

APLEY NEWS

Headteacher Message

It hasn't felt like Summer this week, with the chilly and very changeable weather we have experienced but it has still been a great week in school and we have been getting the children outside as much as possible. Please ensure they do bring a coat with them while the weather is so changeable.

I've seen some fantastic writing in Year 4 this week, they are enjoying the writing linked to their new History topic this term and Year 5 have created some amazing videos with the help of Mr Gerrie from Amazing ICT. Mrs Thorpe and I have also completed some pupil voice activities with groups of children from Year 2 to Year 6 and have been very impressed with how they talk about their learning and how to stay safe, in school, out of school and online. Please see the news page on the website for our monthly online safety newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone try out tennis skills next week. Miss Cassidy has arranged for all classes to spend some time with a tennis coach on either Monday or Tuesday. Please check the newsletter and class pages on the website to see which day they will need to wear their PE kit for this.

The Local Authority would appreciate the support of schools and families to enable all our children and young people to share their thoughts and experiences with them to help them understand what lockdown has been like for them. The link to complete the survey is included in the newsletter below.

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Headteacher award this week:



Simi B, Freya, Emanuel K, Nayil, Vanessa, Jackson H,
Finley H, Bethan, Taylor N, Koby, Max IC, Annabel G, Kenan,
Jack Do, Joseph P, Emmy, William K, Sophia S, Charlotte C
Freddie W, Avani, Shayaan, Ross M, Isobel, Ethan H

Wishing you all a lovely and hopefully, slightly warmer weekend!

Mrs Ellen Smith - Headteacher

Five ways to wellbeing

Connect...

Be active...

Take notice...

Keep learning...

Give...

Mental Health Awareness Week - 10th to 16th May

A tried and tested way of improving and maintaining good mental health is by following the 5 Steps to Mental Wellbeing as adopted by the NHS.

The theme of this year's Mental Health Week is Nature. Follow the website link below to find out more and discover some great suggestions for boosting the mental health of children. These can be used during Mental Health week, or at any time! Harold the giraffe will be picking up his pen and writing his diary every day of Mental Health Awareness Week, focusing on how nature has helped us over the last year! Take a look as there are some fabulous ideas and activities the whole family can share.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/mental-health-week-ideas-for-all-schools>



Telford & Wrekin Educational Psychology Service are calling on pupils across the Authority to ask what Covid-19 has been like for them and to find out what has helped pupils successfully return to school this Spring.

We would like the children to share their thoughts and experiences and help us understand what lockdown has been like for them. The feedback will help the National Institute of Clinical Excellence plan new guidelines to support children and young people's social and emotional wellbeing.

Please help this vital research by accessing the short questionnaire by following the link below. We are grateful for your help.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=_aUiR_ohqUGALqvdTNHwylTUICjioTdKpgAUetj0-WtUMjJEOTVPMVhaSFFKTTFFONFFSRkJTVfDSRI4u

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



Dates for your Diary

School Photos - Thursday 10th June



School photos will take place on the above date. They will include 2 class photographs; one formal and one more relaxed photo. There will also be individual year 6 headshots taken for their leavers books.

Please can you ensure that your child is full school uniform on that Thursday as PE will be rescheduled for another day in the week. Thank you.

DATE	EVENT
Monday 24th May	Reception Classes visit—Animal Magic
Friday 28th May	Pupils Break Up for Half Term
Monday 7th June	Pupils Return To School
Thursday 10th June	School Photos
7th, 8th, & 9th June	Arthog Outreach for Yr 4 AM
7th, 8th, & 9th June	Arthog Outreach for Yr 3 PM
14th, 15th, & 16th June	Arthog Outreach for Yr 4 AM
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May's Value of the Month is...

Self-awareness
- to know your own thoughts and feelings and be aware of how others may see you.

Car Park Access

Please can we remind parents/carers that the school car park is for staff members and those who have been given authorised access only.



