



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Ridgeway	245pts
Silbury	244pts
Avebury	243pts
Kennet	242pts



Well done to all

## Nursery News

We are so proud of our nursery children and how well they have settled into school. They are so busy learning through play, making so much progress already.

This week was a great end to the term, learning about Incy Wincy Spider and reading the fantastic book

'Walter's Wonderful Web' by Tim Hopgood



## School Councillors Elected!

Congratulations to those listed below, who were awarded their badges this morning, after being elected by their peers as School Council Members for 2022-2023.



### Chair of School Council - Arthur (6Sherwood)

1Beech	Lily and Harry
1Hazel	Esme and David
2Alder	Sofia and Ira
2Birch	Thea and Flynn
3Chestnut	Edie and Rory
3Hornbeam	Amelia and Elliott
4Rowan	Beatriz and Samuel
4Sycamore	Poppy and Kobi
5Juniper	Evie E and Spencer
5Willow	Aya and Auben
6Glenmore	Mo and Elliott
6Pengelli	Olivia and Zac
6Sherwood	Lily and Harry T
6Tollymore	Lydia and Matheus



School is now closed to children until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Have a restful but enjoyable half term holiday and see you all on the other side.

## Golden Book

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

Reception Children join this assembly in Term 2.

- Umut and Nevaeh (1Beech)
- Fletcher and Daisy H (1Hazel)
- Samuel and Jethro (2Alder)
- Flynn and Louie (2Birch)
- Astrid and Harry (3Chestnut)
- Rory and Natalie (3Hornbeam)
- Ella, Kenzo and Charlotte (4Rowan)
- Riley (4Sycamore)
- James and Isla T (5Juniper)
- Freddie and Ossie (5Willow)
- Elliott and Frankie (6Glenmore)
- Lexi and Ellie (6Pengelli)
- Nika and Jaisal (6Sherwood)
- Lucy and Jacob (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

## Jael's Family visits Reception

Elm Class were very lucky to have special guests in the classroom this afternoon. Juliana and David (Jael's parents) came to visit us to share the story 'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman. During their visit, the children learned about the difference between bananas and plantain. They were then lucky enough to try some plantain and enjoyed talking about the tasty treat whilst listening to African music. Juliana wore a beautiful outfit and showed the children some intricate African prints to help illustrate the story. At the end of the session, Jael shared with the class two of her biggest inspirations from history. They were Raven Wilkinson (the first black woman to dance for a famous ballet company) and Florence Joyner (the fastest woman of all time). What a lovely way to end the term.



### School Photographs

All children that were in school have now had their individual and sibling photographs taken. You should have been emailed a proof and can order directly from Tempest Photography if you want to. If you have not received the email or have any problems, please let us know or contact Tempest directly on 01736 751555 (option 3).



## S.T.O.P.

Several  
Times  
On  
Purpose



Start  
Telling  
Other  
People

AMCPS is a caring community, and we all try to look after each other. It is important that we share our worries and don't keep things bottled up, we need to **Start Telling Other People**. (S.T.O.P.) This might be a friend, a trusted adult in school or a family member.

In order to help us promote this, we would like the children to design a poster on A4 paper to share this message. Entries need to be handed into class by Tuesday November 1st. Please remember to write your name and class on the back of your poster.

The winners will be announced in assembly on Friday November 4th and in the school newsletter.

The winning designs will be copied and displayed around school.

Help us to help each other, by designing and making some colourful, eye-catching posters.

*Mrs Cunningham*

### Proud Performance in Football Cup Exit

The School Football team put in a spirited performance against Lawn Primary, in the Swindon Schools' Cup this week. After finding themselves 2-0 down early in the first half, the boys dug deep to find a response. Evan capitalised on a loose ball in the opposition's box, to smash one back for AMCPS. Shortly afterwards, some excellent work by Patryk on the left flank to set up Toby for an equaliser. The hosts then took a fortunate lead early in the second half. Abbey Meads continued to mount pressure on their opponents, but fell down to another goal, after a rapid Lawn counterattack. Despite the result, the team... Casey, Harry, Evan (C), Jack, Patryk, Jaydon, Toby and Matty... represented the school superbly.



### Parent Update - Reminder...

The parent update has moved to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 6pm in the school hall. There will be a focus on our reviewed Behaviour Policy and an opportunity for parents to understand the school's approach to behaviour management. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the school's approach to the teaching of Relationship and Sex Education, as both an informative presentation and a consultation process with those able to attend.

