



House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Avebury	523pts
Silbury	516pts
Ridgeway	509pts
Kennet	507pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

We were very excited to meet Goldilocks this week when she came into Acorn class after getting lost in the woods. We were able to ask her lots of questions to find out more about why she went into the cottage. We tried the three bears porridge and we all loved Baby Bear's as it was 'just right'.



The Abbey Meads Amble - see Poster Page 3

Tickets available now!

Go to ParentPay and book your places for the first ever Abbey Meads Amble on 25th March 2023.



See this poster on Page 3 for all the current details. There will be a medal for those who complete the distance, plus Fun Day Activities.

Year 4 Field Trip and Assembly

Good luck to our Year 4 children who go to The Wilderness Centre next week. Mrs Cunningham and Mr Buckley will also be joining these trips, Please remember the Year 4 Assembly is **ALL PARENTS TOGETHER at 9am only on THURSDAY 9th February 2023.**



Phonics Update Meeting - Year 1

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting on Tuesday this week. We will be sending out the PowerPoint Presentation from the meeting along with other useful links and information to help you continue supporting your child with phonics at home.



Golden Book

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

- Luna and Aaron (Elm)
- Amaarah and Evan (Holly)
- Ophelia and Lily (1Beech)
- Julia and Jaxon (1Hazel)
- Shanzay, Teo and Miguel (2Alder)
- Jaydan and Toby (2Birch)
- Liliana and Adam (3Chestnut)
- Ava-Mae and Adrian (3Hornbeam)
- Geran and Eniola (4Rowan)
- Jack and Layla (4Sycamore)
- Hugo and Spencer (5Juniper)
- Emily and Aya (5Willow)
- Zahra and Alyssa (6Glenmore)
- Amiya and Alicia (6Pengelli)
- Rocky and Daisy (6Sherwood)
- Kristina and Mutiat (6Tollymore)



Well done everyone - keep it up!

Teacher Industrial Action - 'Strikes'

As you will know from the news, the largest teaching union The NEU has announced dates on which it will be instructing its members to strike.

The strike to demand enough money in schools to pay a fully-funded increase in pay, which at least matches inflation, and begins to restore lost pay.

The dates for our region are:

1st February, 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March.

It is unlikely that our school would close as a result of this action, but The Blue Kite Trust recognises its teachers' right to strike and will not be replacing or covering the work of those teachers should they choose to do so. Therefore, if a teacher takes strike action, their class would be closed for the day.

There is no compulsion to tell the school if they are striking, so it is possible for us all to find out on the day, but in the past teachers have given sufficient warning to allow us to warn parents in advance.

You will find out when we know.

If a class is closed, siblings in other classes, which are open, are still expected to attend. Failure to do so has to be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

There are likely to be additional disruptions on these days beyond our control, if our staff have their own children sent home from other schools!



Year 4 Footballers success at Swindome

Well done to our Year 4 footballers on their excellent performances at the recent Year 4 Tournament at Swindome, Supermarine. They played 5 matches against other Swindon Primary Schools and won all 5 matches, scoring 45 goals and only conceding once. The quality of team work and passing was excellent with all impressing Mr Beale, the organiser and manager of the Swindon Primary Schools' Rep Side.

Mr Buckley was, of course, impressed by the footballing skills of the team, but much more impressed by the mature way they enjoyed their football, and celebrated success without deflating or embarrassing their opponents.

They demonstrated tremendous maturity to understand the need for empathy and consideration of others and truly demonstrated how we behave at AMCPs. They were really kind, thoughtful and considerate of other children's feelings. **As Twitter put it...VERY PROUD!**



3Chestnut Fun and Games

Some of 3Chestnut had a fun (and loud!) afternoon playing a number of team games at Ferndale this week. The children were put in to mixed teams from both schools and after an initial subdued start, they soon warmed up their voices, cheering on their new teammates.

They enjoyed the shuttle runs, bean bag relays and ball games. However, the highlight for everyone was the parachute games, especially when it came to throwing ALL the balls off into the air! Thank you to Ferndale for hosting and making us feel so welcome. It was lovely to see the children working together as a team and embracing all the new challenges set.

They were excellent ambassadors for our school!



FOAMS Abbey Meads Community Primary School

WELCOME... Friends Of Abbey Meads School, otherwise known as FOAMS, was formed in October 1999.

Our mission is to raise funds to allow the school to have the things that the budget won't stretch for!

But it is not only about money, we also want to create a sense of community and have some fun! All parents, carers, guardians and staff are automatically members of Abbey Meads Community Primary School PTA and are welcome to attend meetings.

FOAMS RAISED WITH THE HELP OF A SPONSORED BEVERAGE - A - FROM £1.00 TO GO FORWARD NEW YOUTH SMALL EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL PLAY.