The car park is also a one way system. Concerns have been raised regarding children and parents on the car park in the morning as staff arrive. Your safety is a priority. Please access parking across the road and be mindful and respectful of local residents when parking.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Woodland Warrior



Zach in B12 is really into saving the environment and he and his sister went litter picking over the Easter holidays. During that time, he applied to be a Shropshire Young Influencer and he has been successful! It's a scheme run by the Shropshire Wildlife Trust intended to allow young people to work together to take action within Shropshire, encouraging children to develop and deliver their own environmental project. There were only 20 children selected and he has his first meeting next month!

If you are interested in finding out more, visit their website at:

<https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk>

Shropshire Wildlife Trust



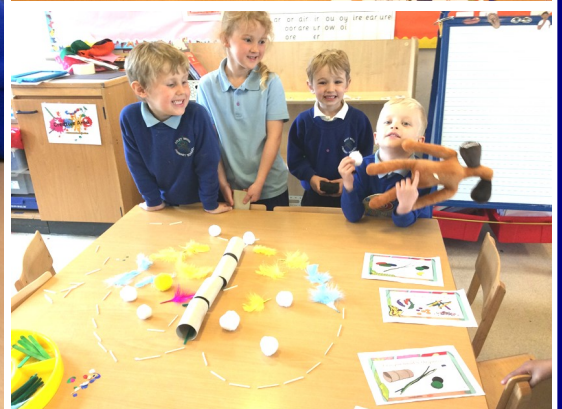
Special Effects and More!

Base 14 had a fabulous afternoon with Mr Gerrie from Amazing ICT. They used three apps to create "reverse action" videos as part of their video editing unit. We were hugely impressed with their edited videos, packed full of effects. Fantastic work Base 14!



Living and Growing

Reception are waiting very patiently and observing any changes that happen to our hungry caterpillars! We have also been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly and we used loose parts to create the different stages.





“An audience with Dean Beadle”

We are excited to welcome Dean to join us for two virtual events – he will talk about his experiences and knowledge of Autism and with an emphasis on support for changes post COVID including transitions back into school and college, support for emotional health and wellbeing and sensory needs of autistic people.

Tuesday 11th May 10.30am-12.30pm or 7pm-9pm

FREE to Telford & Wrekin PODS members

please use this link to book a place (day or evening)

or call Jayne on 0777 534 2092 or email jayne@podstelford.org

<https://podsaudiencewithdeanbeadle.eventbrite.co.uk>



Dean Beadle has toured the UK for over fourteen years sharing his experiences of being autistic. He has also delivered keynotes in Ireland, Denmark, Belgium and Germany as well as undertaking four seminar tours of Australia and New Zealand. Through his humorous and insightful speeches Dean outlines his positive outlook on being autistic, and challenges negative public attitudes. In 2011 Dean's work was brought to a wider audience, as a clip of one of his speeches was viewed globally on YouTube. In recent years he has also become an in demand inset trainer and delivers training to staff across the UK. To date Dean has delivered over 800 keynotes, lectures and training sessions.

We look forward to welcoming you to our free online event.

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Changes to Relationship and

Sex Education (RSE) Requirements

The Department for Education (DFE) has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE), which is part of our PSHE program of study. These changes will come into effect from the summer term 2021 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. As part of this, we have reviewed our RSE and PSHE curriculum offer and our RSE policy so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils.

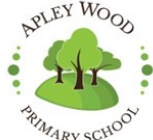
Please view the PSHE page of our school website where you can:

- Take the opportunity to view our updated RSE policy and curriculum progression document for RSE and PSHE.
- View the Respect Yourself scheme of work noting which lessons you will now be able to withdraw your child from (highlighted in yellow).
- Complete a questionnaire in order for your feedback to be captured.

Your feedback is much appreciated



Lunchtime Supervisors Awards



Congratulations to the following children who have received a Lunchtime Supervisor Award this week.

This week's children have been nominated by our wonderful lunchtime team for some great reasons such as making great choices at play time, for following school rules, for being helpful to the Lunchtime Supervisors, and for being kind to other children.

Jacob B, Hermione, Karson, Jack Do, Alfie I, Finley H, Andreea S,

Jasmin, Isabella H, Jack Du, Freya, Harper, Wayne, and Keisha

Well done to everyone who received an award this week!