raised will be going to schools run by Project Gambia, a charity for which one of our Governors, Neil Griffiths, is a Trustee.

We hope to sponsor some children through a full year of education, in these charity run schools. To provide uniform, food and education for one child it costs just £60.00 a year. We hope each class will sponsor a child, if we raise sufficient funds.
(£2.00 from each AMCPs pupil would provide a full year's education for 15 infant children through Project Gambia)



**£3.00
entry
fee**


To apply for this event, please visit [ParentPay](#)





Find out more about the charity,
by visiting this link:
<https://www.projectgambia200.com/>

DISCO THURS 9TH FEB



Reception, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3
5-6pm

Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6
6:15-7.30pm

£3 entry on the door

Best wishes to Mrs Hayward who starts her maternity leave next Wednesday.

Mrs Rose takes the class full time for the rest of the school year.

We are sure you'll all want to extend your own best wishes as you pass on the playground next week.



Safer Internet Day and Online Safety Newsletter.

Our Online Safety Group, working across all our schools in The Blue Kite Academy Trust, has launched a competition for children today along with an Online Safety Newsletter for parents.

(Attached to today's Newsletter email).

Please see below, another version of the competition set by this group.

By screen free we don't mean miss the rugby!

We mean think more about how long children spend on telephones, the internet via various devices and games consoles.

Each child received one of these cards today...see the poster/newsletter for more details.



Screen Free Sundays!



Screen time can offer children opportunities to learn and develop new skills at the touch of a button but, like anything, too much of it can have a negative effect on their wellbeing.

This year, to promote Safer Internet day, we are asking families to try 'screen free Sundays' for the month of February (electronic devices). Children will be issued a record card that can be signed by an adult and returned to school on a Monday after a successful 'Screen Free Sunday' and a sticker will be issued by their class teacher. All children who return a full card on Monday 27th February will be entered into a fantastic prize draw.

This is an excellent opportunity to reflect on screen time use in your household and embrace the different ways time can be spent.

Your support is appreciated and we look forward to hearing all the wonderful ways you have spent your Sundays!

The Statistics

52% of children aged 3-4 go online for nearly 9hrs a week

82% of children aged 5-7 go online for nearly 9.5hrs a week

93% of children aged 8-11 go online for nearly 13.5hrs a week

47% of parents think their children spend too much time in front of their screens

Effect on behaviour
Constant use of a device and features like auto-play on platforms can be habit forming and encourage children to spend longer on screens.

Effect on the brain
Screens can have a drug-like effect on the children's brains, which can make them more anxious. It can make children more forgetful as they rely on things like Google, GPS and calendar alerts to look up information.

Effect on sleep
Blue light from phones can trick the brain into thinking it's still daylight making it difficult to sleep.

What are the benefits?

- Gives children access to a wealth of information to build their knowledge
- Technology takes away physical barriers to social connections to make children less isolated
- Exposure to tech has proven to improve children's learning and development
- Online games and activities enhance teamwork and creativity

The Blue Kite
Academy Trust

Abbey Meads Community Primary Badbury Park Primary Brook Field Primary
Catherine Wayte Primary Colebrook Infants Ferndale Primary and Nursery
Greenmeadow Primary Lethbridge Primary Ruskin Juniors
Robert Le Kyng Primary William Morris Primary and Nursery