



Bank Holiday Monday

Please don't forget we are closed on Monday (8th May) for the Coronation Bank Holiday.

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Kennet	341pts
Avebury	324pts
Silbury	317pts
Ridgeway	311pts



Well done to all!

Golden Book

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

George and Kimberlyn (Elm)
 Emilia and Henry (Holly)
 Olivia, Thea and Nevaeh (1Beech)
 Charlie and Harley (1Hazel)
 Alice and Klara (2Alder)
 Jayden and Nevaeh (2Birch)
 Riley and Edie (3Chestnut)
 Basirat and Julia (3Hornbeam)
 Sam and Evie-Leigh (4Rowan)
 Kayla (4Sycamore)
 Williams, Evie W and Cam (5Juniper)
 Zayed and Ava A (5Willow)
 Tumi and Frankie (6Glenmore)
 Zac and Dilyn (6Pengelli)
 Ashlinn and Arthur (6Sherwood)
 Jacob and Kristina (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

Nursery News

This week we have been excited about how much our caterpillars have grown. We read the book 'Snail trail' and have enjoyed watching our own snails make trails over, under and through the blocks. We find watching snails very calming and relaxing.



**Important Messages on
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Year 3 Meeting NEXT WEEK (hyperlink)= [Wilderness Residential Trip January 2024](#)

There is an important meeting next week for parents of children in Year 3. As advertised on the school diary dates, this will take place on Tuesday 9th May at 6.30pm in the Year 3 Classrooms. Please come along to find out more about your child's residential trip to the Wilderness Centre in Year 4. It is a chance to find out more about the trip, including costs etc.



Three Quick but Important Messages

- Year 6 SATS** are next week. These are important but not overplayed by the school. What we do need now is, not last-minute cramming, but children to get sleep this weekend. This week many were totally worn out by lunchtime Tuesday!
- A letter was sent out this week about **uniform**. Please look for it or find it online [here](#):
It is important children attend school in the correct uniform AND PE kits please.
- Holiday requests** cannot be authorised. A number have been received and the answer is always the same - we are not allowed to authorise holidays in term time for any reason! Please be aware it is not always as simple as just 'taking the fine'. Local Authorities are able to move straight to court proceedings and prosecute parents without first issuing fines. A criminal record may be created.

Does your child have trouble sleeping?

Is bedtime a battle in your house? We will be hosting a presentation on good sleep hygiene on Tuesday May 16th in the Community room at school. The session will start at 9am and run for about an hour. If this is something you would like help with, find some different strategies to try or just want to chat, come along and join Cath and Jacqui, two of our Family Support workers from Lighthouse.



If you are interested, please sign up at the School Office or email admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk to let us know you would like to attend. Refreshments will be provided!



Amelia dances her way to Success!

Amelia, in 3Chestnut, danced her way to victory in the recent Worcester Stage Dance Festival. Her many hours of rehearsals and dance lessons paid off, as she left the competition with Gold in her National Solo dance and Silver in the ballet solo. Not only was she a successful soloist, she also won Gold and Bronze for group dances in National and Character.

Well done Amelia, a fantastic achievement!



Sophia makes a splash!

Sophia proudly shared her swimming achievements with us this week. After a lot of hard work, she was awarded her 50m and her Level 2 Water Skills badges. Sophia is now excited to work for her 100m badge! Great work Sophia!



Year 3 Go Exploring!

Year 3 spent the morning rambling round the ancient stones at Avebury. They were shocked to realise the stones are as deep as they are tall. Lots of discussions were had on how they got there, especially in the days when they didn't have machinery to help them. Many of the children enjoyed the different textures of the stone surfaces and looked for patterns in their shapes, just like they were clouds. After the ramble, led by Mr. Smith, Year 3 headed out to the Stonebridge Reservoir in Marlborough for a spot of river dipping. Anna, the river ranger, explained some of the interesting creatures they were likely to find in the Kennet. Much hilarity was had with the children (and adults) getting into their waders. The water was crystal clear and much wildlife was found. The children thoroughly enjoyed investigating closely with magnifying glasses although identification was a little more challenging.

Thanks to all the staff and parent helpers for making it an exciting day out. Apologies to those who ended up with quite a lot of washing!



Year 1 visit Fairytale Farm

On Thursday, Year 1 had a magical day at the Fairytale Farm! The sun shone as the children helped to feed the pigs and walk the alpacas! They even got to hold and feed some rabbits and guinea pigs. After a well-deserved lunch, we explored the rest of the farm and went on a hunt for some Fairytale characters. A brilliant day was had by all and the children were a credit to the school on their very first school trip! A big 'Thank you!' to all of our volunteers and helpers who made the trip possible.



This Week's Sports results

Football

The Mixed Football Team enjoyed a 3-2 victory in a closely fought battle against Orchid Vale this week, with goals from Arthur, Harry and Jaydon. The team showed focus and determination to come back from being 1-0 down early on in the first half. Well done to Casey, David, Jaydon, Theo, Evan, Jack, Arthur and Harry.



Netball

The netball team had their final league match of the season and have finished the season undefeated. The team had a tightly contested match against South Marston, which ended Abbey Meads 5, South Marston 3. Very impressive play and even better sportsmanship. Congratulations to all who played throughout the season. Amazing!



More important requests

Headlice

Please Check heads this long weekend to see if we can out a stop to the recent increase in cases.

Cars!

Social media lit up again yesterday with complaints about our parents. On this occasion it is difficult to blame just our community, since the world seemed to come and vote at the same time as school opened and closed. It is fair to say though, that too many of our parents do not respect the rules of the road and do think they can park anywhere. Please respect yellow lines, people's driveways and leave disabled bays for Blue Badge Holders. We will investigate why the coach arrived early yesterday, but will continue to organise wonderful trips for your children with coaches operating outside the school opening and closing times (EG 4pm return yesterday!). Please be one of our responsible parent drivers if you **must** drive your child to school.



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Tuesday 16th May 2023
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King's Coronation

Everyone enjoyed a right royal day today, dressed in Red, White and Blue or as Royalty in preparation for the King's Coronation this weekend.

We had class winners for the portrait competition in assembly and from these we will now select the school winners. These will be announced in next Friday's assembly.

Class Coronation cakes were enjoyed by all who were able to enjoy them and suitable alternatives offered to those with allergies. Thank you to the kitchen staff who provided these on top of their normal cooking duties. Please remember we are closed on Monday for another Bank Holiday.

Sunshine Club

It's been a busy week in Sunshine Club, the children have been baking & decorating cupcakes which they enjoyed as part of a Coronation tea along with ice cream, strawberries & milkshakes. We have had fun crafting, making crowns & bunting ready for the special day!

