

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Tuesday 8th June

Y2 Trip to AEGON Tennis

### Wednesday 9th June

Whole School Photograph

### Thursday 10th June

ISA Athletics (Y4-6)

(AlexandER Stadium)

### Friday 11th June

Family Afternoon

Talent Show & BBQ

### Friday 18th June

Y5 & 6 Enterprise Day

Well done to all the gymnasts who competed at the MISGA Tournament last weekend. I enjoyed watching the Y3s 4s on Saturday! Medals and certificates should be with us after half-term!

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# Abbotsford News

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## Headteacher's News

This week has been Exam Week at Abbotsford School and we have used a new system of assessments to help measure attainment and progress. Historically, Exam Week has relied upon National Curriculum Tests (from which we receive no helpful analysis or information) and a differing array of papers across the year groups. This year, each year group has used nationally standardised tests for Literacy, Numeracy and Science which will provide our teachers with valuable data to inform our teaching. It will also enable us to better track the progress children make whilst at Abbotsford. We will, of course, feed back the results of these tests to parents in our yearly reports that will be sent out

next half term. We will also be reformatting the school report to provide parents with a more accurate reflection of their child's strengths and abilities, and to better complement the Target Sheets and Pupil Progress Files we have adopted this year.

On another note, I hope you all enjoyed the fabulously successful Healthy Schools Week that took place last week. I have heard from many sources (or should that be sauces!) that it was a terrific success—it also raised nearly £120 which I know has been earmarked to develop the 'healthy' projects in school. Huge thanks go from us all to Mrs Chatwin for organising the events, and particularly for Friday's breakfast, workshops and celebration assembly—it

was clearly a fantastic occasion I do hope that you all enjoy the half-term holiday, and that those of you who brave the skies for sunnier climates are not stranded by the ash-cloud again! I am pleased to report that as far as I am aware no members of staff are holidaying abroad next week and that all should be back in the classroom on Monday 7th June!

Kind regards

Dominic Cook  
Headteacher

### Production News

I have enjoyed watching the children rehearse this week for our up-coming production of My Fair Lady. The show is already taking shape and the singing I heard on Monday, both solo and ensemble, was truly fabulous. Please remember there is an after-school rehearsal for Year 3-6 children on Monday 7 & 14th June from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.... A scenery painting working party takes place at the same time for any parents who can come along and help out in the Art Room...

### LAMDA Success

Well done to all the children who have passed their recent LAMDA exams. Mrs Preston is over the moon with the results and the great individual successes of each of the children...

### Holiday Club

Unfortunately, as take-up has been so low in recent holidays, there will be no Holiday Club at Abbotsford School this half-term. Should demand be sufficient for the Summer I will endeavour to provide the service again.

### PTA News

This year's Abbotsford School Talent Show will be held from 5.30pm on **Friday 11th June**. It will coincide with the school's Family Day—more details to follow. Please could you return your booking form as soon as possible so the PTA can make their catering arrangements, and please start encouraging your children to get their acts ready for the main event. This is a hugely popular event and we hope that this year we will surpass ourselves in the X-Factor!

# Readit?jnr

## TRIBES

By Catherine Macphail

Published by Puffin Books

Kevin is determined that he'll never join a gang but his path crosses the Tribe's when he saves one of them from a rival gang. Invited to take their initiation test, Kevin plans to break the oath of secrecy and tell everyone. But he falls under the spell of the gang leader, Salom, and becomes a member. Kevin then discovers how hard it is to break away from the Tribe's rules and Salom's power, for when he's challenged Salom always makes you sorry...

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## OMNIBOMBULATOR

By Dick King-Smith

Published by Corgi Books

Omnibombulator is a very small beetle - so small that his parents give him a really long name to make him feel important. It doesn't seem to help. Earwigs and woodlice still push poor around, and snails walk across him, making him all slimy. Then, one day, Omnibombulator sets out to see the world - and discovers just how useful being really small can be.

Thanks to Mrs Hirons for her recommendations.

[www.L@@K!](http://www.L@@K!)

For a bit of half-term fun should the weather not be great, why not spend time designing your own superhero? Marvel Comic's website has a great creative site for doing just that...! Follow the link below...



[Marvel.com/create\\_your\\_own\\_superhero](http://Marvel.com/create_your_own_superhero)

## TOP-TIPS FOR TALENT SHOW TRAINING!

1. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND IN YOUR ACT!
2. PRACTICE, PRACTICE AND PRACTICE MORE!
3. MAKE SURE YOUR COSTUME IS THE BEE'S KNEES!
4. ENJOY YOURSELF! & SHOW THE AUDIENCE YOU ARE HAVING FUN TOO!

## Half-term what's on?

There's fun outdoor activities planned at many of the local parks IN Warwickshire over the half-term holiday... From pond-dipping to bird-watching; den-building to mini-beast hunting—check out the website below for further details and to plan your days out in the sun!

[Warwickshire.gov.uk](http://Warwickshire.gov.uk)

## MY MUM ROCKS!

The latest recipient of the MY MUM ROCKS AWARD goes to ...

## MRS NICOLA SHEVKET

For completing the **London Moon-Walk!!!** 13.5 miles in 3hrs and 10 minutes and raising money for **Walk the Walk** along the way. Well done from us all!

Nominate Mum (or Dad!) for **MY PARENT ROCKS...** Just tell your class teacher why...!

## FAMILY AFTERNOON

Fun for all!

### When is it?

Family Day is on Friday 11th June and is an opportunity for Mums & Dads to join us in school for a picnic lunch and some fun activities. More details are in bookbags today.

On the same day, the PTA are holding a non-uniform day... Parents are requested to supply a bottle for the tombola for this year's PTA Summer Fair being held on Saturday 26th June. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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