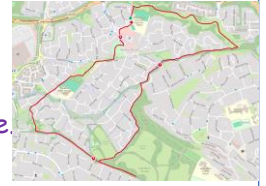


THE AMBLE 2024 - Tomorrow - 11am Start - Final reminders.

- £5 each person - numbers allocated to those who have paid. Collect these numbers between 10am and 10.45am from alphabetically labelled stations. (*First letter of Child's Surname*)
- Pay on the day allowed. Please come before 10.30AM to pay on the day. **Exact cash or card.**
- **Dogs not allowed on school site** please, but on the 'public pathways' course they are welcome.
- *Bouncy Castle may not happen if the field too wet!!!! Currently not looking very good!*
- All children of all ages remain the responsibility of parents and all must sign for their children taking part. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult, parents can make the decision on over 9s.
- Refreshments - drinks, burgers, hot dogs, cakes available from after the start of the race.
- **All participants take part at their own risk, it takes place on public pathways and there are likely to be trip hazards on the pathways around Abbey Meads and Seven Fields.**



House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Ridgeway	368pts
Avebury	361pts
Kennet	357pts
Silbury	354pts



Well done to all!

Nursery News

This week we have been enjoying lots of Easter craft activities whilst learning about some of the celebrations Christians will enjoy over this Easter time. Our Easter Bonnet Parade really got us into the spirit of things, and we all enjoyed our hot cross buns for special snack.



When you are 3, the main thing you look forward to is the Easter Bunny visiting and delivering some yummy Easter Eggs.



Year 2 Assembly for Parents

Thank you so much to our amazing Year 2 children for this morning's assembly about India.



They started by sharing some facts they have learnt about India and demonstrated just how much they have remembered. They played the instruments they have made for their homework to accompany their song "The Tiger Sleeps Tonight".



They shared some of the yoga poses they have learned following their visit from Mailee and the dances that Zoe from Swindon Dance has been teaching them, including Bharatanatyam and Bhangra.



We were treated to a retelling of the story of Rama and Sita, with some excellent actors and a lovely song about how Hindus celebrate Diwali.



Finally, they shared some of the paisley patterns they have made in art and sang 'I Wanna Be Like You' from the Jungle Book.



What a lovely way to end the week. Thank you all!

Quick Fire Dates Coming Soon!

Next Week!

- Tuesday 26th March - 3.15-4pm
Family Learning - Science Workshops
- **Wednesday 27th March - LAST DAY**
Easter Break
- 15th April - FIRST DAY TERM 5
- 16th & 18th April - Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.30pm both days.
- 22nd April - Parent Update with Mr Buckley - Year 2 & 4 class mix up. 6.30pm
- 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - Closed

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](#)

Disco Thanks

Thank you to all who managed to pay for their child's disco experience using ParentPay. We hope it made the process of accessing the event a little smoother.



Thanks to the small number of parents who make these discos happen and to the staff, without whom discos would be impossible. Thank you all for giving up your own time to volunteer in this way!

Next Disco 23rd May - remember to pay in advance!

IMPORTANT - Parent/Teacher Meetings (repeat)

- Tuesday 16th April starts with Virtual / Online appointments and switches halfway to in person.
- Thursday 18th April is all face-to-face appointments.

Appointments close on MONDAY 25th March at 9am.



The Blue Kite Debating Competition - Year 5

This amazing group of young people did an incredible job yesterday in the Blue Kite Debating Competition at Brook Field School. They had to Chair, question and present different debates on a variety of subjects, with their main focus being a proposal to ban deforestation in the Amazon. They all did an amazing job and represented our school superbly! Congratulations to Lethbridge who deservedly won the competition.



Special Week 25th-27th 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](#)
(britishscienceweek.org)

[British-Science-Week-Primary-activity-pack-2024.pdf](#)
(britishscienceweek.org)

Hand your project into your class teacher BY Friday 22nd March.

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

Parents - a date for your diary:

Family Learning 26th 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.



If you missed this information on previous newsletters, parent emails and texts, we are sure that last minute entries will be allowed on Monday if you want an activity for this weekend!

Parents, please note further reminder of Tuesday's Family Learning Event – Kitchen Sink Science 3.15-4pm.

All Welcome... Meet on playground... see you there!

Lily vaults to success!

Lily from 2Beech competed in a gymnastics competition last week at Swindon School of Gymnastics. She represented Delta Gymnastics against four other local groups. She did so well, and won these medals

- Gold on Vault
- Gold on Trampoline
- Silver on Floor
- Silver Overall

Top work Lily, we know how much hard work it takes to achieve these things. Keep it up!



Fun at The Town!

Last Saturday, Sam, Logan, Samuel and Kieran all from 6Juniper attended a club day at Swindon Town.



They had an hour's coaching followed by pizza.

Then they went over to watch the match at the County Ground which sadly ended with a 2-1 defeat for Swindon.

Blue Lights for a Second Week @ AMCPS

Reception followed up their visit from the Police last week, with a visit from Stratton fire service. The children got to sit on the truck and use the hose! There was lots of information learnt!

They even sounded the siren and set off the blue lights, making Mr Buckley and Mrs Cunningham jump out of their skins! Thank you again to our friends in these vital services for coming to school.



Year 3 Geography Field Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic morning visiting the **Avebury** Heritage Site this week. As part of their geography work they explored the henge and stones. They asked a range of insightful questions about the area. They also saw **Silbury** Hill, crossed the River **Kennet** and, in the distance, there was the **Ridgeway**.

The way home was brightened further by an amazing rainbow. **Well done Year 3!**



Yrs 1-6

LET'S
CREATE
ART CLUB

ABBEY MEADS PRIMARY
TUESDAY 3 - 4pm Yrs 1-6

ART CLUB!

Term 5, x6 wks: 16/04 - 21/05

£30

We give children the time, space & support to express, explore, experiment!



Year 1 Geography Field Work - Local Area

The Year 1 teachers are incredibly proud of the children in Year 1, following their most recent walk into the local area as part of their geography curriculum. This time they explored St Andrew's Ridge and will be comparing what they saw with their previous walk to the Abbey Meads Village Centre. They were such amazing ambassadors for our school that they all received extra house points!



Top work Year 1!

Kitchen Sink Science

Tuesday 26th March

3.15 - 4pm



All Ages Welcome

Meet on the

Playground

Extract From Lighthouse Newsletter

'Lighthouse' is the Early Intervention Service within The Blue Kite Academy Trust. The Lighthouse Team works in all Blue Kite schools and have a really positive impact on the lives of our children and their families. Below is an extract from the Spring 2024 Newsletter.

We are sure that the Iceberg idea will resonate with many parents.

We also like that the reference to 'connection before correction' matches closely with our behaviour policy at AMCPS, where 'connection' is an integral aspect of our approach.

Click picture below or [here](#) for the full Newsletter.



THIS MONTH'S TOP TIP

When your child is displaying tricky behaviour- whether that is defiance, lashing out, whining or refusing try to **THINK ICEBERG**. Instead of focusing on what you can see, the visible tip of the iceberg, focus on what's going on beneath the surface- with their feelings. Trying to find the feeling and supporting that is much more effective than focusing solely on their actions. All behaviours are driven by a feeling (or multiple feelings). Are they hungry, tired, feeling left out, feeling not good enough or disconnected from people. How can we support that feeling in order to reduce the actions they are displaying? The behaviour may need a consequence but come to that second- 'Connection Before Correction' is a useful phrase to remember!

EASTER ACTIVITY IDEAS

Easter Activities:

- Head to the 'Swindon Rocks' website to find out details of various events happening around town- both free and paid.
- Fill balloons with water and a small plastic toy and freeze to make giant frozen eggs- give your child safe tools to get the toy back out!
- Transfer toy eggs from one container to another using tongs or a teaspoon- how many can you do in 60 seconds?
- Search for the Easter themed Cosmic Kids Yoga sessions on YouTube and follow along.



Reminder - Monday Clubs have now finished until next term.

The next round of clubs will run from Monday 13th May to Monday 15th July, inclusive.