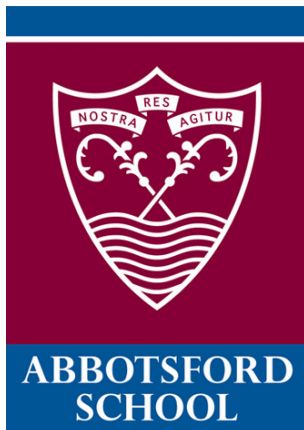


The Abbotsford School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Reception, Y1 & 2 visit to Brandon Marsh Friday, 5th June.
- ◆ PTA Talent Show Saturday, 6th June.
- ◆ Y2 visit to AEGON Tennis tournament Tuesday 9th June.
- ◆ PTA Edwardian Garden Party Saturday 13th June.
- ◆ Year 5 & 6 Enterprise Day Wednesday 17th June.

Headteacher's News

Our last week before half term has been a very busy time for everyone. We are very proud of the broad curriculum we teach here at school and this week has been a shining example of the wonderful education your children receive here day on day. On Monday, our Year 1s visited the superb science-based ThinkTank in Birmingham. I know that everyone had a wonderful day and the children's enthusiasm was still bubbling as they clambered out of the minibus on their return - thank you Miss Wood for organising such a valuable learning experience.

Anyone passing through school on Wednesday couldn't help but smell the delicious aromas wafting from the kitchen as our reception class and Year 6s enjoyed themselves baking banana bread... I was particularly pleased to be asked to judge which year group had made the best loaf. I have always fancied myself as a bit of a Masterchef and so was very impressed with our Reception children's endeavours. Hard luck Year 6s - you were just pipped to the post!

Tuesday and Wednesday were also our open days at school and everyone worked hard to produce some great new displays around school. If you have time please stop by the hall to have a look - there is some truly outstanding work on display and it goes to show just how enthralling lessons are here at Abbotsford. We had a good number of parents come and visit and I have today arranged some taster days for prospective pupils to come and join us. I am sure they will have a wonderful time and that they will soon add themselves to the new pupils already signed up to start in September.

Finally, I'd like to thank the PTA for the very successful Beetle Drive they held last Friday evening. I know that the PTA continues to work incredibly hard for Abbotsford School and I'd urge anyone with spare time to volunteer and help them out at this, their busiest time!

Best wishes,

Dominic Cook

Headteacher

PTA News...

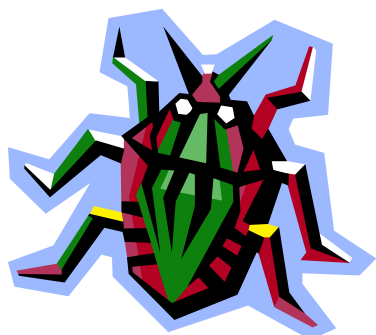
Johnny Ball set to 'reveal all' at Abbotsford School!

We are very pleased to announce that TV personality Johnny Ball will be our guest speaker at the Abbotsford School Centenary Ball! Johnny is best known for his career popularising maths and science to audiences across the globe - many will also know him as dad of Zoe Ball too! He is a hugely entertaining after-dinner speaker and we are lucky to have secured him for this event. Tickets include a drinks reception, three-course meal & further entertainment throughout the evening. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Help needed at Garden Party!

Are you free to assist at the PTA Garden Party on Saturday 13th June? We need willing helpers to man stalls for 30 minute slots from 3pm to 5.30pm. If you are willing, please post you name and contact details, and the time you are available, into the PTA box outside the hall.

We also need clean jamjars with screw-top lids, home-made jam and chutney, and the loan of cake stands, a cake trolley (!) and some wicker baskets... If you can help with any of these, please let the PTA know via the PTA postbox.



“Thank you to everyone who supported last Friday’s Beetle Drive...! It was a great success enjoyed by everyone who attended.”

We are very pleased that the event raised over £200 for the PTA. Thank you!!”

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This week’s club news...

Mr Higgs is busy putting the final touches to this summer’s holiday clubs and we are very pleased to be able to offer six full weeks of activities from 13th July to 21st August. Prices are being kept the same at £20 per day and the clubs will be running from 8.30am to 4pm.

Our Easter clubs were incredibly popular, with children attending not just from within Abbotsford School but from across the Kenilworth area. Please register your interest with Mr Higgs as soon as possible and we will send booking forms out shortly after the half-term holiday.

Hot Dinners at Abbotsford School...

There has been a terrific response to our new hot dinner service and I am very pleased that we have already surpassed the take-up numbers we needed. Our busiest days so far will see nearly two-thirds of the school sit down to a hot lunch - this really is fabulous news!

If you’ve not already booked your hot dinners, or feel you might want to join in at a later date, please let the office know and we will do our best to accommodate you. We are all now looking forward to that first day back after half term to sample the menu ourselves for the first time.

Year 5 Sporting Fun at Bablake School!

Yesterday our Year 5 children enjoyed a wonderful day of sporting fun at Bablake School. Fortunately, the rain held off and did not spoil the fun as our Year 5s enjoyed a day of hockey, netball, gymnastics, cricket and rugby!

It provided an excellent opportunity for Abbotsford School to shine in a wider independent school arena and Mrs Parker and Mrs Edwards were made to feel very proud of our pupils! Well done to all our Year 5s for being such wonderful participants and ambassadors for our School.

Year 1 visit to ThinkTank, Birmingham...

On Monday, our Year 1s spent a great day out at ThinkTank in Birmingham. The children were wonderfully behaved and enjoyed themselves immensely, learning and having fun all at the same time!



It’s behind you Robbie...!



Sophie, Ross & Lauren investigate...