



Thursday 2nd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Shining Brightly:

We've had a super first couple of weeks back after half term. The Year 3 and 4 play rehearsals are well underway and the mock trial auditions for year 6 have also taken place.

Last week we had an amazing poet, Ash Dickson, in school who inspired the pupils to write poetry in his workshops and I saw instant impact by receiving some amazing poems! Ash has travelled the world working with children through to adults in many different settings and he treated our children and staff to his lyrical brilliance and great humour; it was inspirational. This visit was part of our world book day celebrations (we did it a week early as he could only do this date as he travels around the world).

We look forward to celebrating world book day on Friday 3rd March with a whole school 'Where's Wally' theme! I will share some photos with you after the event.

Wellbeing bookmarks. The wellbeing ambassadors and I have been really impressed with the amount your children have taken on board about the 5 ways to wellbeing. They demonstrated to us that they clearly understand them and how they benefit wellbeing and can now include them in their daily lives. I know many children have been delighted to earn their stretchy people and their orange wellbeing stars. We have the 5 ways to wellbeing for our staff team too, which is brilliant. Coming soon will be wellbeing Wednesdays and the ambassadors will be leading lunchtime activities focused on the 5 ways every Wednesday at lunch, they are planning and leading this.



I have been delighted to have worked with loads of pupils to help them set up lunch time clubs. Pupils from across the school come and speak with me at break and lunchtime and share their vision for a club. They then plan out a couple of sessions and the resources they need, announce in assembly and run their clubs. I offer a little or lots of support as required to enable the club to run well. It is a wonderful organic leadership opportunity for pupils of all ages to take part in and it really raises self-esteem (through leadership) and enjoyment for all. Clubs are run from 12.45-1.10pm daily and currently we have: drama, history, circuits, running, football, girls' skills football, mindfulness, art, computing and daily library and book club- all run by our pupils. Once these have run, we have many pupils coming forward with more ideas for clubs, it is something I love working with your children to provide.

Mrs. Crowley and I (as part of our diversity through music project) are currently organising 'Shine Fest' for a Friday 14th July, a picnic style music festival bringing the community together at AKPS and will release





the schedule as soon as we have it confirmed (we are involving many local choirs and bands and our wonderful FOAKS team are kindly offering various lovely food and refreshments for sale). Of course, our children will be singing and performing too, it will be a lovely Summer's evening of music celebration.

Also, with music and diversity, we are super excited to be organising an African musician to come and work with the children (kindly organised and donated by Josh Record, one of our parents - very kind of him). In addition, Josh is helping us to bring a rapper who is big in the music business (appropriate rapping workshops for our pupils) to further promote diversity in music and provide a workshop for the whole school and record a whole school rap which if we can get our timing right, we may have ready for 'Shine fest'. We are always working hard to find ways to embed diversity through music and make music accessible for all and inclusive. These are just a few more examples of our recent work.

For Science, we have an exciting virtual reality wild animal workshop booked for all classes on Monday 13th March. Mrs. Serle, our Science Leader was very excited to book this and we think it will appeal to our children and enrich our Science Curriculum.

We are working to include some really exciting enrichment days this year and have so far had the poet, gorilla, dinosaurs and these will be joined with the above diverse music projects and virtual reality Science. We are looking into a Brazilian Dance workshop for sports week too! All memorable enrichment events, all inclusive and at no additional cost to families and carefully linked to our Shine Curriculum to further deepen learning here at AKPS and really importantly, offer some really fun memorable opportunities for all of our pupils!

WIRE+ GOLD award achieved!

We were delighted to be given this award for our work in Widening Inclusivity in Religious Education, it is the highest award in this area. We work hard to teach children to understand and be respectful of all faiths all skillfully led by our RE lead Miss Thomas. We will be presented this award in our Heroes and heroines Assembly 9am on Thursday 30th March.

Stay and Share Dates

I really enjoyed seeing Year 3 and Year 6 had their stay and share sessions this week and year 1 the week before. It is brilliant to see the children having learning conversations with their parents and carers and sharing what they have been learning. Not only does this help parents to see what our children learn in detail but it also enables our children to take a pride in sharing their work and by talking about their learning it is another way of embedding it into their memories. Year 5 is next Monday at 2.45-3.15pm and Years R(9-9.30am) and 2 (2.45-3.15pm) are next Wednesday 8th March and then that is all classes done before parents evening. Your mid-year report for classes 1-6 will be out on Friday 10th March and parents evening online booking goes live from Monday for upcoming parents' evenings the week after. I'm still awaiting our final Ofsted report to share; I think they are on a delay getting reports published.

Your very proud Headteacher,
Mrs. Saville



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE





Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day – Where’s Wally
Monday 6 th March	2.45-3:15pm Class 5 Stay & Share
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Wednesday 8 th March	9-9:30am Reception class Stay & Share 2:45-3:15pm Class 2 Stay & Share
Friday 10 th March	Mid-year reports out to parents in Years 1-6
Monday 13 th March	Virtual Reality Wild Animal Science Experience day
Monday 13 th March until Thursday 16 th March	Parents evenings at AKPS throughout this week
Tuesday 21 st March	Year 6 Mock trials
Friday 24 th March	Class 5 ‘Opera Magic’ trip
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 3&4 Performance (time TBC)
Tuesday 29 th March	Tempest Photography – Whole class photos Year 3&4 Performance (time TBC)
Thursday 30 th March	9am Heroes and Heroines Including presentation of our WIRE+ Gold Award from the Diocese AK Choir Performance – The Lakes Care Centre
Friday 31 st March	3.15pm End of term 4
Monday 17 th April	8:45am Start of term 5

