



2022-2023 School Year comes to an end!

As we come to the end of another packed school year at AMCPS I just wanted to thank you all for your support, commitment and, at times when needed, understanding. We all work incredibly hard at AMCPS to make the journey through Primary School not only an academic success, but full of memories to last a lifetime. We have had all the usual remarkable events this year, with the addition of our newest event The AMCPS Amble and the biggest Camp Out to date. Oh, and a really good Ofsted as well!

We need your partnership to make school a success, so please get involved next year.

Attend the odd Parent Forum, help FOAMS, apply to be a Governor,

be kind and treat us with respect. I look forward to seeing you all again in September. Mr. B



House Point Cup: This year the Winning House is: **KENNET**

Congratulations Kennet, on winning The House Cup for 2022-2023.

Children receive House Points throughout the year for many different reasons, but mostly for being decent citizens.

To have received over 66,000 House Points as a school is incredible.

Kennet	16,576 pts
Avebury	16,557 pts
Ridgeway	16,546 pts
Silbury	16,531 pts



House Captains Arthur and Ashlinn

Nursery News

What an amazing last week of term. Our garden is overflowing with pumpkin, beans, sunflowers and Mrs Wright will spend the summer watering it!

The sun was shining today as we all enjoyed our annual away day, this year at Coate Water.

Have a great summer.



Reader of the Year

Congratulations to Fae (Y2) and Lily (Y6) on being selected as the winners of the KS1 and KS2

Reader of the Year Award 2023.

Here you can see them with their trophies and a Neil Griffiths book.

Highly Commended this year was Kaiden (Y4), also in the photograph with his book.

These children always have their head in a book and love discussing what they have been reading.

They received their awards from Mr Griffiths in the final assembly this morning.



Good Luck and Farewell Year 6

We wish all of our Year 6 children lots of luck as they move on to secondary school in September.

We had an amazing final day today, starting with a final assembly and lots of memories, followed by treats, fun activities and, of course, the annual water fight.

We have had a real journey with this group, the largest ever at AMCPS, and despite reservations from many about the size of the group, it has been a very successful journey.

Not only did we change our ways of working to accommodate such a large cohort, but we also invented some better ways of working!

The children have excelled academically and socially are a direct result of their upbringing, for which we thank their parents for their support.

Over their time at AMCPS we have worked together as school and home, in partnership, so that we are now confident to send them off as capable free thinkers and totally decent citizens of the 21st Century.

Whatever they choose to be in their future lives... they have all they need to be successful!

Take care all. Mr. B



Staff Farewells...

We are all sad to say goodbye to some members of staff this year and wish all 'the very best...'

Mrs Rose... has been at the school since it opened in 1999, with a gap to have and raise her own children. Mrs Rose has always been the most loyal and hard-working member of staff and she is going to be greatly missed by all. In recent years she has not only taught all children across the school, but also stepped in on numerous occasions to cover classes so our children have a highly skilled, familiar face teaching them when their own teacher is away for a period of time.



This flexibility and commitment to our school has been outstanding.

Mr Stratton ...joined us in 2019 and it wasn't long before he became famous co-founder of 'Fitness with Stratts and Shore' our online fitness support during Covid Lockdowns.

His final year included another successful run to the final of the cup for the Girls' football team. He leaves us to take up recruiting, and hopefully a little more time for golf.



Miss Spring... has been with us for 5 years and she leaves us to go on to teacher training, through Blue Kite's Initial Teacher Training, PGCE route. The number of practical jokes will now greatly reduce as, no doubt, will the level of laughter, but we wish her every success in her new career.

Mr Tye... has been such a great addition to our staff over the past two years. He came initially on supply, to cover a long-term absence in Year 5, but stayed to cover another in Year 6 before transferring to cover in Year 1 after Mr Edwards left. He has been so loyal and hardworking; he is welcome back any time!

Miss Healy... has been with us just a year and as planned moves on after her 1-year contract. She has been a valued member of the SEND team and built wonderful relationships with the children, especially Arturo.



Mrs Law... also leaves the SEND team after 5 years, moving on to find work with different opportunities.