### Parent Updates Adults Only.

**If you would like to attend the Parent Update on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the school hall - please email [admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk) or call us on 723239 to book a place.**

*This was previously advertised as ZOOM but we will now meet face to face.*



### Swindon Town Success for Shay and his team

Last weekend Shay and his STFC Under 9s teammates travelled to Newport to play in the EFL South West tournament. The boys finished 1st in their group stages, only losing 1 match to Newport at the very start of the tournament. This secured their place in the knockout stages. Their semi-final was a rematch with Newport, which this time they won 2-0. With a 2-1 win in the Final, Swindon Town Academy U9s are now the EFL Champions for the 2022/2023 season. Well done to Shay and his teammates on an excellent achievement.



### Music of the week

This week's music has been 'Hiawatha's Wedding Feast' by Samuel Coleridge Taylor. It is part 1 of his famous composition 'Song of Hiawatha' - inspired by the poem of the same name by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

On Thursday, Mr Bicknell held another of his Poetry and Talk sessions, this time with Year 6 and he re-visited 'The Wreck of The Hesperus' by the same poet. *Now that is what we call connecting our learning!*

The hyphen is deliberately missing from Samuel's name above as Coleridge was actually his middle name and he only became 'double barrelled' because of a printing error!

We celebrated the work of this amazing British Composer in Upper KS2 Assembly this week as well.



**Multi-activity Holiday Camps for your children!**

**Holiday camps near you**

Venue: Tisbury Farm CE Primary Academy, SN21 2JN  
 Dates: Tuesday 25th October - Thursday 27th October  
 Times: 09:45 - 17:00  
 Price: £24 per session  
 Age: 3-12

Additional info: For additional info email: [bookings@premier-education.com](mailto:bookings@premier-education.com)

BOOK NOW AT: [premier-education.com/holiday-camps](http://premier-education.com/holiday-camps)

Things to do over the break. Expand these posters to see them better and find out more.

**OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMPS**

Thurs 20th - Fri 21st  
 Mon 24th - Tues 25th - Wed 26th - Thurs 27th - Friday 28th

**FULL DAY £30 | HALF DAY £15**

9:00 - 15:00 | 9:00 - 12:00

**Gymnastics | Multi Sports | Creative Activities**

William Morris School, William Morris Way, SN252JL | [Admin@deltaactivities.co.uk](mailto:Admin@deltaactivities.co.uk)

**PROJECT ME HALLOWEEN**

HAVE A HORRIBLE MOMENT  
 CREATE A PICTURE, DANCE, CRAFT OR MAKE A MESS TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE 31ST OCTOBER 2022 1PM

THIS COMPETITION IS FOR 5-10 17 YEAR OLDS

PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO: [OUTREACHPROJECT@HAMMERSLEYVALE.CO.UK](mailto:OUTREACHPROJECT@HAMMERSLEYVALE.CO.UK)

**HALLOWEEN AT ROVES FARM**

20TH - 30TH OCTOBER

- PUMPKIN CARVING-
- WAND MAKING-
- SPOOKY TRACTOR RIDE-

MEET & FEED THE ANIMALS  
 INDOOR SOFT PLAY  
 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PLAY  
 NATURE TRAIL & AUTUMN WALKS

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
[WWW.ROVESFARM.CO.UK](http://WWW.ROVESFARM.CO.UK)

SEVENHAMPTON, SWINDON, SN2 7QC | 9AM - 5PM

**Year 1 Pirate Day sees children made to walk the plank!**

Arrgh, shiver me timbers! On Thursday, Year 1 had a swashbuckling pirate day! The motely crews of 1Beech and 1Hazel enjoyed a range of activities including walking the plank, designing and making their own pirate ships using recycled materials, singing pirate songs and playing pirate games.

They finished the day with their very own treasure hunt and found some rather delicious gold coins!

We tried to make the swobs scrub the decks, but they refused. A big thank you to all the parents who put so much effort into their children's costumes, they all looked absolutely amazing, and it really added to the atmosphere of the day!

Why are a Pirate's Chocolate Gold Coins tasty?

*Because they Arrgh!*

**SWINDON MULTI SPORTS CLUB**

FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

Trick or Treat?

