



## Attendance

*This week's attendance figures show that we have had another good week of attendance here at Abbey Mead. The table below shows attendance Monday to Thursday*

Class	Average(%)
1FI	100.00
1PP	97.92
1SH	98.28
2EB	98.33
2NF	92.56
2SP	99.58
3AA	92.50
3IB	96.67
3SR	97.18
4JA/GH	98.75
4KO	91.74
4KR	96.67
5CC/CH	94.17
5HF	95.00
5MB	97.92
6NK	97.95
6RT/SC	95.42
6ZE	100.00
FMC/CR	85.12
FOL	95.83
FZM	83.75

*Well done to 1FI and 6ZE for achieving 100% attendance this week.*



## Traffic Safety

Further to recent correspondence regarding traffic safety, we have been informed today that there has been another near miss on Bruin Street whereby parents have crossed with children between parking cars.

This concerns us significantly, as the safety of our children is our first priority.

Over the coming days, I will increase staffing at the gates and ask them to openly challenge parents crossing inconsiderately/dangerously!

We remind parents of our previous correspondence:

Our primary concern is the safety of our pupils and community so have asked for further support with this.

Traffic Enforcement Officers and the Police will work alongside the school to continue to promote our children's safety.

We remind parents to please be mindful of:

- Parking safely, ensuring they are not obstructing visibility and pedestrian pathways.
- Parking respectfully so as not to block access to residents' properties; especially by avoiding stopping or parking in the middle of road on Ellis Avenue.
- **Crossing in appropriate positions, avoiding crossing immediately between parked cars where vision is obstructed.**
- Following the advice of our crossing patrol officer on Ross Walk.
- Following the advice of staff that are present on each gate to keep our pupils and families safe.

We appreciate your ongoing support with this matter.

Mr Gary Aldred



## World Hijab Day

We celebrated our World Hijab day yesterday. It was great to see various children celebrating this day and staff also wearing a hijab who do not usually wear one! We are looking forward to celebrating many more such events in the coming months.





## Holidays abroad and Appointments

We would like to remind parents that holidays should be arranged and taken outside of school time. There are 13 weeks of holiday a year where parents can travel abroad.

Any absence during term time is highly likely to receive a fixed penalty notice. The penalty notice will be issued at the cost of £120 per parent per child, and if this is not paid within the allocated time frame your case will be referred by the Local Authority directly to the Magistrates' court.

Following a number of families across the city taking extended leave during term time, there has been a change to the ruling.

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### The changes in ruling, now states:

If your child has an absence of more than 20 days, the Local Authority has advised that a Penalty Notice is unlikely to be issued and the matter is likely to proceed to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution action instead. The Local Authority has advised that where a parent is found guilty, or where the case is proven against the parent, that this is likely to result in a fine (up to £2500) and the parent receiving a criminal record. This is because parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school where they are on roll regularly.

Whilst we do not wish for any parent to be taken to court, we must ensure that our pupils attend school regularly so to gain the best quality education possible.

### Appointments

All appointment, (where possible) should be arranged out of school hours to minimise disruption to learning.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

This year's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will be held between Monday 5th February and Friday 9th February.

The children will be holding discussions and completing tasks throughout the week to build a greater awareness around the importance of positive mental health. The theme of the week will be 'Express yourself'.

To celebrate, on **Friday 9th February**, we welcome pupils to come to school dressed in clothes that express and celebrate their individual personality or yellow.





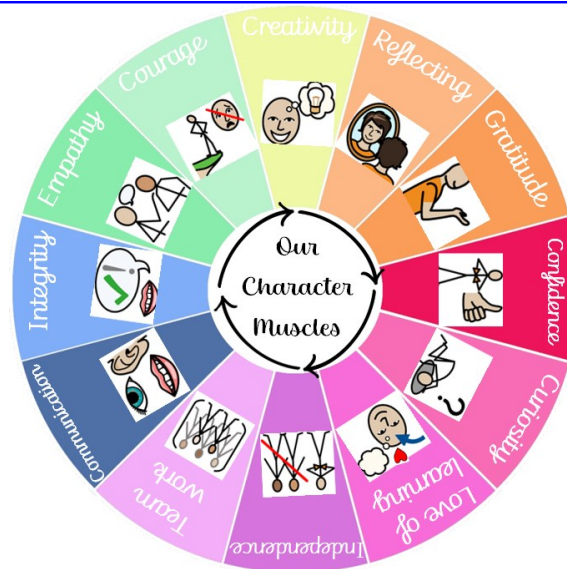
## Upcoming Dates

- Non-Uniform Day for Children's Mental Health Week—**Friday 9th February**
- Chinese Themed Lunch—**Friday 9th February**
- Class Photographs—**Tuesday 13th February**
- Pancake Day Themed Lunch—**Friday 16th February**
- School closes for February half term—**Friday 16th February**
- School re-opens—**Monday 26th February**
- Parents' Evenings—**Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March**

## Character Muscles

### What are character muscles?

Here at Abbey, we are continuing our Route to Resilience journey, focusing on building the characteristics children need to succeed across the curriculum and in all areas of life, focusing on building and what they look like. Using these words and character muscles with your children at home will really help them to secure these skills. .



### Teamwork

Team work is about communicating effectively with our peers to achieve a joint goal. It involves listening to others' ideas and offering ideas to the group; allowing the group to make joint decisions and adapt as needed. It is about offering equal effort and value to the group making use of everybody's skills and experiences. Team work also entails agreeing or compromising on what is to be achieved; supporting one another and celebrating achievements.





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Principal: Mr G Aldred

## This week @ Abbey



**Abbey Mead Primary Academy** @A... · 2d ..

F2 have been learning about the artist Vincent Scarpace. FZM have been busy making backgrounds and adding details to their fishes. We started off our designs with one of the key features of Vincent's paintings - BIG eyes! 🐟



**Mr Alkhlaif** @AlkhlaifMr · 1h

In Science this afternoon, 3AA experienced different magnetic and not magnetic materials. We have learnt that there are many different types of magnets with different strengths.

We have a discussion about the following statement 'All metals are magnetic' what do you think?



**Miss Patel** @MissPatel\_AMPA · 2d

Everything 2SP do is an adventure and so was our visit to the Library. We learnt how to borrow books and spent time exploring. We practised crossing safely too! Try spot Miss Adam finding her favourite childhood book! Thank you Miss Mohamed for organising this! @AbbeyMead\_TMET



**Mrs Ikram** @MrsIkram\_AMPA · 1d

Children in Eco club have been litter picking in and around our school grounds. Whilst picking up the litter, we talked about the dangers of littering and what we could do to reduce this.

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A spooky visit for Year 3 this afternoon...

We launched our new novel called 'The Witches' and read all about how to spot one 🧙‍♀️ 🧛 🧜

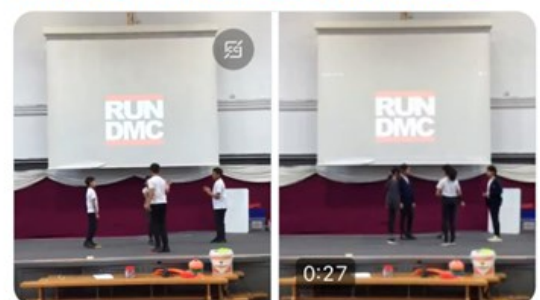
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**Abbey Mead Primary Academy** @A... · 4h

In PE today, 5CCCH students were learning how to break dance. Here are a couple of examples of their amazing group dances.

#freestyle #breakdance @AbbeyMead\_PE



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