

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

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| Avebury | 418pts |
| Ridgeway | 415pts |
| Kennet | 412pts |
| Silbury | 410pts |



Well done to all!

Have a lovely Christmas Break

Wishing all within the AMCPS community a very happy Christmas break and New Year period. Breaking up so early for Christmas has its drawbacks, the main one being we return to school very early in the New Year. Staff begin on 3rd January, with the children returning on Thursday 4th January 2024.

7.30am Sunshine and 8.20am Main School Gates.

See you all on the other side!



Nursery News

We have had a wonderful end to the term. The children were incredible in their Nativity at the beginning of the week and are able to demonstrate their understanding of the Christmas story by re-telling it using the puppets. We have enjoyed exploring traditional Christmas foliage and we now know how spikey holly is!

We wish you all the most wonderful Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4th January, including a group of children who will be starting in our Conker class. The nursery is thriving with so many children constantly joining us.



Snap Bands **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ** - repeat item

On Thursday this week each child in the main school received a Christmas Snap band, like the ones pictured here.

These are the bands that turn in to bracelets when you 'snap' them around your wrist. As with all Christmas party things (for example small pieces that can be swallowed in crackers) it is impossible to guarantee complete safety of all products. These snap bands are safe on arrival, but are not designed to be chewed or have the metal insert exposed or removed.

Please remember to monitor them over time and make your own decisions on when their use / appeal / condition has come to an end.



Christmas Performances... Just Amazing!... (See page 2 for photos)

What a week of amazing performances we have had!

It all started on Monday with the Nursery Nativity, which was just lovely. Our very youngest children performed their own version of the Nativity with songs specially selected for the occasion. They were wonderfully supported by some of our children from Year 6 and together they really put on a show! Christmas week was up and running!

Year 1 followed in the afternoon with their incredible performance of their Christmas Songs. Not one traditional carol in sight, but plenty of smelly Brussels sprouts!

The children ran through an extremely slick performance and sang beautifully throughout!

They had obviously been rehearsing hard and managed to get the timing of all songs, especially the comedic bits, spot on!

Tuesday saw Reception perform twice and properly wriggle their way through 'The Wiggly Nativity'. Once again the singing was amazing, matched by the clearly projected lines which linked each section. They all looked amazing in their costumes and really raised the roof with their final encore!

Year 2 took their traditional Wednesday slot, and brought Nativity season to a close, with a superb performance, retelling the story of The First Christmas. With a mixture of songs old and new, they showed how much they had matured since their last nativity in Reception. The performances were extremely entertaining, with more B-E-A-Utiful singing and the lines for each scene learned and performed with expression; including the expert passing of microphones during stage directions!

All our children, in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 should be very proud of themselves for their efforts. You were all both brave and brilliant in equal measure!



Nursery
Nativity



Reception
Nativity



Y1 Christmas Songs



Y2 Nativity



Christmas in the Church

Thank you so much, once again, to Christ the Servant Church for allowing us to celebrate our Christmas Carol Service in the Church. It was lovely to see so many parents join us and enjoy the end of term service. The children and parents joined together to sing carols, listen to readings and enjoy a treat from the choir. A special thanks must go to our readers from Year 6, photographed here.



Kindness Café

At AMCPs we always try to focus on the 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, being 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. We are very proud of the following:



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| Ash | - Alyssia and Muhammad |
| Oak | - Lily and Darius |
| 1Elm | - Luna and Victoria |
| 1Holly | - Roman and Maryam |
| 2Beech | - Rhiannon and Leonel |
| 2Hazel | - David and Esme |
| 3Alder | - Alice and Jude |
| 3Birch | - Nicholas and Imogen |
| 4Chestnut | - Lorna and Rory |
| 4Hornbeam | - Martha and Jaxon |
| 5Rowan | - Addison and Zara |
| 5Sycamore | - Alice and Olivia |
| 6Juniper | - Emily and Kieran |
| 6Willow | - Auben and Teri |



We are so proud of you all.

Thank you for Being Kind and Paying Forward!

Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen who not only cooked an amazing Christmas lunch this year, but also found time to make Christmas cookies and hot chocolate for the Café.

Choir bring Christmas Cheer at The Orbital

The children in The Choir were superb again, as they entertained the masses at The Orbital on Wednesday. Despite the cold snap, they warmed everyone up with some lovely singing and oodles of Christmas Cheer.

Thank you Miss Hayes and Mrs White for taking the time and care to make these opportunities possible for our children.



Community Generosity Overwhelming

The community have been so generous in donating either products or cash to allow Kiz from Swindon Pilates to create so many food boxes. They have been given to families in our local community. Here you see Kiz with the first batch, along with our staff packing the boxes. This was just the first batch of 40, with more being delivered as you read. It is a tremendous thing Kiz does, and we are all grateful for the way our community supports this act of kindness. *All goods are now no longer in the school!*





Abbey Meads Community Primary School

Have you considered
Abbey Meads Primary School
for your child?

Reception Places
available
NOW and for
September 2024

As a result of our desire to have single age classes, we are in a unique position this year and currently have some space in Reception.

We are also doing PERSONAL TOURS NOW for parents seeking a Reception place for **September 2024**

See our website for the most recent Ofsted Inspection 16/17 May 2023
Please contact us for further information

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The Blue Kite Academy Trust

When given the choice between being right or being kind... choose kind.

Abbey Meads Community Primary School

Time is running out

- Admissions Deadline approaches
- Reception place for September?

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, your child is due to start Primary School in September 2024 and you now need to apply for your child's School place. Please note it is your responsibility to apply for a school place for your child.

Application must be completed and submitted by midnight 15th January 2024.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

Even if you are in our Nursery or have brothers and sisters in the school - you still have to apply.

Book a tour now!

JUST HELPING
Registered charity number 114006

Recycle your Tree!

In aid of
Prospect Hospice
together making every day count

Registered charity number: 260003
Registration closes Monday, 1st January, 2024



www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

After costs, Prospect Hospice receive 90% and up to 10% will be distributed by Just Helping to other local charities. More information on where your donation goes can be found on our website.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from 6th to 7th January 2024. Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.

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Recycle your Trees...

**Save the Date
THE AMBLE 2024!
More details to follow in January!**

PROJECT GAMBIA The Blue Kite Academy Trust

The Abbey Meads Amble 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

5K Walk-Jog-Run-Crawl

When: 23rd March 2024 Time: 10am Registrations 11am Start

Come and join us for what is affectionately known as The Amble. One person's sprint is another person's amble. Come and walk, jog, run or even crawl around our specially designed 5K route around Abbey Meads and Seven Fields.

Whether a 20-minute dash or a scenic stroll, 5km is 5km (3.1 miles)! Amble, scramble or ramble your way around and we will celebrate 'finish lines' not 'finish times'... unless you want to try for one of the fastest age group times!

Entry Fee Details to follow

There will be a medal for all finishers and a Fun Day to follow, with bouncy castles, BBQ, cakes and other refreshments available. All money raised will be going to schools run by Project Gambia Charity. <https://www.projectgambia200.com/>

We sponsor children through a full year of education, in these charity run schools. To provide uniform, food and education for one child it costs just £60.00 a year. We hope each class will sponsor a child, if we raise sufficient funds. (£2.00 from each AMCPs page) would provide a full year's education for 15 infant children through Project Gambia!

Find out more about the charity, by visiting this link: <https://www.projectgambia200.com/>

The children have all enjoyed their last week in Sunshine Club with a feast of Christmas buffet food, party games & lots of crafts and glitter!!! We would like to wish all our children and parents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Panto Season Again!



Oh
Yes
it
is!

