

## Reminders from last term:

**We close the gates at 8.35am each day.** The small Nursery gates to the main school also lock at this time. We need to start the day and late arrivals are delaying lessons and preventing other children moving safely around the site. Please arrive by 8.35am or use the front entrance and sign in.

**There is an additional school closure on Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024** for some vital staff training.

**Please see the additional letters on the website - or attached to your Newsletter 21 Email 09/02/24.**



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>298pts</b>
<b>Silbury</b>	<b>294pts</b>
<b>Avebury</b>	<b>292pts</b>
<b>Kennet</b>	<b>288pts</b>



Well done to all!

## Nursery News

The children have quickly settled back into nursery life. We are so excited to start looking forward to Spring and spending time in our nursery garden again. After last year's success we will certainly be extending our garden this year; planting and growing plenty of plants to help the wildlife, vegetables, and herbs. If you have any cuttings or seeds or plants that you would like to donate, please bring them to nursery. This year we also have our bird house that hopefully will provide a great home for a family of birds.



## Golden Book

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

Joaquim and Immanu'El (Ash)  
 Evie and Elliott (Oak)  
 Didi and Stanley (1Elm)  
 Summer and Amaarah (1Holly)  
 Callie and Kayson (2Beech)  
 Eleanor and Gethin (2Hazel)  
 Roza and Hadi (3Alder)  
 Bless and Robin (3Birch)  
 Astrid and Matilda (4Chestnut)  
 Elliott and Aurora (4Hornbeam)  
 Isabelle and Charlotte (5Rowan)  
 Caryn and Alice (5Sycamore)  
 Rozal and Musti (6Juniper)  
 Jessica and Jasmine (6Willow)



Well done to all of you

## Girlguiding / Scouting - Founder's Day

Girlguiding and Scouting, have a special day on 22nd February called Thinking Day or Founder's Day. On this day, all members of Girlguiding and Scouting celebrate to remember their founder and pioneer Lord Baden-Powell, and his wife Lady Baden-Powell, both born on this date. Here are some of the children who wore their uniforms on Thursday.



## Temporary Nursery Post available - Early Bird Chance to Apply NOW

We need a new Nursery Assistant to work 15 hours a week from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> July. Currently this is £10.61 per hour. It is a very short-term post but one that will allow us to admit more children into the nursery for the summer term. It **may** also be the first step to more frequent work, as has happened for so many of our staff over time. Hours will be 8.30-11.30am every day.

If you would like to apply for this post, please contact the school office throughout next week. We will send you an application form and hold interviews once we know the quality of applications. Deadline for you to enquire is a week today, 1<sup>st</sup> March, after which we may advertise more widely, beyond the AMCPS community.

Please see Mrs Wright if you need any specifics regarding the role but as an assistant, someone else would lead the room. Application forms can be obtained from [admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org)



## **IMPORTANT IF YOUR CHILD WANTS TO GO TO DISCOS**

### **Disco Payments moving to ParentPay**

We are trying to improve the speed with which children enter the disco and part of this will include the removal of paying cash and searching for change. This means to access the disco payments from now on will be online using ParentPay.

It also means staff and volunteer parents are no longer vulnerable, with excessive amounts of cash on site.

We will also consider new ways of marking children present, which allow us to speed up the process, whilst keeping the safeguarding of children as the most important aspect.

Disco payments will appear on your ParentPay webpage the week before discos and close by 12pm on the day of the disco.

Many thanks for your help with this matter.



### **Diary Dates**

Keep up to date by checking the newsletters for updates every week. Look on our website here:

[CLICK HERE for NEWS](#)

School holidays and the calendar of events are also on our website here:

[CLICK HERE for DATES](#)

### **Quick Fire Dates Coming Soon!**

- 5<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 SATS Meeting - 6pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March - FOAMS Meeting - 7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day - Optional character dress up day or non-uniform!
- 8<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 Assembly- 9am
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Discos - see above!!
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 2 Assembly - 9am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - The Amble - see page 4.
- 26<sup>th</sup> March - 3.15pm - Family Learning - Science Workshops for an hour!
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - LAST DAY TERM 4

### **Easter Break**

- 15<sup>th</sup> April - FIRST DAY TERM 5
- 16/18 April - Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.30pm both days.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

**Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

**Media release**

### **12-week consultation opens for proposed new Community Safety Plan**

A 12-week consultation has been launched for Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority's proposed new Community Safety Plan.

