

AMCPS News 2023-24 No.38 - 05/07/24

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Ridgeway 444pts Avebury 441pts Silbury 432pts Kennet 430pts



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Well done to all!

Nursery News

This week we had the pleasure of Mr Bicknell visiting us. He spent time reading poetry to our youngest children. The children listened incredibly well and joined in with some of the repetitive parts of the poems. Mr Bicknell was so impressed;

Golden Book

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

Muhammad and Jacob (Ash) Matty and Sara (Oak) Mia and Natan (1Elm) Arturo and Matilda (1Holly) Lola and Frank (2Beech) Joseph, Elif and Zac (2Hazel) Jackson and Sophia (3Alder) Ilinca and Nicholas (3Birch) Rory and Freddie (4Chestnut) Shiran and Eli (4Hornbeam) Kyle, Oliver and Aaron (5Rowan) Joel, Sienna and Mohid (5Sycamore) Isla T, Jared, Josh, Heidi and Emily (6Juniper) Rory and Arthur (6Willow)

Well done to all of you

he is keen to come back again.

Foundation Stage Sports Day (repeat)

Nursery and Reception children will be having their 'Sports Day' morning at 10am on Monday 15th July. Both age groups will run a similar event from either ends of the track. Parents are invited to join them via the gate to the field at the top of the car park.

Year 3 Roman Day

Year 3 enjoyed a fun-filled Roman Day this week, to round off our topic of the Roman Empire. The children carried out some team-building and problem-solving challenges, including building an





aqueduct to carry water and a shelter for their team. They learnt about how catapults work and about the Roman Onager catapult and then they built a mini catapult from lolly sticks and elastic bands.

(picture is the 3am update!). Everyone rose early to the cheerful tones of a plethora

of British garden birds and continental breakfast!

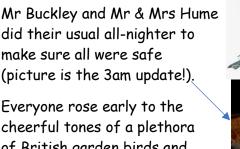
Reminder - 8th July = last day for clubs

Just a reminder that we end our after-school clubs next week because of a teacher meeting on 15th July. Apologies for this inconvenience but please note NO clubs on the 15th July!

Camp Out Thanks

Parents, camped out on the school field on Friday night and Saturday morning last week. The Camp Out started with some fun and games... and that was just watching everyone put up their tents! Once that was done we had some fun with Forest School activities led by Mrs Hume (Chair of Governors) and sporting games led by Miss Hewitt and Mrs White. After that, the children had some free time to enjoy the grounds before retiring to the campfire and songs led by Mr Smith. Toasted marshmallows and chocolate biscuits, washed down by hot chocolate, brought the evening to a close as people went off to their tents for a cold night's camp!

Several children from Year 6, and their





Special thanks to Mrs Woods and Mr Dillon, who worked behind the scenes getting things ready for us.

Planning Ahead (item repeated every week this term...)

- TODAY Summer Fete 4pm until 7pm Activities and fun FOAMS PTA fundraising.

 In the Hall and out on the grounds see poster
- 11th July Open Hour (Collect Pupil Reports) 4.30pm Come and collect pupil reports. This is the earliest you can collect the pupil reports as they contain important information
- 15th July Foundation Stage Sports Day 10am Sporty things for an hour on the field and parents/families can come and watch their Nursery and Reception children.
- 17th July Children meet next year's teacher Children meet the staff who will be working with them from September. This is children only in school time. 9.15am!
- 17th July Musical Extravaganza 1.30pm All parents and families are invited to join us for a Musical Extravaganza on the field - 1.30pm. Bring chairs/blankets etc.
- 18th July Art Day just in school time for children!
 Children can come in clothes you don't mind getting messy!
- 18th July Discos 5-6pm and 6.15-7.30pm Payments from last time will be carried over. If you did not pay last time please use Parent Pay
- 19th July Break the uniform rules day Another Non-Uniform day but just for fun! Break the uniform rules and really push the boat out if you want. Children must be 'decent' and nothing considered dangerous!
- 22nd July Yr6 Performance 1 2pm School Hall
- 23rd July Yr6 Performance 2 6.30pm Hall Parents of Yr6 children will be offered the chance to watch one of these performances tickets only.
- 24th July Yr6 Party Day

This is of course dependent on Yr6 continuing to set <u>and</u> <u>reach</u> the highest standards in all they do for their remaining days at AMCPS! Too few now!

