

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

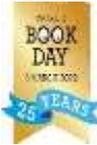
Ridgeway	187pts
Avebury	179pts
Silbury	175pts
Kennet	171pts



Well done everyone!

World Book Day(s)

Well done to everyone who joined in with World Book Day this week, we all enjoyed lots of book fun!



All children have a World Book Day Token - please don't allow these to be thrown away - use your token to get money off a book of your choice - or - **at least claim a FREE book** by swapping your token in a bookshop.



See page 3 for some more photos

Nursery News

A very warm welcome back.

What a great week it has been!

We enjoyed a pancake picnic at the beginning of the week to celebrate the start of the festival of Lent and then had fun dressing up towards end of the week, as characters from books to celebrate World Book Day.

Whilst all these exciting things have been happening, we still managed to learn the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' as we started our new Spring topic. Thank you to everyone who has returned our questionnaire about 'Tapestry', the feedback is appreciated, it is good to know that it is something that our parents find informative and useful.



Clubs

As a reminder - Teacher led CLUBS run until week beginning 21st March 2022.

This, of course, includes Choir on the Wednesday 23rd, Art on the Thursday 24th **BUT Football will carry on until end of term.**



Quick updated information

There is **important information on Page 3** about changes to the March Parent Evenings – *please read*.

- Reception and Yr 6 height and weight measurement checks will be carried out on Wednesday 9th March. If you do not want your child to take part in this, please let us know – admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk
- We have several confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5.



4Willow - Wilderness Assembly

Thank you, Willow, for delivering your delayed Assembly this morning, you were excellent. We learned all about the amazing activities the children did whilst they were away, including archery, orienteering, climbing the Crate Stack, blindfolded low ropes, Bush Craft and crawling through tunnels, which included a re-enactment of Mrs Rees getting stuck! We had two bush fire songs, including one that demonstrated the power of the whisper, and heard all about the fictional 'drop bears' believed to have been encountered on our night walk through The Forest. We ended with a slideshow, which we will convert to a video and send a private weblink to parents.

The children presented their different sections really well, speaking with loud clear voices; they made us giggle throughout. When you consider that because of lockdown restrictions, recent absences with positive Covid tests and even more recently the last-minute postponement thanks to Storm Eunice, the last time these children had the opportunity to perform in this way was in Year 2. This assembly was an incredible achievement with this in mind and you should feel very proud of yourselves.

Both families and school are very proud of you!



Guides and Scouts

It was lovely to see children in their scout and girl guiding uniforms today.



Every year they do this on 22nd February, the day when both Lord and Lady Baden Powell were born but, since that day fell in half term this year, they were allowed to wear their special uniforms today instead.



Red Nose Day - (2 weeks from today!)

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) is March 18th, 2022.

The theme this year is Superheroes, and we will be allowing children to come dressed as a superhero. Or they can come in non-uniform, dressed as themselves, since they are all superheroes!

We will be holding Relay Red Nose and Spoon races around the Trim Trail, with each class trying to get the highest number of laps for their age group. We will not be selling Red Noses this year, so advance warning here that you can buy them now, in the usual places like supermarkets etc.

Challenge - make Mr Buckley and Mrs Cunningham laugh at the gate - get practising your favourite joke!



Football Mixed - Epic Battle Away to Tadpole Farm

What a comeback! After a very slow start, Abbey Meads found themselves 3-0 down. The fight back then started with 2 goals just before half time. Tadpole Farm scored quickly again after the restart, but 3 goals within the space of 2 minutes for Abbey Meads allowed us to run out 5-4 winners. A fantastic attitude was demonstrated by all players. The Team: Albie, Jack, Mattv Jovan, Evan, Casey, David, Phoebe & Nathan



Football Girls - away trip to St Francis

The Girls' Football Team started their league campaign this week, with a stunning 7-0 victory over St Francis. It was an outstanding team display, where the girls showed fantastic tactical and positional awareness. PJ bagged herself a hat-trick up top, while Macca and Myesha were rocks in defence. As for the midfield, they covered every blade of grass and were a real nuisance for the opposition. The Team: Gracie (GK), Myesha, Millie, Holly, Tigerlily, Lily, Phoebe C, Phoebe J.

Mr Shore

Year 3 Class Assembly Next Friday

You will already know this through your class teachers, so just a reminder that Year 3 parents are invited to attend the assembly next Friday in the hall.

- 3Rowan parents are invited at 9am.
- 3Sycamore parents are invited at 9.45am

As always there is a **maximum of 2 adults** per family who will sit as a pair.

Pairs of chairs (64 adults) will be spread out to provide a degree of distancing and the hall will remain ventilated.

Please only come to the performance for your child's class, as we need to continue managing the number of adults attending school events.



Ukraine

Whilst we must remain apolitical in all situations, we must also always remember our responsibility to act in a humanitarian manner. We will be considering how best to support refugees from the current conflict in the coming weeks, with current information suggesting there is now greater value in responding later, once immediate donations fall back. (See Blue Kite Letter here: [Click Here](#) or go to [Letters page](#) on School Website)



Taken from our Twitter Feed, from earlier in the week...

- Are your children worried about the situation in Ukraine? Try watching this short Newsround video for tips on how to deal with difficult news. <https://bbc.in/3HiGmb0>
- Ukraine and Russia have a long and complicated history. Newsround made a short video to help children understand their relationship and the background → <https://bbc.in/3JV9OWA>

Well done to 5Maple on receiving lots of Swindon Town goodies, following their visit to watch a match recently and their subsequent communications with the club.

They wrote messages of thanks this week and sent them in a combined class card.

Great work, all of you!



Parents Evenings (29th and 30th March) - There is a change to the original calendar.

Originally advertised as virtual meetings on Tuesday 29th March and face-to-face meetings on Thursday 31st March, we have decided to change things to reduce the number of adults on site.

We plan to have the following arrangements.

- Nursery - Mrs Wright will inform you separately
- Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will be Face-to-Face Tuesday (29th) and Virtual Thursday (31st)
- Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 will be Virtual on Tuesday (29th) and Face-to-Face on Thursday (31st)

This means that on each day, half the classes will be online while the other half are in school face to face.

When you are asked to book your appointments, please remember to book early as both online and face to face appointments will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

It is expected that we will have a balance of parents wanted each of the options.

We are aware that many parents liked the certainty of virtual appointments, whilst others found their technology unreliable. We hope the offering of this hybrid version of our parent evenings will be successful.

If there is a higher demand for one style over another, some people may well be disappointed.

So, please watch out for the email from our office about booking your parent evening appointments and log in early to book the style of meeting you prefer.

We will keep this under review and consider all options available to us as we move forward, adapting to demand as much as possible.



Some of our younger children on World Book Day this week

Mother's Day Cream Tea boxes

Small: 2 scones, 1 cupcake £3.50
Large option one: 4 scones, 2 cupcakes £6
Large option two: 2 scones, 4 cupcakes £6.50

Each box comes with jam, cream, coffee and tea
Scones and cupcakes from a local business

Pay via parent pay and order via email to:
foams@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk
Children will walk out with the pre-ordered boxes on Fri 25th March

Pre-order & prepay by 18th March

Don't forget to order your Cream Tea Boxes

See the poster from FOAMS here

Order via this email address

Pay via ParentPay
By 18th March '22

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