The plan sets out the priorities and challenges for Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service from now until 2028, covering areas such as prevention, protection, response, governance and people.

Chief Fire Officer Ben Ansell said: "The plan details how we intend to continue working, but also what we intend to review and do differently to meet and reduce the risks we face as an organisation. Public sector finances are under extreme pressure, so it is vital that we look at all parts of the Service to ensure that we are working as efficiently and as effectively as possible."

The consultation runs from 9am on Friday 9 February until 9am on Friday 3 May. Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority will then consider the consultation responses and the final plan at its meeting in June.

CLr Rebecca Knox, Chair of the Authority, said: "The Community Safety Plan is our 'roadmap' for the coming years, so the views of people from across our communities are essential. Whether you are a resident, a local business, a partner, a voluntary group or a charity, we would very much like to hear from you."

A copy of the draft plan, a summary video and details on how to give your views – including an online form - can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/draft-csp-2024-28-consultation](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/draft-csp-2024-28-consultation)

## **Special Week 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March: Science**

### **House Cup: Science and Technology**

Take part and win the cup for your house.

#### **Your Task:**

You need to make a timer out of whatever materials you choose. The challenge is to make it last for exactly one minute. The winner(s) will be those that are the most accurate against a stopwatch.



To help you, look at these websites:

[British-Science-Week-Early-years-activity-pack-2024.pdf](http://britishscienceweek.org/british-science-week-early-years-activity-pack-2024.pdf)  
([britishscienceweek.org](http://britishscienceweek.org))

[British-Science-Week-Primary-activity-pack-2024.pdf](http://britishscienceweek.org/british-science-week-primary-activity-pack-2024.pdf)  
([britishscienceweek.org](http://britishscienceweek.org))

**Hand your project into your class teacher BY Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

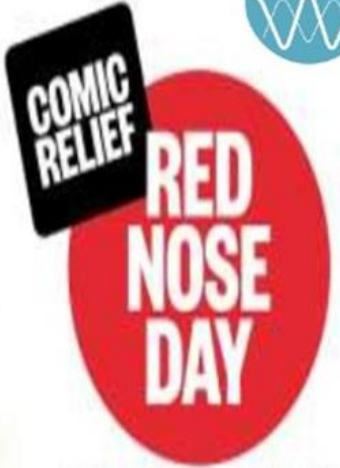
The key stage heats will be the following week, with the grand final on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parents - a date for your diary:**

**Family Learning 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 3.15pm-4pm -  
Kitchen Sink Science**

Come and visit the school to take part in lots of fun science activities with your child/ren.





**FRIDAY 15 MARCH**

On Friday 15th March Abbey Meads Primary School will be turning RED to celebrate Red Nose Day! We are asking the children to come into school dressed 'red to toe'.

This could be as simple as a pair of red socks or as loud as a red lobster outfit! How far you take it is up to you! Throughout the day the children will be learning about Red Nose day and where all of the money raised will go. We will have a focus on one charity in particular called 'Waves Music Therapy'. This is an organisation funded by Comic Relief which uses music to improve the lives of children and young people in West Sussex. Please see this link for further information [Waves Music Therapy - Making connections through music - Waves Music Therapy](#)

Children will get the opportunity to listen to music and share their feelings and some may even get the chance to express themselves through the musical form of rap. Some teachers may even have the chance to do this too (Mrs Farmer cough, cough!)

We are asking for donations to this wonderful cause and rather than bring in cash you can donate via ParentPay

We look forward to seeing the school turn red on Friday 15th March!

