



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>345pts</b>
<b>Avebury</b>	<b>338pts</b>
<b>Kennet</b>	<b>333pts</b>
<b>Silbury</b>	<b>300pts</b>



Well done to all, for an excellent start to the year. So many points collected already!

## Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.

*Reception classes will feature here soon*

Harper and Louie (1Birch)  
Alice-Marie and Frank (1Alder)  
Amelia and Isla-Rose (2Chestnut)  
Shiran and Martha (2Hornbeam)  
Ella and Oliver W (3Rowan)  
Toby and Olivia (3Sycamore)  
Riley and Luke (4Juniper)  
Emily and Devon (4Willow)  
Zachary and Megan (5Ash)  
Max and Tumi (5Oak)  
Lily and Danny (5Maple)  
Karla, Chase, Sophie and Keela (Year 6)



**Well done to all of you - keep it up!**

## Curriculum Evening Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came to our Curriculum Briefings, we had a really good attendance. BIG Thanks go to the teachers for running them.

## Secondary School Open Events

**GWA's** Open Evening events for current Year 6 students take place on Thursday next week (16th September) and Wednesday the week after (22nd) from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. There is no need for parents to register for these.

**Abbey Park School** Open Evenings are Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th September 2021, 5.00 - 7.30pm. The evenings will also include a presentation from Mr Young.

These will take place at 6.00pm and 6.45pm. Open Mornings for Abbey Park are on Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th September 2021, 9.15 - 11.15am - To book a place on one of these open mornings, please contact us on 01793 705400 or email [admin@abbeyparkschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@abbeyparkschool.org.uk)



Year 6 – Isle of Wight – see you at 7.30am on Monday **PLEASE BE THERE AT 7.30am** – we will leave ASAP after 7.30am so please be on time!



## Welcome Back (again)

I know I welcomed you all back last week, but welcome back (again) to school and to academic year 2021-2022 - and to Newsletter 1. Thank you to everyone for trying so hard to work within our requests with regard to the start and end of the school day. Most are being helpful and wearing masks, for which we are very grateful. With an 8.30am gate opening, we are a little concerned we have parents queuing up at 8.10am and an absolute crush of families with no spacing at all crowding through the gates when they open. Anyone feeling able to take a more sensible approach and arrive a few minutes later would really help the situation. By 8.34am, precisely, we have a very light flow of people and by 8.45am almost all children have arrived.

Please try and space out your arrival times whilst we continue with the current arrangements.

We are constantly reviewing our procedures and **changes are likely soon - possibly even by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. So, please watch this space and read your **WEEKLY - FRIDAY** Newsletter.

Thank you - Bob



## Topic Webs

Curriculum Letters and Topic Webs can now be found on the School Website following this link. <https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/topic-webs>



## Year 2 Messy Day

Yr2 had a fantastic time creating a right mess for Messy Day on Monday! Glittery potions, shaving foam, action painting, gloop and bubble making were some of the activities on offer.

The children swirled ink on the surface of water to create marble artwork and you may have seen some of the children's chalk drawings on the playground outside the Yr2 classrooms.



## Nursery News

We are so proud of our youngest children and how well they have settled into nursery. We have had a wonderful week welcoming new families and faces and are looking forward to all of the exciting things we have planned this term. - Mrs Wright





## Lily and Jack drag their dads through the mud!

Lily Lloyd (5 Maple) and Jack James (6 Holly) teamed up and took on the Swindon Pretty Muddy Kids 2021 Race For Life at Lydiard Park on Saturday 4th September. Working as a team, they battled their way through mud, water, more mud and plenty of obstacles over 5km in little over 40 minutes (it would have been quicker, but they had to wait on several occasions for their Dads - who had the 'pleasure' of running with them!!). An incredible effort by them both raising £130 for Cancer Research too. Well done both - what an excellent effort!



## Welcome Back Mr Bicknell

It was wonderful this week to welcome back Mr Bicknell and his Poetry and Talk sessions. For those new to the school Mr Bicknell is a former Head Teacher, Schools Advisor, Abbey Meads Assistant Headteacher & Year 6 teacher and of course Book Talk Guru. The children enjoyed listening to and discussing a range of poetry including some by Michael Rosen, in celebration of his recovery from Covid, as well as Alfred, Lord Tennyson's 'Crossing the Bar' and 'The Wreck of the Hesperus' by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in preparation for their trip to the Isle of Wight next week. Everyone was delighted to welcome Mr Bicknell back, and he was delighted by the quality of Book Talk demonstrated by our Year 6 children.

## Morning Music...Dancing into school

As you will know, unless you arrive late every day, we have music playing every morning to brighten the mood and get people dancing into school - or walking to the beat at least. Some of you have already noticed my sneaky themed approach to this, linking songs and lyrics to events, even the weather. This week we have returned to 'September' by Earth Wind and Fire (for obvious reasons) as well as 'Your Body' by Biscuits to get you moving. Since next Monday is Roald Dahl Story Day, Mrs Cunningham will be playing music from Matilda.



The following week (20<sup>th</sup> September) we have the International Day of Peace and National Fitness Day. See if you can predict what music we might have for that week. *Keeeeeeeep dancing into school!!*

## Heritage Open Days

Click the picture for the website for more details...  
<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>



## Beat The Street - more info coming soon...

Game dates 15/09/2021 - 27/10/2021  
 The website is now live for you to view the beatbox locations, <https://www.beatthestreet.me/swindon>  
 Each child will get a pack from Stratts & Shore soon.

