



# ASHBROOKE HOUSE SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3 TO 11

## Ashbrooke House Newsletter

### March 2017

#### WELCOME

We welcome Rylee Palmer to class 1, we hope he enjoys his time at Ashbrooke.

This has been a rather busy term so there is a lot to report, as well as Mothers' Day and Easter to look forward to.

#### PTA

Thank you for your support for the Race Night in February, which raised over £2000. The PTA have spent some of this money on new football nets and basketball stands, many thanks from the children and staff, the children are enjoying playing with them. The PTA are still looking for more suggestions as to what to spend money on, so please let them know if you have any ideas. One suggestion has been to paint the playground with things such as number snakes; hopscotch; letters.

#### VISITS

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, as part of their topic on houses, Classes 1 and 2 had a very interesting trip to Weston Quarry, where they watched a demonstration by the blacksmith.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March Upper School went to the zoo, where they took part in workshops: Y5 learned about Evolution and Adaptation and Years 3, 4 and 6 found out about Endangered Species, the weather was lovely and, as always, the children were very well behaved, it was a pleasure to take them out.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Years 3 and 4 will be spending a night in school, on Thursday they will be exploring the Somerset Levels, going to Puxton Park and having tea at The Bucket and Spade. On Friday they will be taking part in forest school activities in Tickenham.

Classes 3 and 4 had a tour of Tesco where they discovered which foods came from South America and they also had the chance to put the cross on some Hot Cross Buns. Years 5 and 6 will be visiting next week to find out about sustainability of food resources.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Choir sang at Milton Baptist Church to celebrate World Women's Day of prayer; they performed and behaved beautifully and received many compliments.

#### SAFETY

Children in Classes 1 and 2 have successfully completed their programme of Pedestrian Training. Many thanks to our volunteer parents, we could not have supported this North Somerset initiative without you. We all noticed how the children developed their road safety awareness as the weeks went by.

Children in Classes 5 and 6 completed their Bikeability course and they nearly all achieved level 2, congratulations to them all.

## PE

Classes 3 and 4 have been having extra PE lessons this term, enjoying the opportunity to try different activities. In their swimming lesson last week the children experienced swimming in their pyjamas as part of life-saving skills.

## WORLD BOOK WEEK

The children had a lovely week celebrating the work of Roald Dahl. Children in Lower School enjoyed hearing the story *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* - listening to Mrs Ball reading the story as they lay in their huge bed drinking hot chocolate at the end of each day. They worked hard as Oompa Loompas, making golden tickets and designing biscuits with packaging to celebrate St George's Day. Another favourite story was *The Enormous Crocodile*, which inspired plenty of role play and art work. The week ended with a chocolate fountain.

In assembly Y6 read excerpts from different books; the children sang songs about Matilda; James and the Giant Peach and Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

Children in Upper School took part in a variety of activities relating to Roald Dahl books; such as cooking, potion making and watching films. They also had a visit from Mr Twit and enjoyed taking part in the re-telling of the story The Twits.

## SCHOOL LINKS

Mr and Mrs Teasdale have just returned from a visit to St Linus Catholic Independent School in Los Angeles; a school with which Mr Teasdale's cousin was associated. The school is for children from Nursery to Year 9; we are planning for children in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 to exchange information about school and home with children of the equivalent age from the American school. This is a good opportunity for the children to appreciate how other children live.

## PARENTS' EVENINGS Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

You should have received your appointment slips from your class teachers, please reply as soon as possible so that times can be finalised, thank you.

## HOUSE POINT CHAMPIONS FEBRUARY

Reception	Riel Farinha
Class 1	Bella Vann, Aimee Pereira
Class 2	Nikodem Jesionowski, Leonardo Farinha
Class 3	Enzo Oliveira
Class 4	Rose Brown, Ava Cookeson
Class 5	Olivia Bloxham, Aadit Potdar
Class 6	Scarlett Johannsen, Stephen Tancock

## END OF TERM

School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Lower school finishes at 12.00pm and Upper School at 12.15pm.

Next term starts for the children on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The children should return to school in Summer Uniform.

We wish you all a restful Easter break!