AGES 4-12

**OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB**  
 BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 24th - 28th October 2022

A wide variety of sports and activities so after including: Football, basketball, cricket, table football & nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, and much more.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY ON FRIDAY 28th**  
[www.swindonmultisports.co.uk](http://www.swindonmultisports.co.uk)



**Haydon Wick Parish Council Christmas Card Competition**

FREE to enter  
 Ages 5-11 (primary school)

- Winner will receive their own cards as a prize and novelty gift
- Winning designs will be sent out in our Christmas Panels
- Closing Date: Wednesday 9th November 2022, 4.00pm

Visit our Youth Forum for full instructions and to download a template:  
<http://www.haydonwickparishcouncil.org.uk/youthforum>

Or collect a template of your choice from The Council office (SN25 1GG)

Haydon Wick Parish Council

## Some dates for next term

**Yr5 parents - PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT MEETING 1st November - 7pm School Hall**

October 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	First Day Term 2 (Sunshine Club at 7.30am)	
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	Meeting for Parents of children joining Conker Nursery Class	Parents only
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Year 5 Parents - Info Meeting about the Isle of Wight Trip - for Yr6 Sept 2023	
7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am each day	Parents of Year 1 children, observe Phonics Lesson in school by appointment.	
8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Parent Update from Mr. Buckley - FACE TO FACE IN SCHOOL HALL	
8 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	FOAMS Meeting - all welcome	Parents
11 <sup>th</sup>	9am & 9.45am	Year 5 Curriculum Assembly - 9am Juniper & 9.45am Willow	Year 5 Parents
14 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	Local Governing Body	Governors
16 <sup>th</sup>	3-4pm	Book Look - (parents visit the class with their child as guide)	Families
25 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Non-Uniform Day - donations for FOAMS Hampers please.	
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	5-7pm	Christmas Fete	Families
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Acorn Nativity	Acorn Parents
12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Year 1 Christmas Songs	Y1 Parents
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Reception Nativity - parents attend 1 performance only	FS2 Parents
	2pm	Reception Nativity - parents attend 1 performance only	FS2 Parents
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas Play - parents attend 1 performance only	Y2 Parents
	2pm	Year 2 Christmas Play - parents attend 1 performance only	Y2 Parents
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch (all year groups)	Children
15 <sup>th</sup>	5pm and 6.15pm	Discos (5-6pm FS2&KS1 - 6.15-7.30pm KS2 )	
16 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY of term 2 - 3pm (6pm Sunshine Club)		

We have organised a textile collection with Bag2School to raise funds for Abbey Meads Community Primary School.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and **donate unwanted textiles**. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

You can donate your items in any bags.

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

**Bag2School will be collecting from The Community Room at 9am on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

YOU CAN INCLUDE:	NOT ACCEPTED (SORRY):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult clothes &amp; paired shoes</li> <li>- Children clothes &amp; paired shoes</li> <li>- Hats</li> <li>- Belts</li> <li>- Bags</li> <li>- Soft Toys</li> <li>- Scarves and ties</li> <li>- Jewellery</li> <li>- Lingerie</li> <li>- Socks</li> <li>- Household linen</li> <li>- Curtains</li> <li>- Towels</li> <li>- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Duvets and blankets</li> <li>- No Pillows and cushions</li> <li>- No Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)</li> <li>- No Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing</li> <li>- No School uniforms with and without logo</li> <li>- No Corporate clothing and workwear</li> <li>- No Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material</li> </ul>

Please bring your bag(s) to the Community Room (please use the outside entrance by the staff car park) and help us have a really good collection.

Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £20 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our centre and school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill.

Thank you!



### The Highest Quality continues from our Artists

Well done to our Able Artists from last year, some of whom are still with us in Year 6, for creating these amazing reproductions of famous paintings by Monet, Hockney, Mondrian,



Lichtenstein,

O'Keeffe

and Munch.



This year we have had even more artists transform the front of school. You can see glimpses of the meadow scenes, painted in the entrance area and library, if you look at the School Council and Pirate photographs elsewhere in this newsletter.

*A big THANK YOU goes to **NEWSON INTERIORS** for their wonderful skills in displaying these works of art around the top of our school hall and for donating the boards, on to which the artwork is painted.*

### Final word...

**Covid** is still having an impact within our school.

We have been without 50% of our caterers and 50% of the Year 5 team in just the last week. With others spread throughout the term. Every time a staff member tests positive for Covid, we lose them for a minimum of 5 days. If you catch Covid and insist on bringing your child to school, please consider others and refrain from joining the masses at peak times.

We rely now on goodwill and common sense now, to try and keep all people safe. Just communicate with us, and we will understand children are brought by a friend or arrive a little late for a few days.