



# Abbey CE VA Primary School

## Newsletter for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is unbelievable how quickly this term has flown by. So much has happened and everyone truly deserves a well-earned break.

Here are some of the highlights from this week.

### FENCING ASSEMBLY



The children from the Fencing Club took part in an exciting match in front of the whole school.

### YEAR 3 TRIP TO CELTIC HARMONY



Year 3 travelled back in time to prehistory! They went to Celtic Harmony, where they learned all about how to survive in the Stone Age, including how to make dens, how to hunt and gather food and how to make weapons.

### RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 EASTER TRAIL



Year 1 and Reception went to visit the Cathedral and found out more about the Easter story. They learnt why we celebrate this season and took part in role playing the events of Holy Week.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter. God bless, Mrs O'Melia



### CONGRATULATIONS

We had so many fantastic, creative and imaginative entries. Thank you to all who took part in both competitions.

#### Easter Egg Decorating

Reception – Rupert

Year 1 – Ethan

Year 2 – Sonny and Molly

Year 3 – Betsy

Year 4 – Oliver

Year 5 – Jacob

Year 6 – Annabel

#### Science Selfies

Reception - Aurelie

KS1 - Hannah

LKS2 - Tristan

UKS2 - Kalan

### ONLINE SAFETY MEETING FOR PARENTS

We are very pleased to invite parents to Education Child Protection (ECP) Ltd's Safety Meeting for Parents/Carers on 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the school hall - the presentation will finish at 8pm.

The presentation will provide parents with an insight into the latest trends of what children are doing online, details of the current apps and games that children are using and playing, and the issues and dangers children face online. This session is a 'must' for all parents whose children have a presence in the digital world. The outcome is to empower parents to keep their children safe when using technology. We urge you all to make the time to attend this meeting. Thank you.

## THANK YOU

Mrs McTernan would like to thank you for all the gifts and kind wishes you sent her. She really appreciates them.

## ILLEGAL AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING ON GROVE ROAD



We were very saddened to hear how the coach carrying the Year 3 children back from their school trip was obstructed on Grove Road. It took the coach fifteen minutes to get through and drop the children and staff back safely. Some cars were parked illegally and the staff reported how one driver spoke in a rude manner to the coach driver. This is shocking and upsetting to hear and we hope this will not be repeated.

Please be considerate when parking and **do not** park over driveways, on the kerbs or on double yellow lines.

The zig zag School Keep Clear lines are marked with a sign to say no parking between 9am-5pm. We are working with the council to see if we can change the times to no parking between 9am-3pm and 3.30pm-5pm. We will notify you of the outcome in due course.

Please consider parking further away and walking to the school gate.

Parents have a responsibility to:

- be considerate of our children's safety at all times
- park safely and escort children to the classroom door
- allow plenty of time for your journeys so that you are able to park within the vicinity of the school
- not to park on pavements or obstruct driveways

Safeguarding our pupils is our highest priority and we ask for your support with this matter.

Thank you.

## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Abbey School is everyone's responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. If you have any concerns regarding Safeguarding, please contact the school office.

Our designated Safeguarding Officers are: Mrs O'Melia (Headteacher) Mrs Fraser (Deputy Head) Mrs Crisp (SENC) and our Safeguarding Governor is: Mrs Katie Wright.

## ATTENDANCE



	Absence	Punctuality
Reception	93%	0
Year 1	97%	0
Year 2	96%	2
Year 3	96%	0
Year 4	91%	3
Year 5	95%	4
Year 6	92%	1
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>95%</b>	

*Well done Year 1, 2 and Year 3 on your excellent attendance!*

## ONLINE SAFETY – AGE RATINGS

Age ratings are useful to help you decide what is appropriate for your child. It is important to remember that apps and games are rated differently to films and there are lots more to consider.

App stores have classification systems but there are also developer's recommendations and PEGI ratings and often, not all of these match up. While they are a useful guide, not one of the rating systems takes full account of all risks that an app or game may present. For example, the PEGI rating considers the content of the game itself but doesn't take into account any risks associated with the communication features.

It is recommended therefore that you look further than just the age ratings when considering the suitability of the game for your child and also read reviews from other users, as well as downloading and trying the game yourself.

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – School open as normal

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Rescheduled Y5 Netball Tournament

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** KS2 SATS

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** Yr 6 Residential Trip to PGL Caythorpe Court

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – HALF TERM

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Cycling Proficiency Week



## ABBHEY SHIELD

Reception	Skye and Rafael
Year 1	Noar and Lewis
Year 2	Mineth and Constantin
Year 3	Tully and Pearl
Year 4	Tiggy and Lyla
Year 5	Dineli and Zachary
Year 6	Annabel and Jacob



This week's golden ticket winners are:

**Olivia Y4 and Kate Y6**

## HOUSE POINTS

HOUSES	POINTS
MATTHEW	118
MARK	191
LUKE	153
JOHN	107



Happy Birthday to:

Lois and Luisa

Happy Birthday to the children who will be celebrating during the holidays:

Elias Enea Sylvie Yunice Pearl Xander