



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

### Term 4 Week 4 update:

#### Fundraising

Further to our recent article about the Firefighters Charity, this school year our students are continuing to fundraise for the Fire Fighter's charity. There will be activities and events to raise money throughout the year and students have already raised **in excess of £1300 so far**. The school council would love to more than double this so have additionally set up a Just giving page where money can be donated to go directly to the charity. If you wish to donate, please follow the following link. [Abbey school student council's fundraiser for The Fire Fighters Charity - JustGiving](#)



#### Comic Relief 2023

Thank you to all students and families who have donated their £1 to this year's Red Nose Day. At the time of publication, we had already raised in excess of **£700** with more still to come!

A fantastic effort for this worthwhile cause that will help make such a difference to people here in the UK and around the world.



#### Student Voice

The student voice team are looking forward to the **Student Voice Big Leadership Day** hosted at CCCU next week with our EKST partners. Look out for their report next week.

#### Kent Wellbeing

Every Tuesday and Thursday for the rest of the academic year, we will be hosting staff from the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team who will be working with our young people.



For the next three weeks they will be getting to know our school, systems, staff and students, so you may meet them whilst they are shadowing students or visiting subject areas.

Thank you from Kent Wellbeing Team to those who completed the surveys – the information gathered was very helpful and they are looking forward to working with the school and our young people.

#### Year 11 into 6<sup>th</sup> form Interviews

The year 11 interviews for Sixth form have taken place with some enthusiastic and ambitious students looking forward to starting their Sixth form journey with us. We have been really impressed with the maturity shown within the discussions taking place. Students have had some excellent ideas about how they can develop their wider skills alongside their academic ones, and we are hopeful to be able to implement them with them next year. Our induction day plans are being organised and further information will be sent out to students in the coming weeks. For now, we wish you the best of luck with your revision and exams.

If any students are still wanting an interview or even an informal discussion to discuss their next steps, please email Mrs Crouch who will be more than happy to organise this with you [nlockwood@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk](mailto:nlockwood@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk)

#### 6<sup>th</sup> form mentoring

Every Monday morning our year 12 students spend time listening to selected students read. It has been fantastic to see the confidence building with both our year 7's and year 12's in working together. Reading each week is another way in which we hope to develop our students' vocabulary and, by instilling this habit early on, reading can become much more enjoyable.

In addition to reading, we have a brilliant group of 6<sup>th</sup> form mentors who are working on a 1-2-1 basis with students in the lower school; spending this time talking, problem-solving or even revising in the hope to improve themselves further. Our students have engaged in this activity with a huge level of maturity and our mentees are able to be open and honest with someone listening to them. Building relationships with those in Sixth Form is fantastic and we are really pleased with all those involved.

#### Earth Day 2023



We will recognise Earth Day in assembly this Wednesday - an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2023 is Invest In Our Planet.

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Leticia  
Wilmot  
Y10  
30 House Points



Darcie  
Cook  
Y7  
20 House Points



Emilija  
Jodcika  
Y7  
33 House Points



Charlotte  
Smith  
Y8  
18 House Points

## STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	3.10pm	3.25pm	3.20pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.30pm	3.30pm
Thursday only	2.10pm	2.25pm	2.20pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.30pm	2.30pm

### Spotlight on...Science Week 2023

This week our Year 7 & 8 students have been engaging in British Science Week Activities. The pupils looked at lessons with a theme of communication, both past and present to try to develop their science skills.

The Glider activity had pupils measuring the impact of weight distribution on a glider although high winds made it difficult to get reliable results. This activity explored the forces on a glider and how changing the angle of the glider's nose could affect the distance it travelled and ability to successfully scout an area or pass on a message.

Pupils also took on the challenge of coding their own message into Morse and compared this to the Binary language of modern computers. They each had to translate a message of their own into Morse code and send it across the room using a torch or flash bulb. Their partners decoded the message then swapped places. The accuracy of the message transmission was then compared.

The final activity involved building a barometer to measure air pressure. This lets weather forecasters predict the kind of weather we are likely to have and lets them make predictions about the future. This information helps them to tell us what the weather is going to be like in the coming days.



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. The idea behind the programme is to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate science, engineering, technology and maths with people of all ages and from all walks of life.



## Homework of the Week

Year 7 student, Julia, has produced this amazing homework for RE this term. Mr Green gave students the task of presenting the religion they have been studying to explain to younger students.