She has worked really hard to support Willow throughout this time and will be missed by all, especially Jake.

Attendance Awards 2022-2023

Introduced last year, we have a range of awards based on a pupil's attendance, with boundaries set as follows:

Bronze Award=96%+, Silver Award=97%+, Gold Award=98%+

Class	Bronze	Silver	Gold	96%+
Holly	2	4	3	31%
Elm	2	3	7	39%
1Beech	2	1	9	41%
1Hazel	4	4	7	50%
2Alder	4	6	7	55%
2Birch	4	4	12	67%
3Chestnut	2	4	9	47%
3Hornbeam	2	3	19	75%
4Rowan	4	2	14	63%
4Sycamore	8	3	9	63%
5Juniper	2	3	9	44%
5Willow	3	3	8	44%
6Glenmore	3	1	7	48%
6Pengelli	2	5	7	58%
6Sherwood	5	0	10	63%
6Tollymore	3	1	10	54%
Totals	52	47	147	53%

Annual attendance at 95% means a child would miss: more than a third of a year, over their time at AMCPs.

Annual attendance at 90% means a child would miss: almost $\frac{2}{3}$ of a year from their primary school years!

Check out the comparison from last year!

Overall, 38% achieved 96-100% in 2021-2022

2021-2022	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Beech	0	2	0
Hazel	4	0	0
1Alder	3	5	5
1Birch	4	3	7
2Chestnut	4	1	6
2Hornbeam	2	2	6
3Rowan	2	6	11
3Sycamore	4	6	7
4Juniper	5	5	3
4Willow	3	4	5
5A,5O,5M (2021-22)	7	13	18
6G,6P,6S,6T (2022-23)	13	7	34

This year, 53% of children managed to attend school for between 96-100% of the time.

Without the impact of STREP A in the younger age groups, it would be even higher.

However, an increase from 38% to 53% is excellent progress in one year!

We also increased the number achieving Gold from 80 to 147 children, another excellent outcome.

We are sure these figures will continue to improve in the new school year. *Send them in... we will send them home if needed!*

Congratulations Hornbeam, you improved from 33% to 75% of children winning an award - finishing top this year!

The government has published more new guidance on how schools will be held to account if attendance nationally does not improve, but also outlining prosecution of parents as a real alternative for local authorities.

We need to get our children in school to increase their chances of achieving their best possible outcomes.

See above for the impact of missing a few days! **Whilst 90% sounds high, it equals $\frac{2}{3}$ of a year lost over a child's time at Primary School.** We are sure 2023-2024 will continue to show improved data and thank you for your help.





Abbey Meads Community Primary School

Have you considered
Abbey Meads Primary School
for your child?

Reception Places available for September 2023

As a result of our desire to have single age classes, we are in a unique position this year and currently have spaces in Reception for September 2023.

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

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Reception Spaces for September.

Do you know someone who wished they could get into Abbey Meads Community Primary School?

For one year only, it looks like there will be spaces available in our Reception classes, as a result of low local birth rates and our current commitment to running single aged classes. Please pass this information to anyone you know with young children looking for an amazing Primary School.

The recent Ofsted (May 2023) states the school is Good overall with Outstanding areas, but more importantly parents and children reported the school as GREAT and AMAZING.

We have 3-Year-old Nursery places for January as well for families looking to settle.
Email: admin@abbeymeads.bluekitetrust.org

