



Diwali

A very Happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year to everyone who will be celebrating this weekend.

દિવાળીના આ શુભ અવસર પર, તમારી અને તમારા પરિવારની તમામ મનોકામનાઓ પૂર્ણ થાય, તમારું જીવન આનંદના રંગોથી રંગાઈ જાય.

શુભ દિવાળી!



**Don't forget, school is closed on
Friday 1st November**



Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day! We are all wearing something spotty on the day. Last year we raised over £500. Thank you to the all our families.

Please send your children to school wearing something spotty and a donation of £1 for the charity. Let's see if we can beat last years amount!

Attendance figures will be back from next week.

Diwali Themed Breakfast

Diwali Themed Breakfast will take place on **Tuesday 12th November**. We will have a variety of Indian snacks and masala chai. Please buy your tickets from the school office for just £1 per person.

This is a family event so please make sure children are accompanied by an adult. There will be a Rangoli and Diya making workshop for families to take part in too.

We are also holding a Rangoli competition on this day. Please bring you entries to the Diwali Breakfast on 12th November.



Diwali Show

Our annual Diwali shows will take place on Wednesday 13th November. There will be 2 shows on the day, 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Tickets cost £1.00 per person.



Our Year 4 and Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for the shows. Don't forget to buy your tickets from the office.

We will have a raffle draw at the end of the show so please bring some money to buy raffle tickets.



"A Space to Belong" Sensory Room at Abbey Mead

Creating a Sensory Room at Abbey Mead School

We believe in nurturing every child to achieve their full potential. Today, we're reaching out to our community with a dream: to create a sensory room that will transform the lives of our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

For many of our children with SEND, the usual classroom environment can be overwhelming. The sensory room will be a haven where our special children can thrive and feel at home. We want to create a cozy space filled with soft lights, soothing sounds, and various textures. It will be a place where children can rest gently or explore fascinating tactile experiences. We see a space where breakthroughs happen daily, and every Abbey Mead child feels valued.

A sensory room at Abbey Mead would be an amazing addition where: -

Children who struggle to focus can find calm and clarity - Those overwhelmed by the busy school day can feel safe and in control - Children who find it hard to express themselves can communicate through touch, sight, and sound .

Every Abbey Mead child knows they belong. This room will be:

- * A respite for families who often struggle to find suitable environments for their children
- * A stepping stone towards greater independence and confidence for our children

Thank you for considering our project. The photos below show what our sensory room might look like, with your donations. We have created an online fundraising page for this.

The page and further details can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/The-Mead-Educational-Trust/abbeysensoryroom>



Thank you for your kind support.



Upcoming Dates

- School closed for Diwali—**Friday 1st November**
- Diwali Breakfast—**Tuesday 12th November @ 7.30am (families welcome)**
- Diwali Show—**Wednesday 13th November @ 6.00pm**
- Whole school Photographs—**Thursday 14th November**
- Children in Need Non Uniform Day—**Friday 15th November**
- Christmas / Nativity Shows—**Wednesday 11th December**
- Attendance winners' Trip—**Wednesday 18th December**

SEND Information—Autism

We have many children across the school who have autism and it's important to understand their needs and how they may act differently to other children.

What is Autism?

Autism affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. It does not mean that these children will never achieve the same as other children, it simply means they learn and react in a different way, so we need to accommodate for this.

Autism is a spectrum and everybody with autism is different.

Autism is NOT:

- Bad parenting
- illness
- Linked to diet
- Something that will spread to others

Why may autistic children react differently to others in some situations?

- Some children with autism struggle to express their worries and concerns verbally so you may see them fidgeting or pulling an adult's hand to gain attention and show distress.
- Some children find social situations very over whelming.
- Some children do not like unfamiliar events.
- Some children take longer to process and understand information.





Date: 31-10-2024

Issue: 9

Principal: Mr G Aldred

Abbey News @AbbeyMead_TMET



Mr Browne @MrBrowneCanDo · Oct 29

In Year 5, we have been exploring square numbers whilst using various manipulatives to strengthen our understanding. Well done SMB!

@AbbeyMead_TMET



Abbey Mead Primary Academy @AbbeyMead_TMET · 22h

FOL/SS have been busy creating beautiful Rangoli patterns and colourful fireworks for Diwali 🎨🔥 #eyfs #creatingwithmaterials #UTW #celebrations



Miss Rigby @MissRigby9 · 22h

In DT, year 4 are making boats. This afternoon, we are using the woodwork skills that we've learnt to begin constructing our boats. 🛥️🚢

@AbbeyMead_TMET #AbbeyDT



Mrs Elliott @MrsElli24852864 · 11h

Our ducklings have really grown over half term, 3 weeks old now and thriving! The children are doing an amazing job of looking after them until they are ready for their forever home 🐣🐣🐣 @AbbeyMead_TMET



Miss Cogan @MissCogan_AMPA · 3h

Happy Halloween Dress up Day from RMC/AW. We had some very spooky characters today in class @AbbeyMead_TMET



Abbey Mead Primary Academy @AbbeyMead_TMET · 18h

Year 4 are very proud of their boats. 🛥️ We used our woodwork skills, along with the stitching skills we learned in Year 3, to create them.



Happy Diwali