



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

January 2024

Right of the Month
Article 28: The right to an education

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year celebrations. We have certainly started 2024 with a bang and the pupils have come back with a positive mindset, ready to learn and continue to grow and develop.

Baby Thomas

I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Thomas gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 9th January. Mum and baby are both doing brilliantly.

Safeguarding Audit

On Wednesday 10th January, 3 Safeguarding Auditors attended the school to conduct a safeguarding audit and inspect our paperwork and procedures. The auditors were very impressed by the school, our staff and pupils. It was a very successful visit.

School Improvement Plan

As part of our self-evaluation and monitoring processes, we have identified 4 areas for school improvement. The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is a statutory document which we work on developing over one, two or sometimes three years depending on the objectives.

We have four main priorities for 23/24 which we finalised last term. They are as follows:

- **School Improvement Objective 1:**
To improve pupil attendance.
- **School Improvement Objective 2:**
To ensure pupils make effective progress in line with expectations of Curriculum for Wales by developing a shared understanding of progression.
- **School Improvement Objective 3:**
To continue to develop our curriculum transformation journey to improve pupils' Higher Order Thinking Skills.
- **School Improvement Objective 4:**
To develop pupils' creative writing skills

After-school Clubs

After-school clubs are now back up and running. The link for clubs went live last Tuesday morning. A ClassDojo message was sent out by Mrs. Callard on Monday 22nd January. There are a few different clubs available, and the age ranges are varied from Reception to Year 6.

Please see a list below:

After School Clubs Spring Term

| Day | Club | Yr | Finish | Teacher | Venue |
|-----------|---------------|---------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Tuesday | Choir | 2 - 6 | 4.00pm | Mrs Richards | |
| | Gymnastics | Rec – 6 | 4.00pm | Nic/Jeni | Hall |
| | Art & Craft | Rec – 2 | 4.00pm | Miss Dew | |
| | Minecraft | 4-6 | 4.00pm | Mr Davies | |
| | Dance | 3-6 | 4.00pm | Miss Tyler | Studio |
| | Football | 5-6 | 4.15pm | Mr Hodder | MUGA |
| | Coding | 3-6 | 4.00pm | Mr Mellin/Simons/Ellis | |
| Wednesday | Art Attack | 3-6 | 4.00pm | Mrs Powell | |
| | Fit & Fun | Rec - 2 | 4.00pm | Mrs Jones | Hall |
| | Draw Along | Rec – 1 | 4.00pm | Mrs Williams | |
| | Tag Rugby | 3-6 | 4.00pm | Mr Fitchett | MUGA |
| Thursday | Cookery | Rec –1 | 4.00pm | Miss Jarvis/Mrs Richards | |
| | Science | 3-6 | 4.00pm | Miss Richards (EYAC) | |
| | Dodgeball | 3-6 | 4.00pm | Miss Jones | Hall |
| | Netball | 3-6 | 4.00pm | Miss Bowring | MUGA |
| | Lego | Rec- 1 | 4.00pm | Mrs Ryan | |
| | Arts & Crafts | 2 | 4.00pm | Miss Evans | |

Please note, that due to staff training on **Wednesday 7th February**, there will be no clubs on that day. The clubs will last for 7 weeks in total.

St. David's Day

We will celebrate St. David's Day on Friday 1st March, with an Eisteddfod. Pupils are encouraged to wear traditional Welsh costumes OR red/white/green.



Caffi Cynefin (W/B 4th March)

As part of our concept of 'Belonging' this term, we will be holding a Caffi Cynefin during the week beginning 4th March. You will be invited to attend the Caffi Cynefin to see the lovely work your sons/daughters have been doing during the term. There will be refreshments available to purchase.

Dates and times as follows:

Monday 4th March – Y1 & 2 (2:30pm)

Tuesday 5th March – Morning Nursery (10:30am) and Nursery (pm) & Rec. (2:30pm)

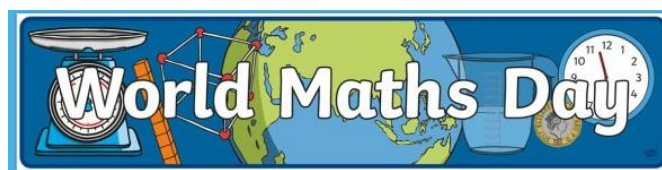
Wednesday 6th March – Y 3 & 4 (2:30pm)

Thursday 7th March – Y5 & 6 (2:30pm)

Numeracy Workshop for Parents/Carers

We are delighted to be able to welcome you into school on Wednesday 20th (Nursery – Year 2) & Thursday 21st March (Years 3-6) to spend an hour (1:30pm to 2:30pm) with your children to celebrate World Maths Day.

If you would like to attend, please complete this short [questionnaire](#). If you have two or more children on the same day, you can split the session.



Valentine's Discos

We will be providing a Valentine's Disco for all pupils during the last week of this half term. The disco will take place during the afternoon of **Thursday 8th February**, as Valentine's Day falls in half term.

The pupils are welcome to wear party clothes or non-uniform on the day. The pupils will have a disco, plus refreshments for £2 donation. You can pay via ParentPay or in cash to the office.

Mr. Richards (Year 5)

I am delighted to be able to inform you that Mr. Richards will be returning to school this week for mornings only. Mr. Thomas, who has been a great replacement teacher whilst Mr. Richards has been off, will continue in the afternoon up until half term. After half term, Mr. Richards will be back in full time.

Confirmed dates for your diary

| Date | Activity/Event |
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| W/B 22 nd Jan – Friday 2 nd Feb | Year 4 SWIMMING (Two-week block) |
| Wed 31 st January | Baby Group in the Studio |
| Mon 5 th February | Numeracy workshop for parents (See Miss. Jarvis) |
| Wed 7 th February | Baby Group in the Studio |
| Wed 7 th Feb – Fri 9 th Feb | Margam Residential (Year 5) |
| Thursday 8 th February | Valentine's Disco (Afternoon discos, non-uniform/party clothes and refreshments provided) |
| Monday 12 th Feb – Friday 16 th Feb HALF TERM | |
| Monday 19 th February | Pupils and Staff return from half term break |
| Monday 19 th February | Numeracy workshop for parents (See Miss. Jarvis) |
| Tuesday 20 th February | Year 4 visit to Margam Park |
| Tuesday 20 th February | EYAC pupils swimming (9:30am – 11:30am) |
| Wednesday 21 st February | Year 3 visit to St. Fagan's |
| Wednesday 21 st February | Baby Group in the Studio |
| Monday 26 th February | Numeracy workshop for parents (See Miss. Jarvis) |
| Friday 1 st March | ST. DAVID'S DAY (Pupils to wear Welsh costume or red/green/white) |
| W/B 4 th March | Caffi Cynefin (See above for more details) |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character from a book. |
| Wed 20 th & Thurs 21 st March | World Maths Day Event – Parents & Carers to attend and work alongside their children. |

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. Please do complete the World Maths Day questionnaire and we look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Headteacher)