

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Ridgeway	452pts
Silbury	443pts
Kennet	437pts
Avebury	433pts



Well done to all

Nursery News

This week we have been learning the rhyme 'Miss Polly had a Dolly' and talking about how to look after ourselves and stay healthy. We loved the book 'Ness the Nurse' and started joining in with the rhyme.



MONDAY! - Harvest (repeat)

We are asking that any donations for our Harvest Collection are brought into school on **Monday**, so that they may be given to the Swindon Food Collective.



The message from the collective is:

WHAT WE NEED MOST THIS YEAR

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of:

Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea; Small Bags of Sugar; Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Deodorants.

BUT PLEASE NOTE:

Please do not donate alcohol / fizzy drinks
We have plentiful supplies of pasta, baked beans and shower gel, so none of these are needed this time.

No Demand for Parent Update

Following two weeks of opportunity to register interest and ask questions for the Parent Update Q&A, we have had two responses and questions from one of these. As a result, **the meeting will NOT take place.** The only questions were around why we don't close for two weeks in October and how the wearing of PE kits to school means they get messy quicker. Mr Buckley will respond to these questions in a later edition of **AMCPS NEWS**. Thank you very much to those who responded.



Golden Book

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

Jayden and Ollie (Ash)
Evie and Tommy (Oak)
Aaron and Tiwa (1Elm)
Summer and Roman (1Holly)
Nathan and Lily (2Beech)
Elif and Julia (2Hazel)
Shanzay and Maisie (3Alder)
Grace and Imogen (3Birch)
Skyrah and Riley (4Chestnut)
Martha and Jared (4Hornbeam)
Sam, Shay and Addison (5Rowan)
Lucas and Joel (5Sycamore)
Chaela and Molly (6Juniper)
George and Teri (6Willow)



Well done to all of you - keep it up!

School Council Elections Next Week!

The elections for School Councillors (Y1-Y6) takes place on **5th October**.

The children vote for their own councillors in a secret ballot with a real Ballot Box.

Has your child put their name forward and made their Hustings Poster?



Inter House Poetry Competition

This takes place during Enrichment Week 1 (31/10/23 to 3/11/23) with the final on Friday 3rd November.

Children have until **31st October**

to choose **and learn** a poem.

Get learning now - all age groups - even the youngest.

If unsure, please ask a teacher for help



Year 5&6 Girls' Football Trials

Prior warning allowing you to plan ahead...

Year 5&6 girls are invited to trial for 5 weeks of football squad sessions in Term 2.

These five sessions will culminate in the selection of a team to represent the school in a subsequent tournament. There is no need to buy special footwear or shinpads unless selected for the squad, but if your child would like to attend the trial, they will need PE Kit/Trainers in school on Friday 24th November. They will also need to be available (if selected) for the five squad sessions, which will be on Fridays between 1.30-2.30pm.



Flu Vaccinations

A quick reminder that the Flu Vaccinations take place on 3rd October 2023. Consent forms need to be completed up to 48 hours before this date if you want your child to receive the Nasal Spray Vaccine. The link allows you to accept or decline, but if you do not reply this will be taken as a decline of the offer.

The link to register is here: <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/swindon>

If you want more information, see a copy of the original email to parents here:

https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/_files/ugd/64c1c7_c54aa47358384729a6c176d1ef781af8.pdf



Clubs in Schools

I am delighted that so many staff have volunteered to run clubs again this year and that even more are planned for the next round after Christmas. I would be grateful if it could be remembered that it is not normal for children to be offered free clubs in this way and that most schools do not do this. Whilst some arrange for companies to run clubs on their behalf, and set a charge, others simply run the minimum number of clubs linked to school teams etc. There is a wonderful range of opportunities for children at AMCPS, but they may be cancelled if the volunteer member of staff has an emergency or is absent. Equally, clubs cannot be used as a form of childcare and parents should have a back-up plan for times when a club is cancelled.

Many thanks for your understanding... Bob



Please check for Headlice

Just a regular reminder that we do not breed headlice intentionally at school, and it takes everyone to care enough to check, clean and comb hair for us to keep them away.

Please take the opportunity to check, clean, comb your child's hair this weekend.



Reception Class places for September 2024

Whilst many schools do group tours, we do personal tours wherever possible. If your child needs a school place next September (they turn 4 between 01-09-23 and 31-08-24) please call the school for a tour.