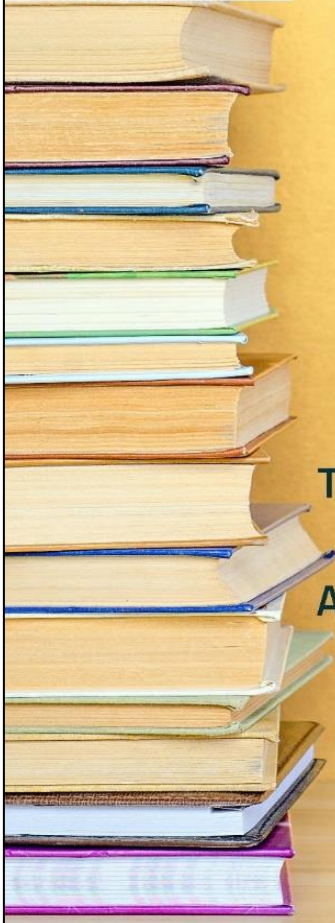


# FOAMS BOOK SWAP

In the Community room

Tues 5th March 3pm

All books 50p each



If you're pregnant or have a child under the age of 4, you could be eligible for the NHS Healthy Start Scheme



To check if you're eligible for Healthy Start, visit: [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)

### What is NHS Healthy Start?

The scheme helps young families and those who are more than 10 weeks pregnant to access healthy food, milk and vitamins. Eligibility for the scheme depends on the benefit the person receives and what their income is.

Once on the scheme, people will get:

- £4.25 each week of their pregnancy (from the 10th week of pregnancy)
- £8.50 a week for children from birth to 1 year old
- £4.25 a week for children between 1 and 4 years old

The payments will stop on the child's 4th birthday or if they no longer receive the qualifying benefits.



## THE AMBLE Entries via ParentPay!

Important info:

- 1) **£5 per person** entering the event.
- 2) You can run, jog, walk or crawl!
- 3) Race day is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with a start at 11am.
- 4) Numbers and permission forms collected between 10-10.45am
- 5) Children in Years 4 or lower need an adult with them please.
- 6) 100% of entry fees and donations go directly to [Project Gambia](#) where 100% of donations are spent on the schools!
- 7) There will be food and fun activities for everyone afterwards.



**PROJECT GAMBIA**

The Blue Kite  
Academy Trust

# The Abbey Meads Amble 2024

## 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!*

There is a small entry fee of **£5.00 per person** - but feel free to collect sponsors too!

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, a charity for which, friend of our school and author, Neil Griffiths is a Trustee.

We hope to sponsor some children through a full year of education in these charity run schools. We hope each class will sponsor a child, if we raise sufficient funds.

*(£2.00 from each AMCPs pupil would provide a full year's education for 15 infant children through [Project Gambia](#))*



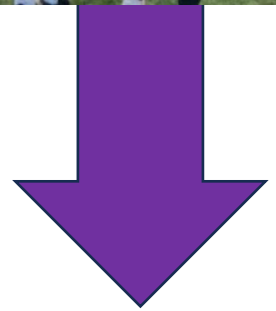
**£5.00**  
**entry**  
**fee**

To apply for this event, please visit [ParentPay](#)



Find out more about the charity,  
by visiting this link:

<https://www.projectgambia200.com/>



We need  
helpers

On the route

On the  
refreshments

On the stalls

If you can help  
please let us know

[admin@abbeymead](mailto:admin@abbeymead)  
[s.bluekitetrust.org](http://s.bluekitetrust.org)

Please label your  
email 'The Amble'

Please also feel free  
to call into the office  
either in person or  
on the telephone  
01793 723239



## Amelia takes dance festival by storm!

Congratulations to Amelia in 4Chestnut on her amazing successes recently at a local Wiltshire Festival of Dance at Commonweal School in Old Town. She performed six dances (a variety of solos and groups) and was awarded 6 medals (3 gold, 2 silver and a bronze) for her efforts.

She looks amazing in her variety of costumes and obviously has a bright future in this field. We are very proud of her and love to see such creativity being recognised.



# GREEN FLAGS

For The People In Your Life

<p>They make an effort for you</p>	<p>They listen to you without any judgement</p>	<p>They respect you and your opinions</p>
<p>They make you feel valued</p>	<p>They respect your boundaries</p>	<p>They are always there for you</p>
<p>They are a safe space for you</p>	<p>They respect your needs</p>	<p>They make you laugh your heart out</p>