

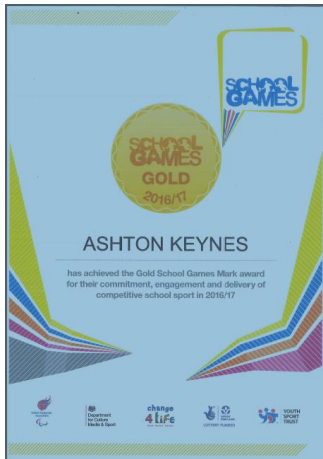


Friday 13th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

GOLD for Team AK! We have achieved GOLD school games mark award!



We are delighted to announce that we have just received GOLD, the highest school games mark award achievable. We have been working so hard on Sports at AKPS over the past 3 years and have significantly increased our achievements, opportunities and participation in sports both inside and outside school. The latest development of our sports pupil leadership programme is another excellent example of this. Every year, our successful Sports Week goes from strength to strength and we offer a diverse range of sporting opportunities for all of our children to encourage 100% participation with lots of enjoyment of sports too. We have been really successful in the many sports competitions we enter outside school and the teams are proud to be part of Team AK in their smart sports kit. We now use Real PE to help

structure our PE sessions with star challenges built throughout lessons to enable children to challenge themselves further in PE. We have a superb sports coach who engages our children and works passionately to ensure all of this is possible for our children and our high aspirations for sport at AKPS are put into a reality. Although we are shining brightly in sport and have achieved this wonderful award, we will not stop there and Mr Tanner and I are already planning our next sporting move! We have some very exciting plans in store for sports at AKPS including a very special visitor to inspire our pupils and some gymnastic training for Mr Tanner to develop this further within school! In addition once we have completed fundraising with FOAKS, alongside the brilliant legacy the previous FOAKS team have already raised, we look forward to creating an all-weather area/ pitch for children to continue with sports at break and lunchtimes and in lessons. Thank you to our wonderful and unique Mr Tanner, thank you to parents and carers for their excellent support at sporting events and with fundraising for the new Smooga (Sports area) and to our wonderful children who represent TEAM AK so proudly.

Pupils shining by Leading in E-safety

A small and growing group of IT leaders from across the school known as e-cadets, led a fabulous assembly last week on the importance of e-safety with the whole school. It was so well planned and led, giving children time to reflect and contribute. They spoke so clearly and were incredibly well prepared in what was their first assembly as a newly formed group, skilfully led by Miss Igoe. The group encouraged children to reflect on internet safety at home and how to keep themselves safe online. They have just worked with Miss Igoe to update our

1

cont...



safety policy which is published on our school website and are now working on producing a poster to go onto the website and around school with key messages to keep children safe online. At some stage, they will also be doing a short presentation to parents.

Year 6 Sports Leaders announced!

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 pupils have been filling out applications, having interviews and working hard to try and earn roles as House Captains, Vice House Captains and Sports Leaders. Mr Tanner has made his selection after a rigorous process and I can reveal the team:

House Captains:

Mars - Thomas G
Saturn - Aoife
Mercury - Scarlett
Jupiter - Lily Ella

Vice Captains:

Mars - Jessica
Saturn - Jack
Mercury - Ruby
Jupiter - Eliza

Sports Play Leaders:

Grace R, Grace P, Lily S, Matilda

IT/sports communications Team: Daniel & Oscar

A huge congratulations to all who were assigned roles after this rigorous interview procedure. I have been so impressed by the work they have already done since appointment. Keep up the excellent work team! There may be a few more roles as the year progresses to give other pupils the opportunity to lead in sports.

Travelling Book Fair Success!



A super well done and thank you to everyone who bought books this year. Thanks to the sales, we raised an incredible £293.09 worth of books for our school to put into our library for all children to benefit from. A huge thank you to Mrs Hancock for her passion and commitment to this initiative. Look at all of the wonderful books we now have for our library- thank you for supporting the book fair and helping provide these free books!



Success for Team AK in recent sport events

The cross country team did us proud in Years 5 & 6 by winning a silver medal and 4th place certificate out of 12 teams who entered. Mr Tanner and I were massively impressed by the



team encouragement and support for one another, they were incredible. The year 1 & 2 pupils represented the school brilliantly in a football event. Mr Powell, parent commented: *It was really run well and most importantly gave the kids confidence and fun in a new area. An event that celebrated the fact that sport is for all.*

Well done to all who took part and received their certificates so proudly. Thanks Mr Tanner for making these events possible.

Thoughtful Donations to the Food bank in our annual Harvest service

Thank you in advance for your kind offers and donations to the Swindon food bank at our harvest festival today. It is excellent to be able to continue to support local food banks. At the end of the Harvest service, the Worship council has a small gift for every child, 'Seeds of Hope'. Your child will be given a packet of seeds caringly put together by the children and containing a mix of wild flower seed. This is a gift to spread some flowers of hope by planting your pack of precious wild flowers, a gift via Worship council from the school.

