

Newsletter

October 2024

Attendance

As you all know here at Aqueduct we are passionate about our student's attendance. New rules relating to attendance and term time holidays came into force from 19th August 2024, please refresh yourself on these new rules on the attached [Attendance letter](#).

Each week our classes have a competition to see who had the best attendance - the class with the overall winning attendance each term wins a voucher to spend on items of their choice!

Results so far.....

- Week 1 (4.9.24 - 6.9.24) - Class 10NL with 100%
- Week 2 (9.9.24 - 13.9.24) - Class 7MA with 98.52%
- Week 3 (16.9.24 - 20.9.24) - Class 6AP with 99.17%
- Week 4 (23.9.24 - 27.9.24) - Class 3SM with 97.78%
- Week 5 (30.9.24 - 4.10.24) - Class 7MA with 99.26%

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Billy Bear's Birthday Lunch

Billy Bear had a wonderful Birthday lunch last week! He enjoyed a birthday lunch of pizza, hot dogs and jelly and ice cream with the children!

Thank you to everyone who entered the Birthday Hat competition! All of the hats were so good that Billy Bear had a very hard time picking his favourites!





School Photos



The School Photography Company will be attending on Thursday 17th October 2024 to take individual school photographs and sibling photographs. If you would like photos with siblings who are not in school you are welcome to come to the school hall from 8:30am to 9:15am on the day. Siblings within school will have photos during the school day.

Please can all children come to school on this date in their full school uniform. If your child normally has PE on this day, please send a pair of trainers in their bag for their PE lesson.

After School Clubs



Thank you for all of the suggestions for clubs you would like to see in the Spring term. So far we have had suggestions of choir, cooking, gardening, theatre/dance, football, archery, tennis, chess and much more. All suggestions will be looked at.

Please remember that all Autumn clubs are still available to book on Arbor.



School Admissions

A reminder that it is the time of year to look at applying for Primary and Secondary school places.

Applications can be made via the [Telford & Wrekin website](#). Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by 31 October 2024. Reception places must be done by 15 January 2025.

If you know anyone who will be starting primary school in September 2025 please tell them about our Open Evening that will take place on Wednesday 20th November from 5:30 to 7:00pm!



Prospective 2025 Reception Parents

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 20th November

5:30-7:00pm

Please take a look at our website

www.aqueductprimary.co.uk

'Starting School'

If you would like to make an appointment to view the school

please call

01952 984980



Staffing news

It is with sadness that we have to inform you that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Haynes one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants on 25th October and Miss Register our Sports Leader on 16th October. Both are leaving to pursue different career paths. We would like to thank them both for everything they have done during their time here with us at Aqueduct,. Both will be missed huge amounts by not only the children but also the staff.



Baby News



Mrs Jones (in Reception) will be going on maternity leave on 11th October. We will miss Mrs Jones while she is off and are all looking forward to meeting the new baby when they arrive!



In other exciting baby news we are happy to announce that Miss Bates gave birth to her beautiful baby girl Sadie in September. Both Mom and baby are doing well.

Fundraising

We have lots of exciting fundraising activities coming up over the coming months. We are raising money towards the cost of Reception's visit to Wonderland and the Year 1 to 6 visit to the pantomime at Telford International Centre! This will keep the costs as low as possible.

As well as Billy Bear's Hat Competition and the Halloween disco's that will take place on Wednesday 23rd October, we are also hoping to hold a Christmas Games/Craft night and a Christmas raffle.



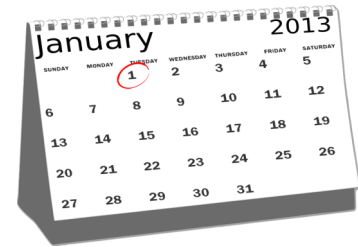
**ROCK
STEADY**

IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!



ROCK STEADY music lessons take place at school every Monday.

There are still places available. If your child would like to do these lessons please contact [Rock Steady](#).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 17th October - Whole school photos
Wednesday 23rd October - KS1 Halloween Disco 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 23rd October - KS2 Halloween Disco 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - HALF TERM
Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Parental Consultations
Tuesday 19th November - Reception Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 20th November - New Reception Open Evening 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December - Reception trip to Wonderland
Thursday 19th December - Year 1 to 6 trip to the Pantomime
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025 - PD Day (School closed to pupils)

A full copy of our term and holiday dates is available on our school website.

**Aqueduct
Primary Academy**

Building tomorrow,
leading the way

Pupil Premium Support Programme

Supporting under-resourced pupils with preparing
for 11+ exams and Key Stage 2 learning

Free 11+ preparation and KS2 learning support

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We're pleased to let you know that Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School has partnered with [Atom Learning](#), a leading 11+ preparation and Key Stage 2 learning website, to provide free KS2 learning and 11+ support to primary school children in the area who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).

What is Atom Home?

Atom Home is an online learning and exam preparation platform for ages 7-11, designed to build children's confidence with Key Stage 2 learning objectives and familiarise them with the style of questions they may see in the 11+.

Covering English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning, children can practice 11+ questions and explore learning resources, mock tests, video tutorials, and exam preparation materials.

How can you get access?

For pupil premium: If you know someone whose child is preparing for the 11+, or is in need of extra Key Stage 2 learning support, please share this link with them: <https://atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/adamsgs>. After completing the form on this page, their primary school office will receive a notification to verify their pupil premium eligibility. Once confirmed by their school, their Atom Home account will be created.

For non-pupil premium: There is a five-day free trial of Atom available.

If you would like to find out more, please email pupilpremium@atomlearning.com.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kate Hibbs
Head of Outreach

Believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals?

It's quick and easy to apply online at [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#) (www.gov.uk), but if you need any help, our school office is happy to support you through the process.