This is what Julia has produced - her RE homework is usually very good, but we feel that this piece of superb work deserves extra recognition. Julia has already been awarded a Golden Ticket but Dr Speller thought this was so special it deserved a Headteacher Commendation also!

Many congratulations Julia, you are the perfect example of **Being The Best You Can Be!**

### 10 Commandments before us:

1. You should not follow any Gods before me.
2. You not take the name of God in vain.
3. Remember to keep Sabbath holy day.
4. Respect your father and mother.
5. You should not kill.
6. You should not cheating.
7. You should not lie.
8. You should not covet.
9. You should not want the others things.
10. You should not want the others wives.



### 10 Commandments how:

1. Do not be rude to others.
2. You should do not bully others.
3. You should do not lie.
4. You should do not steal your parents.
5. Respect your father and mother.
6. You should not cheat.
7. You should not be jealous.
8. You should stop being lazy.
9. You should keep sabbath.
10. You should not covet the others goods.
11. You should believe in God.




## Father Abraham and Moses.

### WHO IS ABRAHAM?

The Abraham is the man more known like "Father Abraham" or "Father of Judaism". The Abraham is special for the Jewish people, because he was one of the few people who can heard the Gods voice. The God give him 3 promises:

1. Land forever.
2. Children.
3. Blessing to him and for all his followers.

He also important to Jewish people, because he helped them to write a Torah.




Father Abraham 2023

### WHO IS MOSES?

The Moses is men who also create a Judaism. He was important because he help Jewish people when they was slaves in an Egypt:

He was taken a help of God, so God gives him a 10 commandments.

1. Not follow any gods before me.
2. Not take the lord name in vain.
3. Remember to take a holy day.
4. Respect father and mother.
5. You should not steal.
6. You should not lie.
7. You should not covet neighbours wife.
8. You should not want the neighbours goods.
9. You should not kill.
10. You should not cheat.



Moses

## ✡ Judaism.


### What is Hanukkah?

So the Hanukkah is the Jewish celebration, when they light the special candles, because, when the Jewish people was an occupier of Greece, the many families was killed, and the magical oil for the Jewish important candle called Menorah was smash.


But the brave family called **Maccabees**, save the Jewish people.

But, in the end of the battles, they noticed that the magical oil was all bottled on the ground, so they try to find the only one bottle of oil. On they're happiness, it was tiny bottle hidden under the big stones.

And the **Maccabees** was little lighting. So they add oil to the fire in lamp, and it was all the 8 days!



2023



One of the Synagogue

### Vocabulary of Synagogue

1. Kippah - traditional man's headwear.
2. Siddur - prayer book.
3. Chumash - language in Torah.
4. Shul - School.
5. Shabbat - Jewish holy Book day, that start in Friday, and finished at Saturday.
6. Tallit - often wear by man for pray.
7. Tefilin - knot that means 600 commandments.
8. Ark - is place where the Torah kept.
9. Yad - is silver stick that Jewish people use to don't touch the Torah.
10. Rabbi - teacher.

### Why the Synagogue is so important for Jewish people?

Because the synagogue is the place where the Jewish people are praying, it's also placed forward to Jerusalem.

#### Why is no pictures there?

because, in the past, people often was praying to the statues.

#### Why man and woman sit separately?

man and woman sit separately because to not distract each other.

## Attendance update – per house – Week 4



**Discovery**  
87.1%



**Endeavour**  
85.5%



**Pioneer**  
86.3%



**Voyager**  
86.9%

## Upcoming Key Dates

<b>Student Big Leadership Day</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Swale Youth Forum Day</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Sleeping Beauty, Marlowe Trip</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Y9/10)</b>	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 8 Choices Workshops</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 8 Choices Workshops</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>KS5 Economics Booster Day, London</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Rewards Assemblies</b>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 11 Practical Dance Exam</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – THAT TRAINING DAY</b>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Y9, 10, 11 Vaccinations</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Y9, 10, 11 Vaccinations</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Y8 Pathways Submission Deadline</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Year 7 Skills Workshop</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Year 7 Skills Workshop</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening</b>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Year 7 France Trip</b>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Year 7 France Trip</b>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>The Lion King Trip to London (Dance)</b>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Year 7 France Trip</b>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Year 11 Art Exam</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Year 11 Art Exam</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>D of E Silver &amp; Bronze Expedition Practice</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Attendance Reward Non-Uniform Day</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Year 7 Internal Exams</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Kent Challenger Games</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>D of E Silver &amp; Bronze Expedition</b>	Friday-Saturday 9-10 <sup>th</sup> June

