



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

February 2025

Right of the Month

Article 16: The right to have privacy

Tuesday 18th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach half term, I would like to thank you once again for your unwavering support. Staff are in the middle of writing mid-year reports which will be sent to parents/carers on Class Dojo as a PDF copy on **Monday 10th March @3:30pm**.

I hope you find the reports beneficial, allowing you a detailed report of what your child can do and some suggestions and next steps for the remainder of the year. The co-operation and collaboration between home and school is essential in ensuring the children get the very best education possible, allowing them to flourish and grow in a happy, safe and secure environment.

Holocaust Memorial Evening

On Wednesday 29th January, I was an extremely proud head teacher when our choir of 45 pupils sang at the [Neath Port Talbot Holocaust Memorial Evening](#) in the Great Hall, Swansea University.

This Holocaust Memorial Event marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

This year's theme is '**For a Better Future**', with the hope that by remembering the Holocaust and other genocides, we can learn and recognise future attempts to divide and discriminate against any groups.

The choir were a credit to the school and their families. Huge thanks to Mrs. Richards who organised the choir to attend and taught them the song, Bruno Mars' '[Count on Me](#)'.

Smartwatches

A very few pupils are bringing smartwatches to school and are then recording using the device. This is a huge safeguarding concern for us as a school and I ask that children do not bring these recording devices into school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

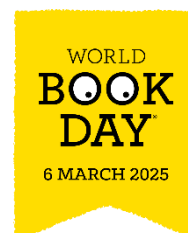
Premises

I have held a meeting with the local council regarding the proposal of a 3G pitch and Cruyff Court. Despite the Cymru Football Foundation and Cruyff Foundation very keen to pursue it, I have only received reticence from the local authority. I am awaiting a response to speak to the Director of Education and hope to do so early next term.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, we **do not** expect pupils to dress up as their favourite character (unless you have a costume they would like to wear), but they can come in pyjamas and bring their favourite book.



St. David's Day

We will celebrate St. David's Day on **Friday 7th March**, with an Eisteddfod.

Pupils are encouraged to wear traditional Welsh costumes OR red/white/green.



The children will be completing activities throughout the week and celebrating the joy of being Welsh.

Dinner Menu Change

To celebrate St. David's Day/Week, the dinner menu will change from the normal menu on **Tuesday 4th March** to pork and leek sausage and Welsh cakes for dessert.

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Friday 21 st February	INSET DAY
Monday 24 th Feb – Friday 28 th Feb HALF TERM	
Monday 3 rd March (WELSH WEEK)	Pupils and Staff return from half term break
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (see above)
Friday 7 th March	EISTEDDFOD
Monday 10 th March	Mid-year Reports to be distributed to Parents/Carers
Thursday 13 th March	Puberty Talk (Year 5)
Mon 17 th – Wed 19 th March	Year 5 Residential to Llangrannog
Friday 21 st March	COMIC RELIEF (more details to follow on ClassDojo)
Monday 24 th March	Fire Brigade in to do Fire Safety Talks with Year 2 and Year 5
Wed 2 nd Apr to Fri 4 th Apr	Year 6 Residential to PGL Liddington
Tue 8 th and Wed 9 th April	Football First Fundraiser in school
Friday 11 th April	END OF SPRING TERM
Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April EASTER HOLIDAY	
Monday 28 th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 29 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 8 th May	Nutrition workshops with School Nurse for Year 3 & Year 6

Yours faithfully,

Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Headteacher)