

## House Point Cup Weekly Winners


The House Points earned this week were...

<b>Kennet</b>	<b>352pts</b>
<b>Silbury</b>	<b>351pts</b>
<b>Avebury</b>	<b>349pts</b>
<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>339pts</b>



Well done to all...really close this week!

## Nursery News

This week we have been reading 'Walter's Wonderful Web', alongside learning the rhymes, Incy Wincy Spider and Little Miss Muffet. The children enjoyed sending spiders down the guttering in the outside area and looking for webs. We introduced 2D shapes, as Walter used shapes to make his web. We even had a real Incy Wincy visit us in the classroom ...argghh ... luckily most of the children are not afraid of spiders, unlike Little Miss Muffet (and Mrs Wright!) 



## School Councillors Elected!

Congratulations to those listed below, who were announced in assembly this morning, after being elected by their peers as School Councillors for 2023-2024.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Badges will be presented soon!

### Chair of School Council - Alex K

6Juniper	Isla T and Josh
6Willow	Phoebe and Auben
5Rowan	Evie and Oliver
5Sycamore	Sienna and Kavin
4Chestnut	Camdynn and Tilly
4Hornbeam	Jared and Shiran
3Alder	Georgia and James
3Birch	Sophie and Louie
2Beech	Olivia and Grayson
2Hazel	Amara and Jaxon
1Elm	Fynn and Elisa
1Holly	Emilia and Henry



We will do our Photo for the School Council Board when badges are presented.

## Golden Book

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

- Muhammad and Alyssia (Ash)**
- Darius and Alara (Oak)**
- Jessica and Colin (1Elm)**
- Arturo and Imogen (1Holly)**
- Tola and James (2Beech)**
- Esme and Gethin (2Hazel)**
- Erin and Sofia(3Alder)**
- Nicholas and Sophie (3Birch)**
- Edie and Autumn (4Chestnut)**
- Freddie and Nancy (4Hornbeam)**
- Dexter and Beatriz (5Rowan)**
- Andrew and Olivia S (5Sycamore)**
- Alex and Evie W (6Juniper)**
- Samuel K, Rory and Freddie (6Willow)**



Well done to all of you - keep it up!

## Kindness Café

At AMCPS we always try to focus on best behaviour first and children regularly collect house points for being kind citizens; over 2000 a week!

When children are spotted doing 'the right thing', such as just being kind or helpful, thoughtful of others, sticking to the rules and continuously Paying Forward - they have the chance to be rewarded by being invited to the Kindness Café. The Café runs once a term and children share hot chocolate and cookies with Mr Buckley and Mrs Cunningham. The first one this year is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October (the penultimate Friday, since Year 6 may be out on 20/10/23.)



## Thank you from Swindon Food Collective

Thank you all for your kind donations this week.

The food and toiletries will be handed out to families who need them in our local area over the coming months. It took several trips to load the van and, by the time he'd finished loading, we had a full van of food.

Well done all and thank you again!



### Football Cup v Mountford Manor

Congratulations to our Cup team on progressing to the next round with a 2-1 home win against Mountford Manor. The team fought hard, in a close match, to successfully progress to the next round. They also read out their superb match report in assembly. Yes our footballers excel in the written work as well as on the field. Good luck in the next round.



Two things to look out for – get involved with...

500 Words – hyperlinked here.

Joe Wicks Bearpees – we will do this as a school – in the week 13-17 Nov 2023 hyperlink here



### Parent Consultation Evenings

PCEs will take place on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 3.30pm - 6pm (face to face) and Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 4.30pm - 8pm (virtual video call).

**An email and a text message will be sent out on Monday 9th October at 3pm, opening the bookings, so that you can book your appointment (either face to face or virtually, whichever you choose – but just choose one please!)**

Bookings will then close on Friday 13th October 2023 at 1.30pm.

Please try to book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

#### **Face to Face Appointments**

These appointments are 10 mins. Teachers will keep to this time and we would be grateful if you could do the same. We would also appreciate it, if possible, if you do not bring lots of children back on site. The child whose class teacher you are visiting is welcome to come. If childcare is an issue, you may be better off choosing a virtual appointment.

#### **Virtual Appointments**

If you book a virtual appointment, you will receive a link to the video call 36 hours before your chosen session time. At the time of your appointment, click on the link and a window will open in your web browser and this is where the video call will take place. You then need to click on "Join Call" at your session time. These appointments are 10 minutes and when this time has elapsed, the video call will stop automatically. There is a counter at the bottom of the screen, so you know how much time is remaining and this will turn red when you have 30 seconds left.

When connecting to your virtual appointment it is advisable to use a laptop or PC rather than your phone as this has caused connection problems in the past.

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

### Freezer issues in the Kitchens.

Thank you for your understanding with menus over the last two weeks. We have tried very hard to keep things the same, but there have been a few changes. With both freezers dying at the same time it was both expensive and inconvenient, but we are now back up and running as normal in the kitchens.



