



Ab Kettleby Announcer

Message from Steve Nash, the headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a really busy half term, with the children getting immersed in their 'Here and Now' topic. There has been lots of geography and history learning going on – they have been learning about Ab Kettleby, the school and their place in the local area.

Since I started in October I have been so impressed by the manners and politeness shown by the children, as well as their efforts in their learning. This really is a lovely school full of lovely children.

Have a restful half term break, and we shall see you on Monday 24th February.

And please remember to come and chat to me or any of the staff if you want to share anything – things you're concerned about, things you're happy about or anything else!

Steve

If you'd like to join the FOAKS and help raise money for the children in school please see the office, who can give you all the details. It really won't take up too much of your time if you join!

Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week (3rd – 7th February) children learnt ways to be positive and look after their mental health. Here's a great picture of some of the mental health messages Class 3 wrote on the playground to try and spread the word.



Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%. Please make sure children are in school every day that they are able – it makes such a positive difference to their learning! Be in school and on time – the gates close at 8:55am so don't be late!



Friends Of Ab Kettleby School (FOAKS)

Thank you so much to every member of FOAKS parents and teacher group who has helped raise money so far this term – you are all fantastic, and it is a huge help to the children! Thanks too if you were able to support any of the events.

Sport

There has been a lot of sport and competition going on this half term. First up was the internal Ab Kettleby house versus house Boccia competition. Boccia is an exciting game similar to bowls, where the children try to bowl a ball to land as close to a target ball (the Jack) as possible.

Some children in key stage 2 (so Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) also got to take part in the Sportsability competition, where they tried lots of different sports. We even came 2nd overall and won the kurling, so will go on to represent Melton & Belvoir at the next level!

There was also a Y5/6 swimming gala where the children competed against other schools and did themselves proud!



Judo proved popular too; here's class 1 having a session with the coach.

Safer Internet Day

The children also learnt how to stay safe online for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February, doing lots of fun activities to help them have fun online and look after themselves.

See the school website for parent specific information and child specific information on such an important topic.

There was also the Little Springers gymnastics club running after school which was very well attended. The children learnt lots of gymnastics skills. There was even a competition that some of the children attended, where they used their professional equipment and performed like superstars!



Rutland Water trip

The children recently got to spend the day at Rutland Water learning about wildlife and nature, and how we can protect them. They also took part in Activities like bird Watching and scavenger hunt, so had lots of (sometimes muddy!) fun.



A load of runners also represented the school at cross country, going to Ratcliffe College to run against hundreds of other children.



Dates for your diary

Start of spring term 2:
Monday 24th February 2020



Parents' evenings:
Monday 2nd March (3:30-6:30pm)
and
Wednesday 4th March (3:30-5pm)

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March 2020

Sport Relief:
Friday 13th March 2020

End of spring term 2:
Friday 3rd April 2020

Start of summer term 1:
Monday 20th April 2020

Year 4,5,6 residential trip to Dukes Barn, Derbyshire
Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July 2020