See the poster here: [Reception Tours](#)

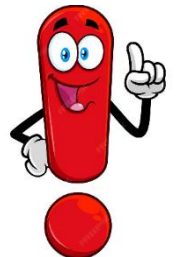
Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Applications

Calling all parents of children in Year 6. The deadline for choosing your secondary school is fast approaching. Have you done it yet? When we last checked only 25% of children in our Year 6 have registered a preference and applied for their place in Year 7. Please don't become a statistic and one of those without a place in September 2024. Parents were sent a reminder email this week. *Here is an extract from the letter:*

How do I apply for a school place?

Simply complete the online application form which will be available on our website 24 hours a day 7 days a week at: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/424/secondary_school_places_and_admissions Your first step will be to register your details and select a password on the Application Portal account. You will then be able to make your application.

If you are unsure or having problems, please don't suffer in silence or allow your child to miss out, come and see us and we will do what we can to help. You have until 31st October 2023.



Reading Updates

A few children in Years 4-6 have told us that they were struggling with the **Boom Reader App**. The company who run the app says:

We apologise for this issue - we've had an ongoing incident that has mostly affected Android phones after a recent app update. We released a fix yesterday that should resolve this issue, but it may take a little time for the update to roll out across all phones. The latest version number is v2.0.28 on Android, and iOS v2.0.10

Recently, we have been notified of difficulties children in Years 3-6 have had, when trying to log on to **Accelerated Reader** application at home. To successfully access the platform, please use this unique URL, which is specific to our school's membership: [Welcome\(renaissance-go.com\)](http://Welcome(renaissance-go.com))



Congratulations to some of our children on their sporting exploits outside school

George as already won 2 TREDs awards at his rugby club since starting back this season.

TREDs stands for Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. Top work **George**!

Arthur completed a Tough Mudder event last weekend. It looks very challenging and Arthur is rightly proud of his achievement and finisher's medal. Mr Shore is a bit jealous!

Klara completed her grading in Taekwondo recently and achieved her Brown belt. This is a great achievement, Klara. Did you know this means you and your skills are growing stronger... like a tree?



First Football League Game of the Season!

AMCPS Mixed Football Team began the new league campaign in fine form this week, away to St Leonard's School. Despite conceding a goal midway through the first half and being behind at the break, the boys came out on top as 3-2 winners. Some of the approach play was superb, with some excellently taken goals too. Well done to Archie, Theo, Riley P, Shay, Riley H, Sammy, Lucas and Ollie.



Geography Fieldwork

Pupils from 4 Chestnut and 4 Hornbeam enjoyed their trip to Seven Fields this week. As part of an ongoing field work project, the children were recording data to identify the activity levels of different species during autumn. The pupils will return again later in the school year to identify how the seasons impact wildlife numbers. It was a beautiful morning to enjoy this fantastic local spot.



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

500 Words – [hyperlinked here](#).

Joe Wicks Bearpees – *we will do this as a school* – [hyperlink here](#)



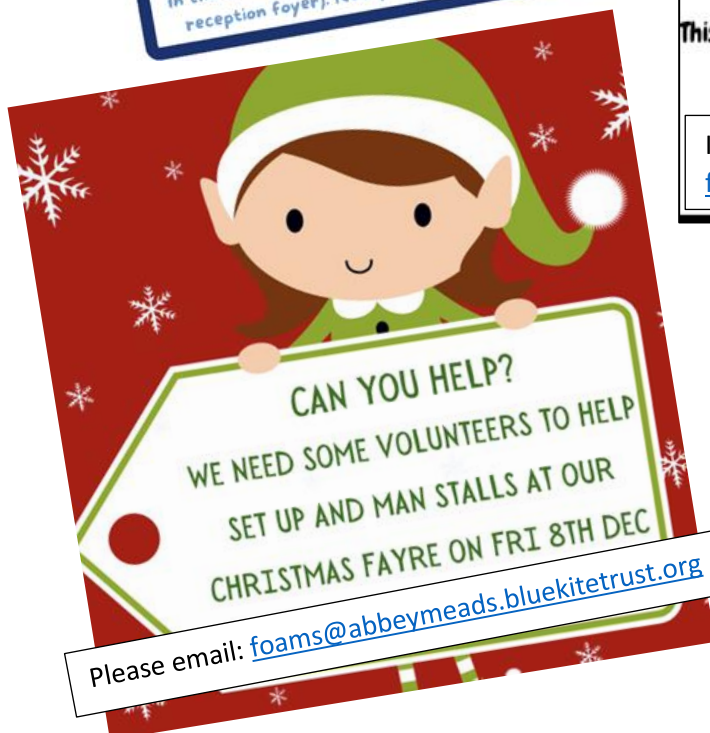
Pennies in the Pumpkin



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.



Please email: foams@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org



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 (**30th November for 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 on a stall, supervise at a disco etc.

If interested please email:

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