### Keeping our Community Safe

This was us, and we are really pleased with the work Kinsey Premiere Services Ltd did on our behalf.

It is also lovely to see that the local resident, who took these before and after photos, comments on how friendly our grounds team were. Great work all!

Here is the before and after of the walk way I posted a few weeks ago, when I was worried about safety now the darker nights are here. The people that have done this have done a superb job and we're very friendly.



**We do try and send text reminders out, but please plan ahead by checking the [Diary Dates \(published July 2023\)](#) and reading the [Newsletter EVERY FRIDAY](#). Friday's text message takes you directly to the newsletter on our Website with just one click...and the email has a copy of it attached. Please don't rely on us sending a reminder for events.**



## Attention - all parents

If your child is born between  
**1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020**  
they are due to start Reception in **September 2024.**

If your child is currently in Year 6 –  
you need to apply for a Secondary  
School place for **September 2024.**

### School Admissions Drop in sessions

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
North Swindon Library  
10am-2pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Town Centre Library  
10am-4pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Town Centre Library  
10am-4pm

"I will  
make lots of  
friends at  
school"

"I'm going  
to big  
School"

Tel: 01793 445500 Email: [schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk)

Year 6 Parents - Have you selected the next school  
for your child?

Do you have a child wanting a Reception school  
place next September?

## BE A SUPERHERO Save our planet !

Dress up as your favourite superhero and join us for  
a litter pick to keep our community clean  
**Saturday 28th October 2023 12pm - 2pm**

Under 15's



- Responsible adult to accompany child
- Refreshments supplied
- Meet at Haydon Wick Skate Park (behind Morrisons)

For more information, please contact Kate at:

[cdofficer@haydonwick.gov.uk](mailto:cdofficer@haydonwick.gov.uk)



Thank you to the family who recognised it was  
International Teachers' Day yesterday.

The Blue Kite  
Academy Trust



## Train to be a teacher

Transform your future and the lives of our  
pupils with our Teacher Training programme  
starting in September 2024.

We are partnering with Ambition Institute to  
provide teacher training across our schools.  
This programme will allow you to take the  
next step in your teaching career by training  
to become a qualified teacher.

Scan the QR code to find out  
more about shaping futures,  
including yours, today.

You can also email  
[inspire@bluekitetrust.org](mailto:inspire@bluekitetrust.org)  
to discuss this further and ask  
any questions you may have.

Qualify as a primary teacher in  
12 months.

Benefit from evidence-based,  
flexible learning online and in-person.

Achieve qualified teacher status  
(QTS) with a postgraduate  
certificate in education (PGCE).

Ambition  
Institute



### Coming Up....

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Assembly - St Andrews Parish Council

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct - Football Match v Southfields (H)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Kindness Café for Term 1

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 6 to Isle of Wight

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Last Day Term 1

23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October Term Break

**30<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Teacher Training Day - **School Closed**

31<sup>st</sup> Oct - First Day of Term 2

31<sup>st</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Enrichment Book Week

31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Assembly from Water Safety (fire service)

31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Parent Teacher Meetings - face to face

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Parent Teacher Meetings - virtual

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Year 6 Assembly for Parents 9am

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Poetry Competition House Final

7<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Meeting for Year 5 - IOW 2024! -6pm

7<sup>th</sup> Nov - FOAMS Meeting 7pm - All Welcome

13-17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children In Need Week

14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Individual Photos Day

15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Open Hour 3-4pm (parents visit classrooms)

17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Mr Griffiths (BKAT Reading Ambassador visits)

21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Year 6 D=Safety Workshops 2

24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Non-Uniform - Donations towards FOAMS Hampers

24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5 Parents Assembly - 9am

24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5&6 Girls Football Trials (kit needed)

December ... to follow but for dates of Events... [Diary Dates](#)





# Pennies in the Pumpkin



**STARTS NEXT WEEK!**

## FOAMS class coin challenge

Send in loose change for your class pumpkin from 9th Oct until 20th Oct.

The class who raises the most wins a doughnut treat on the 31st Oct.



# UPCOMING DATES

PENNIES IN THE PUMPKIN: 9TH-19TH OCT

FOAMS MEETING: 7TH NOV 7PM

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS: 24TH NOV

1ST SCHOOL DISCO: 30TH NOV

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: 8TH DEC

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW: 14TH DEC

Please note that there is only one disco before Christmas. This year the normal dates for discos has changed before Christmas (**30<sup>th</sup> November is the only date in Terms 1&2**). We return to normal after Christmas, for the rest of the year.

## Join our 'volunteer' WhatsApp group

If you want to help our PTA but don't want to be an active member (come to meetings regularly, be involved behind the scenes etc) then we are creating a new separate chat for people willing to help volunteer at events. This will purely just be used before events to ask if anyone can volunteer of a stall, supervise at a disco etc.

If interested please email: [foams@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:foams@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org) with your details.

