

# ABBOT ALPHEGE ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER



Spring Term

March 2024

Newsletter 5



## Message from Mrs Emma Cooper

### Headteacher

What a brilliant half term we have had at Abbot Alphege Academy, I wish to thank all of our staff, children and families for making me feel so welcome.

I wanted to share some staffing changes for after the break. Sarah Griffin has been seconded for two terms to Roundhill Primary School to lead on the development of their Early Years provision. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her in this amazing achievement, we wish her lots of luck. In her absence we will welcome Nikki Dodds to teach Pipistrelle class. Nikki has worked on supply at Abbot Alphege Academy before and is currently working within the trust.

This term it has been a joy to watch the children's achievements and there have been many personal highlights including;

- Maths workshops
- Dance Umbrella
- World book day
- Year 5 visits to Pemberly Place
- Brandt classes highly successful trip into Bath
- Pupils playing the piano

Me trying, unsuccessfully, to make slime with Pipistrelle.

I also wanted to thank all of our amazing staff, they have worked tirelessly to support the children and I wanted to share how much I appreciate them all.

**Natterers Class** have produced some great writing this term, particularly their alternative endings to Hansel and Gretel (some of these got quite gruesome!).

Natts have enjoyed working on their 'Come Dine With Me' DT project this term. They have learned about the flavour groups and have made cheese twists! They also made garlic bread to go with a Spaghetti Bolognese that we ate together as a class!

The class have also linked their space learning to a new topic in science: Forces! They've learned about gravity, water and air resistance and friction and have conducted experiments to further their learning.

They have all shown great promise in badminton and hockey this term and we can't wait for the end of term games next week!

Mrs Randall  
Class Teacher



## Brandt Class

This half term Brandt class have been working really hard on their continents project, we started looking at Australia and Africa. In this project we explore landmarks, map reading and explore cultural food and music.

Brandt class have made huge progress with their times table chanting, tray activities and have had fun exploring different types of Art as part of their outdoor learning.

Brandt have done so well with their daily walks in the community and have taken turns in leading the weekly class shop.

We finished off this term with a reward life skills trip to the trampoline park, well done Brandt!

Miss Pearce



## Horseshoe Class

Horseshoe Class have recently finished rewriting their own version of The 3 Little Pigs.

Houses were built out of sweets and vegetables, or were changed from houses to planes. We have continued to learn The 3 Little Birds Song.

The children enjoyed an indoor picnic as part of a geography lesson where we explored different foods and learnt about where the different foods came from around the UK.

## Pipistrelle Class

Over the past few weeks, Pipistrelle class have been focusing on using their investigation skills and exploratory play find out about the world around us.



We have participated in a maths problem solving workshop where there were lots of puzzles and challenges to solve. We have also been thinking about the features of our faces, looking closely at our faces in the mirrors and spotting similarities and differences.



We were able to add lots of details when we made our own face using clay.

Mrs Griffin

# School CLUBS

## Term 5

Breakfast Club Daily 08.00-08.40 (All years)

Calm Colouring Club Tuesday 12.30-13.00 Years 1—6

Netball Tuesday 15.20-16.15 (Years 5 & 6)

Choir Thursday 12.30-13.00 (All years)

Taekwondo Friday 15.20-16.15 yrs 1—6

***In order to enrol for a club, please sign our child up via MCAS so they can be added to the register. First come, first served as numbers may be limited.***

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 15 April** First day of term 5

**Monday 13** SATS week KS2

**Monday 27—Friday 31 May** Summer Half Term

**Monday 3 - Wednesday 6 July** Year 6 Residential trip

**Tuesday 23 July** End of Summer Term