• 24th July - Last day of school year! What it says on the tin! Being a Wednesday this means 3pm for the main school and 6pm for Sunshine Club. Our first day of 2024-2025 is Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

Click here for a reminder about the diary dates



Year 2 Geography Fieldwork

This week, Year 2 went on a trip to the Orbital Shopping Centre. After a short walk through the park, we arrived at ASDA to buy some fruits for our smoothie making.



Once our ingredients were purchased and safely packed away, we visited some of the other businesses and counted how many customers entered each one in a 5-minute period. The children were brilliantly behaved and one member of the public even commented on their lovely manners, saying that they were a real credit to Abbey Meads. A big 'Thank you' to all the staff

and volunteers who came along to help us!



Calm Area now Open!

We are delighted that our calm area is now finished and children can enjoy sitting in a peaceful space, with sensory wildlife-friendly planting. We are very grateful to FOAMS, who kindly funded the cost of this new area and



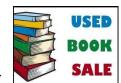
to Mrs Woods, Mr and Mrs Dangerfield and the Roberts family, who spent many hours transforming it into the beautiful space it is now.

We hope that children will not only be able to enjoy the new area as a calm space, but that they will also be able to use it to learn some gardening skills.

Used Book Sale

Well done to everyone who bought books at the sale yesterday.

Together you donated £68.20 through buying books at 10p each...



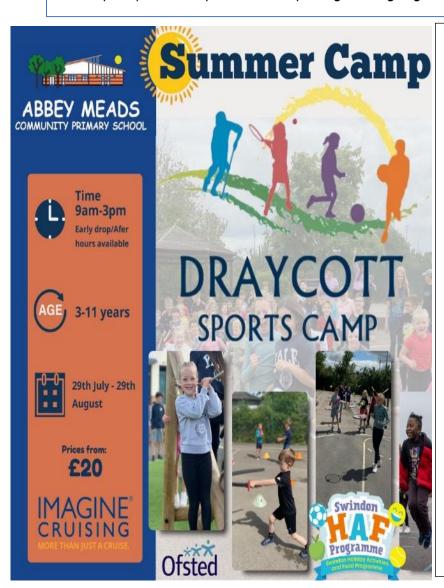
... plus donations! Great to know so many people love their reading.

Mrs Cunningham and Miss Hewitt said look out at the Summer Fete - there may be some for free!

Advance Warning – get your thinking caps on... Design our 25th Birthday / Anniversary Logo



On September 3rd 2024, Abbey Meads Primary School will celebrate its 25th birthday. As part of a year of celebration, we would like <u>YOU</u> to design a logo for the school to help celebrate this exciting milestone. Everyone who sends in an entry will be representing their house and have a chance of winning the Art and Design House Cup Competition, which will be held at the end of term one. All you need to do is design your logo and <u>return it to your teacher by Friday October 5th.</u> Not only could you win the cup, but the winning design will be printed and displayed in school, as well as being put on school correspondence for the next year. Grab your pens, find your creativity and get designing today.



Year 4

Year 4 pupils enjoyed completing the final stages of a DT healthy packed lunch project this week. Part of the task involved buying the groceries from the local Aldi supermarket, where pupils used maths skills to budget and approximate total costs.

Children also developed food hygiene skills, along with preparation techniques including chopping food safely. Mr Shore and Miss Harland were impressed with the quality of the products being made and enjoyed having lunch made for them.









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Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries







SATURDAY 6 JULY, 10.30AM - 1.30PM SWINDON CENTRAL LIBRARY, REGENT CIRCUS

Our Children's Patron Steve Antony is launching the FREE celebrations!

Drop in any time to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, get your FREE pack, and find out about our summer of FREE activities in libraries!



Plus FREE:

- Giant Bubbles Fun
- Smoothie Bike
- Story Times
- Family Crafts
- Family Games
- Community Art Creation
- Children & Adults Book Giveaway
- And more!





Bubbles photo by Dave Cox

If you can't join us for the launch, sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at any library until 8 September. Find out about our free activities at bit.ly/SwindonSRC or scan QR code:

