

Today is the end of Term 4

We hope you all have a restful Easter and in many cases fight off whatever illnesses have been lingering over the last term. The phrase, "There's a lot of it about!", has been used a lot this term! **School is now closed until 15th April** when we reopen at 7.30am for the Sunshine Club and 8.20am for the school gates.

We hope you have a great Easter and will see you again on Monday 15th April.

END OF
TERM!!!



Please also remember, when planning ahead, that we have two Teacher Development Days (TDDs) on Monday 3rd June and Tuesday 4th June 2024, when the school will be closed.

This extends the Half Term Holiday between Terms 5 & 6 by 2 days - (25th May to 4th June, inclusive).

House Point Cup Easter Update

Here are the House Points earned since September... well over 30,000pts so far!

Avebury	7,720pts
Kennet	7,710pts
Silbury	7,708pts
Ridgeway	7,704pts



That is an enormous amount of House Points! Each week children gain House Points for just 'doing the right thing'.

When we see children Paying Forward, or if they are trying their hardest, even if struggling, we award House Points.

We have some amazing children at AMCPS!

So Close! Well done to you all!

Quick Fire Dates Coming Soon (see all dates)

- 15th April - **FIRST DAY TERM 5**
- 16th & 18th April - Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.30pm both days. *Appointments have been made*
- 22nd April - **Parent Update** with Mr Buckley - 6.30pm includes Year 2 & 4 class mix up Sept 24.
- **6th May - May Day Bank Holiday Monday - Closed**
- 7th May - Year 3 Meeting - 6.15pm about The Wilderness Residential January 2025.

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.

Bookings closed on MONDAY 25th March at 9am. Please see the teacher now if you missed bookings.

Special Week - Science & Technology Cup and Kitchen Sink Science - Family Learning Workshops

It was lovely to see so many families stay after school on Tuesday to take part in the Family Learning Event - "Kitchen Sink Science". Each of the teachers set up experiments and scientific activities for everyone to enjoy, which can easily be done at home as well. Thank you for taking such an active roll in your child's education!

We also had the Science & Technology House Cup competition, with children making 1-minute timers to be tested in the school final this afternoon. The individual winner was **Olivia K (Yr2)** from Silbury, who designed a timer which worked within a fraction of a second of the target. **KENNET** won the House Cup overall, based on the number of successful designs..

All children who took part received an Easter Egg from Mr.B, just for making the effort.



Year 4 Geography Field Trip

What a tremendous time was had by all in Year 4 as they carried out their latest fieldwork in Seven Fields. They have collected data on flora and fauna to compare across the seasons, as well as a few muddy boots...and a muddy Mr Buckley!



Thank you to the staff in the Year 4 team, for bringing the curriculum alive by taking the children out of school to continue their learning! *Well done Year 4 on another successful environmental outing!*

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:



Ash	- Florence & Jayden N
Oak	- Evie & Elliott
1Elm	- Jael & Natan
1Holly	- Maaz & Summer
2Beech	- Frank & Callie
2Hazel	- Julia & Lily
3Alder	- Roza & Frank
3Birch	- Bianca & Caden
4Chestnut	- Skyra & Alex
4Hornbeam	- Oscar & Trelawny
5Rowan	- Ollie H & Caitlin-Casey
5Sycamore	- Poppy & Demi
6Juniper	- Williams & Haleema
6Willow	- Aya & Kiara



We are so proud of you all.

Thank you for Being Kind and Paying Forward!

Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen for making cookies and hot chocolate for the Café.

Pupils in 5Rowan get sporty!

Ella bounces to success!

Ella from 5Rowan recently competed in a gymnastics competition at Swindon School of Gymnastics. As part of Delta Gymnastics, she beat off stiff competition from other clubs in Swindon to win Gold on Trampoline and Silver on vault. These made all the hard work seem worthwhile.



Fabulous work Ella!

Addison dances her way to success!

Addison from 5Rowan has had a very busy couple of weekends competing in the Banbury Dance Festival, representing MKDA. Her hard work and attitude certainly paid off as she fought off some stiff competition and won an outstanding total of 9 medals over the competition.

1 Gold for her trio dance

3 Silver

5 Bronze



Congratulations Addison, fantastic work!

She is most proud of her Gold medal.

David scores the winning goal!

David in 5Rowan proudly shared his Man of the Match trophy and winners medal, which he was awarded on Friday after a tough fought competition playing for Grange Academy. Although he can't remember the opposing team, David can remember that he scored the winning goal for his side, who eventually won 2-1.

David is extremely excited that he doesn't have to hand the trophy back.



Great work David!

The Amble 2024

The Amble, last weekend, was once again a wonderful community event, involving people of all ages in physical activity, whilst at the same time raising vital funds for our link schools in The Gambia.

Our winning children produced excellent times, but so many people achieved their own personal best performances or completed their first ever 5km event!

The Amble has this positive impact on people's physical achievements.

Many brought extended families, whilst others pushed prams or walked dogs.

Alongside the massive amount of fun enjoyed by all, we also held a competitive race for the children, identifying both Boys and Girls Winners.

Congratulations go to Sam (Y5) and Evie (Y6) who won the KS2 Races and Charlie (Y2) who not only won the KS1 race, but also came 2nd overall, which is a remarkable achievement.

Boys Winner - Sam (27:15)

Girls Winner - Evie (33:41)

KS1 Winner - Charlie (28:18)



We are so grateful to **ALL** who took part, as your contributions mean we have raised enough money to provide additional meals at school and allow the children to have more than one meal a day next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated their time to marshal, sell refreshments and make sure everyone was safe.

Year 5 also held their cake stall, as part of their curriculum work on The Gambia, adding a further £175 to the total. Together we raised £1,200 to help Project Gambia feed its children. **THANK YOU!**

Looking ahead to next year it will take place once again on the penultimate Saturday in March, so next year this will be 22nd March 2025.

Next year we will have a different medal to collect, so put the date in your diaries now and we hope to continue helping these schools in The Gambia for years to come.

The record to aim for still stands at 24mins & 32Secs - by Evan Western and Jack Elder from 2023.

If you would like to make a further donation to Project Gambia, we have now opened the donations option on ParentPay. This is not linked to entry fees for The Amble, but just an option to donate via your own ParentPay page - where you pay for trips and school meals.

Staffing Changes

Good luck goes to Mrs Rees as she moves on to a new administration role outside education. Having been with us for the last 10 years, she is moving back into the business environment now her own children have grown up.

Year 3Alder will continue to have Mrs Dendy-Taylor as their teacher and Mrs Hall as teaching assistant, with an additional TA joining from agency staff for Terms 5&6.

Thank you Ms White who has been with us in Year 2 whilst Mrs Trill has been recovering from her knee operation. Good luck in your new job and ***welcome back to Mrs Trill***, who has 'phased back' this week!

Good luck also to Mrs Mullard. She moves on from the classroom TA role she has held for 24 years to work in our school office from next term. Miss McIntosh will stay in Reception for Terms 5&6 and is already known to the children.