FOAMS PAY FOR YEAR ONE TO SEE HOW CHECKS ARE BURNED, WITH THE YEARLY "YOUNG SCHOOL" IN THEIR CLASSROOMS FOR 2/3 WEEKS A YEAR.

TEAMS PAID FOR NEW MATERIALS CUSTOMS...

How do FOAMS help the school?

We organise lots of events for the school including discos, raffles, table top sales and the hugely successful Summer Fairs. Year on year we subsidise coach trips for each class to enable school trips to take place. Each class are given a special budget by FOAMS each year to spend on what they think will enhance the learning of their chosen topics for that year. All they have to do is formally request the funds from FOAMS. The senior management team at the school can also request funds from FOAMS if they have a big school project/purchase they wish to make.

In the past, FOAMS have contributed heavily towards having new stairs in the school, resurfacing the playground and providing buddy benches.

Contact us:
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FRIENDS OF ABBEY MEADS NEEDS YOU

How you can help volunteer with FOAMS?

- #1** Join our meetings, throw new ideas around and help with the planning of upcoming events.
- #2** Help at our events to make them run smoother. Even if it's just to set up or take down.
- #3** Do you work somewhere that donates to registered charities such as FOAMS?
- #4** Can you create fun games for fayres and other events?
- #5** Running odd jobs, especially before larger events.

FOAMS

email: uel.foams@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk
Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/foamsfundraising

PARENTS we need your help! Click to see the latest FOAMS Newsletter.



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Children's Clothes & Toys Sale

Saturday 4th February 2023

10.00am - 12.00pm

The Haydon Centre and Gym (SN25 1QQ)



• Clothes • Footwear • Bedding • Toys • Books

£5.00 per stall set up (non refundable) this will be donated to Swindon Food Collective

If you are interested in setting up a stall at this sale or for more information please get in touch with Kate at:

youthandcommunity@haydonwick.gov.uk / 01793 722446



New 'Worry Box' for the Library

We are indebted to Mr Smith who has used his carpentry skills to create a new 'Worry Box' for the library area. Children in classes have opportunities to express their worries in PSHE lessons (Jigsaw) and are always encouraged to talk to someone in the school if they have worries. All children under 8 have an older child mentor or buddy who acts as their voice if they are worried. For those who still find it hard to tell us, this box lives in the library, near the Peer Mediator station (under the stairs).

Anyone who has a worry, and no one to talk to, can place their concern in here and key staff will check it every afternoon before school ends. Here we have two of our School Councillors from Year 6 with the box.



Fire service visits again

We have been very fortunate that the fire service has visited our school for educational purposes over the last two weeks. On Friday last week they came to show Nursery the fire engine as part of their work on people who help us. This week they came into the Year 5 classes to teach about safety and how to keep safe. The pupils were fascinated, as they learnt more about the fire triangle (how oxygen, heat and fuel are necessary for a fire to start), how fires can begin at home, and how to avoid these hazards. Both classes were incredibly knowledgeable and came up with great solutions and questions throughout the session. As always, we are really grateful for their support in helping us deliver important messages and safety advice.



Bird Ringing

This week, the children in Year 4 enjoyed a visit from an ornithologist, who talked to them about how wild birds are ringed with an identity leg band in order to gather data about migration and populations. He then demonstrated how this is done with wild birds in our school grounds.

The children were lucky enough to see a juvenile Robin ringed and then released and they learnt fascinating facts about wild birds they see in their own gardens and around the school site.



Quick Reminder

Please drive carefully. Let people leave the site before driving up, or we just get blocked!
Please do not park across local residents' drives.
Please respect basic rules of the road.
Please help us keep everyone safe!



STEP INTO THE NHS



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1948 - 2023



KS2 Competition:

Raise pupils' aspirations and challenge gender stereotyping by helping them learn about themselves and explore the wide range of careers available in the NHS.

Pupils are tasked with producing a piece of artwork (painting, drawing, collage or video) or writing (a poem, story or song) to showcase the amazing job roles in the NHS and to celebrate the NHS' 75th birthday.

Find out more information about this year's exciting competition, teaching resources and lesson plans, by following the link below:



Competition Entry

Deadline: 30th April 2023

GOOD LUCK!



Great Western Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust



INSPIRING
ACTIVITY

THINGS TO DO>>>>

YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Tadpole Farm CE Academy, Green Street SN25 2QS

Dates: Monday 13th February - Thursday 16th February

Times: 8:30am - 16:30pm

Price: £24 per session

Ages: 5-11 yrs

Additional info: Contact jcarling@premier-education.com

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!



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BROOKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
13TH FEB - 17TH FEB



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