

Abbey Gates Primary School Newsletter

April 2021



EGGCELLENT EASTER FUN!



Welcome back and we hope you all had a wonderful Easter break! Lots of fun took place during our last week of term. The children took part in their very first Orienteering Easter Egg Hunt and the annual 'Egg Rolling' competition was a real success.

The winner of the Easter balloon race was Team Pancake PE, making it 499.63km! A huge thank you to everybody that took part and well done to our PTA for organizing such an **egg**straordinary event!

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS



WOW! We are sure that you have seen the photos of the Carnival of the Animals on our website and Facebook page. On 31st March we held our very own celebration on the school field which included dancing, poetry, music-making, story-telling, mask wearing, art and technology exhibitions - some even in Spanish! Ms Beedle worked with some of our talented musicians on some dazzling performances too! The children were excited to hear a 'shout out' to the school on Classic FM too - thanks to one of our wonderful parents! What an amazing day in true Abbey Gates style!

COVID-19 UPDATE

Along with this newsletter, we have attached a letter for parents from Public Health. The letter states that whilst infection rates across the country as a whole have continued to decline, Nottinghamshire still remains above the England average and indeed the Mansfield district has infection rates that are amongst the highest in the country.

We would like to remind parents/carers of the ongoing importance of the following control measures:

- It is **crucial** that all adults adhere to social distancing at the school gates when dropping off / collecting children. Please remember to wear **face masks**
- Everyone needs to follow the current guidance and only meet others outdoors in a group of six or two households, keeping a distance of 2 metres **even if children are in the same bubble at school**. These rules apply to before and after school when dropping off and collecting children.
- Anyone with symptoms should get tested and the whole household should self-isolate immediately.

Everyone over 18 can also now access asymptomatic testing. You can find information about this [here](#).

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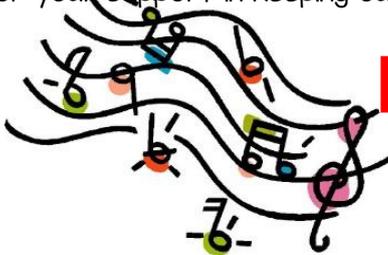
ALL TOGETHER ANTI-BULLYING PROJECT - GOLD AWARD!

We are thrilled to announce that the ABA (Anti-Bullying Alliance) have awarded us once again with 'All Together School' **GOLD** status! This is a great achievement and demonstrates the hard work that all staff put into reducing bullying amongst all pupils and ensuring our children are happy and safe.

CAR PARK

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of driving safely through the school car park and the roads surrounding the school. Some cars have recently been spotted driving dangerously through the car park or parking without consideration for others. This can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that are walking through the car park.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



MUSIC LESSONS

The NMT team recently wrote to you about restarting face-to-face music lessons and we are all excited to be able to start offering lessons again before and after school. We have ensured that lessons can take place safely so please do get in touch with the team if your child wishes to restart face-to-face tuition.



The Big CHOP!

We are incredibly proud of Amira (Y1) and Winter (Y2) who have both been raising money for charity...by chopping their hair off! Over £1000 has been raised for the Little Princess Trust Charity. WOW!



BAMBOO BOSWORTHS

Finally...a HUGE thank you to Hannah and Chris Bosworth who have come up with an incredibly inventive idea! Hannah and Chris have been selling bamboo from their garden to raise money for the school. So far they have raised around £200 which we aim to spend on play equipment for the children. Well done Hannah and Chris!