Class R have worked beautifully with Rev Shirley, Mrs Tipper and Mrs Timm to create a Harvest loaf for the service.

Exciting news.... Surprise visitor to the school for every class on Wednesday 15th November

I am just bursting with exciting after booking this surprise visitor for our school. This person will not only inspire our children, but will also bring some excellent, very important messages during what will be national anti-bullying week. When your children get home from school on Wednesday 15th November, I hope they are bursting at the seams to tell you about their day and all about the special visitor. The school has organised this visitor as a special treat for the children for all of their hard work in PE and sports and as a celebration of the fact that we have achieved the GOLD school games mark award.

What is on in half term...

Mr Tanner is running Multi sports coaching days at AKPS on 5 dates:

Thursday 19th October, Monday 23rd October, Tuesday 24th October, Wednesday 25th October and Thursday 26th October.

For more details/ book a place please visit:

www.icansportscoaching.co.uk

If you fancy visiting the library, then Malmesbury library has some exciting events in store for you:

Half Term

at Malmesbury Library 

Friday 20-28 October
Pumpkin Hunt & Quiz, All ages

Hidden in our children's Library are 12 pictures of pumpkins. Find them and answer the questions for the chance to win a prize.

Tuesday 24 October
2.30pm
Spooky Story Time, 4-11s

Join us for some spooky crafts and ghoulish stories this half term. Dressing up is optional but not essential. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Wednesday 25 October
2.30pm
Heroes & Heroines Listen & Draw Workshop, 5-11s

Come and hear engrossing tales of gods and mortals, told by engaging storyteller, Sue Chadd. Using nothing but your imaginations, Sue will then guide you in the making of comic strip cartoons, featuring the characters and places you have encountered in the stories.

Parents are responsible for their children's supervision and children aged 8 and under must never be left unsupervised in the library.
Call Malmesbury library for more information, 01666 823611



Have a great weekend. I hope to see many of you at *Heroes and Heroines* on Wednesday, the last day of term and may I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and restful half term. Please note there will be no Dressing Down Day next Wednesday as we have had the collection for Harvest today.

Kind regards,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville ,
Head teacher

Here are some dates until the end of term 2 (Christmas). We have now fully updated the school calendar on the website www.akps.org.uk with dates up until the end of this academic year 2018 to help you plan ahead.

Date	Event
Tuesday 17 th October	Author visit Debi Evans (more information to follow) Pm Fire safety workshops for KS1
Wednesday 18 th October	9am Heroes and Heroines (Madi Y5 donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust) Collection pot for any donations. End of Term 1
Monday 30 th October	Start of Term 2 Life Education Bus Visit
Tuesday 31 st October	Life Education Bus Visit
Wednesday 1 st November	Breakfast club special cooking session
Saturday 4 th November	Fireworks Night - bar, BBQ and live music at Bradstone Playing Field organised by FOAKS from 4.30pm (Tickets discounted in advance) available from AK school/ shop.
Tuesday 7 th November	3.30-7pm Parents Consultation Evening for Classes 1,2,3,4 & 5
Wednesday 8 th November	3.30-6pm Parents Consultation Evening for Classes R, 2 and 6
Thursday 9 th November	3.30-6pm Parents Consultation Evening for R,1,3,4, 5 & 6
Friday 10 th November	12.30pm onwards Flu vaccination for Years R-4
Wednesday 15 th November	SURPRISE VISITOR to the school for every class! VERY EXCITING & TOTALLY INPSIRING!
Thursday 16 th November	FOAKs School disco for EYFS/KS1 & KS2
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day - school council to advise on activities
Tuesday 21 st November	9am Class 5 assembly to parent/ carers
Tuesday 21st November CHANGE OF DATE	1.30pm in the hall an afternoon for Grandparents/ senior members of the AK community lead by Year 6 (please let the office know if you would like to attend so they can provide refreshments for you) Invitation to follow.
Sunday 3 rd December	Pm Christingle service in Holy Cross Church 5.30pm School choir to sing at xmas tree lights turn on at White Hart
Monday 4 th December	Special Breakfast Club xmas cooking session
Tuesday 5 th December	Annual whole school visit to the pantomime 'Peter Pan'
Wednesday 6 th December	9am Class 4 assembly to parents/carers
Tuesday 12 th December	1.30-2.30pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 13 th December	1.30-2.30pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 th December	6-7pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity

cont...



Friday 15th December	1.40- 2.55 Christmas Service Holy Cross Church
Tuesday 19th December	9-11 AK's Got Talent Christmas Special-children 3.15pm FOAKS Christmas Movie night
Wednesday 20th December	9am Heroes & Heroines End of Term 2