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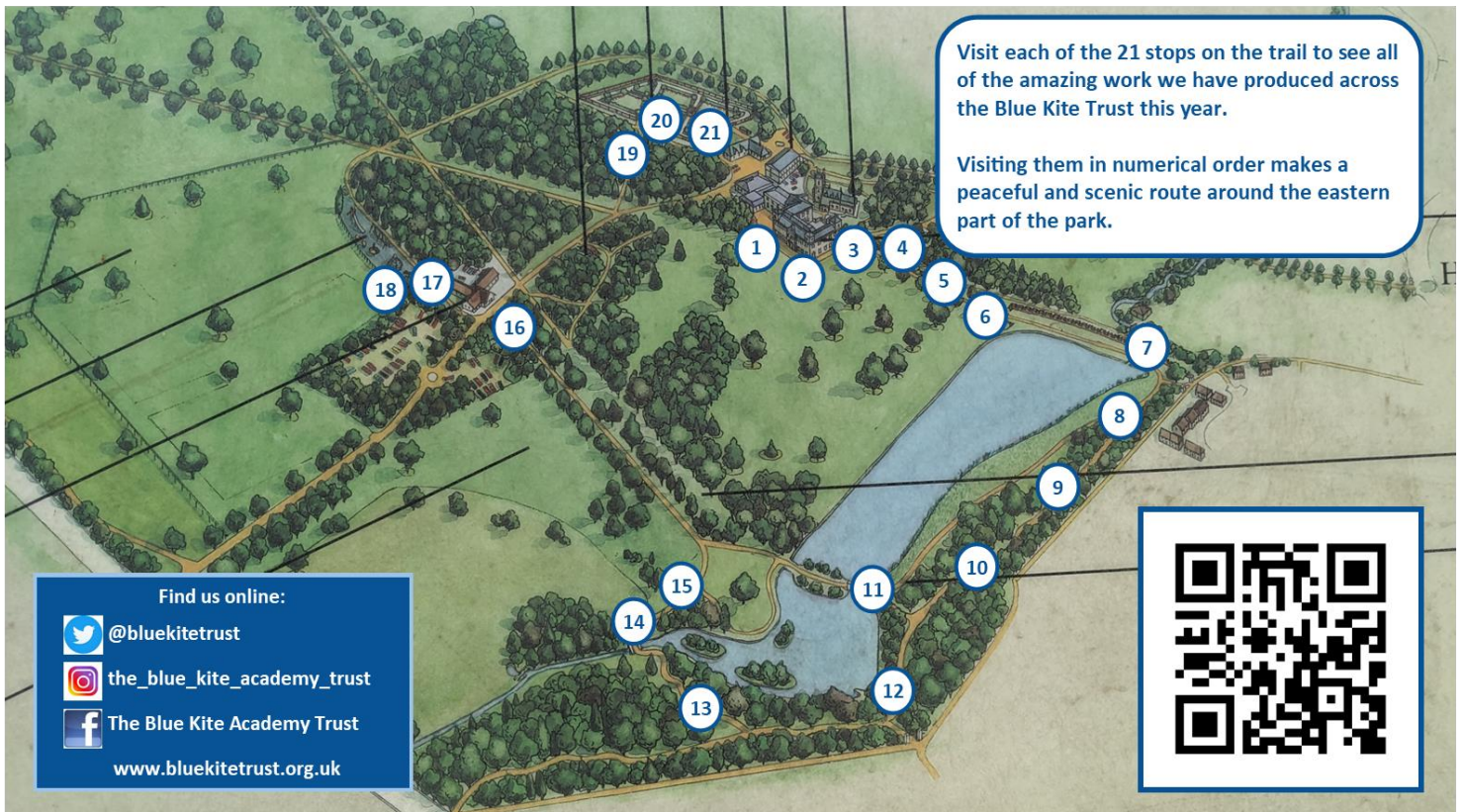
Within Our Community

Lydiard Park Trail

This year, schools from across the Blue Kite Academy Trust have worked together to celebrate our local area, and in particular, Lydiard Park.

Children from across the Trust have studied aspects of Lydiard Park and integrated it with their existing curriculum. We have set up a trail around the park to encourage visitors to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and take a look at the work that our amazing pupils have produced! Simply scan the QR codes you find around Lydiard Park to see the different work and maybe even learn a little about where you are standing...

We hope you enjoy seeing our work!



Visit each of the 21 stops on the trail to see all of the amazing work we have produced across the Blue Kite Trust this year.

Visiting them in numerical order makes a peaceful and scenic route around the eastern part of the park.

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Take this map to Lydiard Park and find the work done by children across The Blue Kite Trust. Some excellent work from our Year 4 children can be found at some of the numbered locations by scanning the QR codes you find. Don't forget to use **#OnTheBKTrail** whilst there.