



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

March 2024

Right of the Month

Article 7: The right to a name and nationality

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the spring term, a term which has felt short in terms of weeks, but one which has been packed full of events, experiences and opportunities for our pupils to grow and learn.

Caffi Cynefin

I am sure you will all agree that the Caffi Cynefin events last week were a wonderful opportunity for you to view your child's work, as well as come in to see the children perform and share with you all they do in class. We have hugely talented staff and pupils, and it was brilliant to see so many of you supporting the event, having a tea/coffee and Welsh cake. We were delighted with its success and will certainly be looking to hold something similar in the future.



Mid-year reports

Thank you to all parents who shared their views on mid-year reports or end of year reports survey. We have a majority of you preferring a mid-year report which staff are currently in the process of writing. I appreciate some of you would like both; however, this is not feasible for staff.

We will now send you your child's mid-year report on **Thursday 18th April** via Class Dojo as a PDF. There will be a survey link to complete as parents/carers, please. This report will then provide you with an understanding of the current progress your child is making, plus next steps and ways forward that we and you can support.

There will then be an opportunity for you to come in during the latter stages of the summer term to view your child's books, plus speak to the teacher about the progress and next steps. I truly believe this is a much more productive way of working, in a collaborative manner focusing on what you children can do and supporting them in area they find challenging.

After-school Clubs

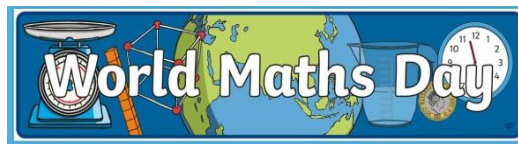
After-school clubs have been another huge success this term and will finish next week. The last session is **Thursday 21st March**. We will then restart some new clubs after Easter. New consent forms will be communicated to you via Class Dojo and ParentPay.

I want to thank all staff members who take the time to run the clubs, giving up their own time to support your children. I also want to thank staff for swapping clubs to ensure no clubs (or very few clubs) are cancelled. Diolch.

Numeracy Workshop for Parents/Carers

Just a reminder that next week we are delighted to be able to welcome you into classrooms on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March to spend an hour **(1:30pm to 2:30pm)** with your children to celebrate World Maths Day. The event will be an opportunity for you to come in and work alongside your child in their class.

Wednesday 20 th March	Thursday 21 st March
Nursery	Year 1 – Mrs Ryan
Reception	Year 3
Year 1 – Miss. Bowring	Year 4
Year 2	Year 5
Year 6	



Please note, that classes will only provide a workshop for parents on **one day**. Therefore, it is imperative you come in on the correct day for your child (Please see table above).

We have split the days to allow parents/carers with children in numerous classes to try and attend, but also to avoid parking congestion.

You will be able to take you child home after the event after speaking to the class teacher.

If you would like to attend, please complete this short [questionnaire](#). The questionnaire will be closed from Monday 18th March. If you have two or more children on the same day, you can split the session.

Premises

Car Park – I have amazing news that the contract for the car park has been awarded to Oaktree Construction. This is a company I know well and with whom I have worked with previously. They are a very efficient company, and they are due to start official works on Monday 25th March. The estimated completion date is August, with the hope that the car park / drop-off area is fully available from 1st September 2024.

I must stress the importance of using this drop-off area once complete, as I am very worried regarding an accident involving a pedestrian currently. Please refrain from blocking the barriers and parking inconsiderately. I know it can be very difficult, but patience is key to avoid any sort of accident.

Drainage - As you are aware, the path leading down from the field always has a lot of water and silt which makes the path very slippery. Please exercise extreme care and caution when walking near the water/silt, but I am delighted to inform you that Bam (company who built the school) have instructed a company to complete drainage works along the path to hopefully avoid this build up of water. These works are due to commence on **Monday 25th March** too.

P.T.A.

A huge thank you to our supportive P.T.A. who created some lovely Mother's Day hampers which they raffled off last week. Every year group had a winner and I hope all our wonderful mums had a super Mothering Sunday!

Sports Day T-Shirts

Coloured sports day t-shirts are available to buy on ParentPay (£5 each). These can also be worn for P.E. sessions.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Monday 18 th March	Year 6 to watch Matilda at Dwr Y Felin
Monday 18 th March	Phonic Workshop for Parents
Wed 20 th & Thurs 21 st March	World Maths Day Event – Parents & Carers to attend and work alongside their children.
Tuesday 19 th March	Whole school Easter Service in St. John's Church (10am)
Thursday 21 st March	Year 6 visit to Big Pit
Friday 22 nd March	END OF SPRING TERM
Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 8 th April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 th April	School OPEN for mainstream pupils (Early Years Assessment Centre closed for staff training)
Tuesday 9 th April	Transport Police in school to speak to classes
Friday 19 th April	Cluster Netball Festival (Hosted by Abbey)
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th May	Design to Smile Fluoride Varnish (Nur to Year 2)
Wed 8 th May to Fri 10 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Tregoyd House

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. Just for your information, our final INSET Day for this academic year will be taken on **Monday 3rd June 2024**.

Yours faithfully,



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(Headteacher)