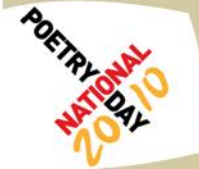




▶ *The last DoE expedition of 2010—details inside...*



▶ *Come along and join the fun...details inside!*



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Action Adeyfield

THE NEWSLETTER OF ADEYFIELD SCHOOL
OCTOBER 2010

Letter from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write House Competitions are in full swing. You will be aware there are five Houses at Adeyfield: Aldbury, Batchwood, Leavesden, Shenley and Westbrooke.

Students are allocated to a House on entry to the school and each House is led by a member of staff. The system is coordinated by Mr Larman. Activities this week have included football and netball and the events have been organised by the PE department. There are other events throughout the year and prizes include the winning House being allowed to go straight to the front of the dinner queue! Keep an eye on the events, get to know who is the House leader and there are good prizes to win throughout the year. The idea is to provide students with more responsibility and engender a healthy spirit of competition across the school.

The school community has always been very generous towards charities and good causes. Over the years we have supported Children in

Need, DENS, the Poppy Appeal, Strip for Shelter and recently Jeans for Genes. Money from non uniform days goes towards these needy causes. The most recent event for Jeans for Genes raised £595. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Other causes which will benefit from future appeals include the Breast Cancer Wear it Pink Charity, Pakistan Flood Appeal and the World Challenge Adventure being organised by the Sixth Form.

With Halloween and Guy Fawkes rapidly approaching please remind students of the need to take extra care. The school does much to stress safeguarding including this week in assemblies when the theme was e-safety. Please stress to children the importance of taking extra care in the evenings.

The Year 7 and KS4 evenings were well attended last week. Thank you for your support. With Academic Review Day coming up at the end of November this is an excellent opportunity for all parents to find out how well students are doing in their subjects.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support with school uniform and attendance. These basic issues are very

important to us as a school.

A reminder that school closes for half term this Friday 22 October. We finish at 3.00pm. School reopens on Monday 1 November at the normal time. Have a nice break.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Hepburn
Headteacher

Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Please remember:

If you have an issue, concern or complaint about any aspect of our work please contact Mrs Rawlings (Head's PA) on 01442 406020.

All matters will be treated with the upmost confidentiality.

Please remember...
'our door is always open'




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Diary Dates 2010/2011

AUTUMN TERM 2010	
Inset Day	Thursday 2 September
New intake & 6th Form only	Friday 3 September
Term begins Yrs 7-11 & 13	Monday 6 September
Term begins Yr 12	Thursday 9 September
School Photographer	Tuesday 12 October
Half Term	Monday 25 October—Friday 29 October
Academic Review Day I	Wednesday 24 November (4.00pm-7.00pm)
Academic Review Day I	Thursday 25 November (8.30am-1.00pm) School closes 1.00pm
Occasional Day	Friday 26 November
Term Ends	Friday 17 December (1.00pm)

SPRING TERM 2011	
Inset Day	Tuesday 4 January
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 January
Half Term	Monday 21 February—Friday 25 February
Term Ends	Friday 8 April (1.00pm)

SUMMER TERM 2011	
Easter Monday	Monday 25 April
Inset Day	Tuesday 26 April
Term Starts	Wednesday 27 April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May
Half Term	Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June
Term Ends	Friday 22 July (1.00pm)



Choir runs every Monday lunchtime in the main music room (room 59) in the music block. We are currently preparing for the forthcoming musical soiree to be held at Christmas time.

We sing Pop, R 'n' B and anything else that the students want to sing...

...so come along and join in the fun!

Do you dread wrapping your Christmas presents? Don't worry - help is at hand...



If you are a member of staff and would like us to take care of this annual burden, then contact Justine Raymond or Jess Davies in the sixth Form Common Room.

- Small—per 5 = starting at £2.50
- Medium—per 5 = starting at £3.50
- Large—per 5 = starting at £5.00 (includes bows & ribbons etc)

Money raised will go to World Challenge Expedition.

The dedicated absence line number is:



01442 234195



The next meeting will be on...

Wednesday 3rd November at 7.00pm

Everyone is welcome!

Please ring Mrs Camp if you require more details on: **01442 406020**

REMINDER:
Final ski payment is due by:
5th November 2010



Parent Notices



Adeyfield School Uniform

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support in sending your children into school in full school uniform.

However, as the winter months approach can I remind you that pupils can **only** wear a black v-neck jumper **under** the blazer. Cardigans and hoodies are not allowed. We also request that pupils wear an outdoor garment **over** the blazer rather than underneath it.

I would also like to ask for your help with the length of girls skirts. Please ensure that the skirts are no shorter than 5cm above the knee.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that badges and ties are now in stock and can be purchased from Reception (ties £4, badges £3).

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Karen Howard (Deputy Head)

Extreme Hairstyles

While we encourage students to express their individuality, hair shaved into patterns and/or shaved extremely short is **NOT** appropriate for the classroom. Shaved hair should be no shorter than a 'grade 2' and hair must not be dyed unnatural colours (e.g. pink). We would ask for parents' cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

On sale in Reception



School Badges
£3.00



School Ties
£4.00



Important Safety Notice!

Please note that if you are dropping off or collecting your sons/daughters by car then you **should not** drive into the school car park. Inevitably it means that a child is walking in the car park, which is a safety risk.

Please drop off in Longlands, clear of the zig-zag lines and near to either of the two pedestrian gates which have been provided as part of the Safer Routes to School initiative. You can then arrange for a safe section of Longlands to meet and collect in after school.

Thank you.



HOUSE NEWS... House DARTS Competition RESULTS

After a week of darts flying the winning house were **Leavesden!** Congratulations to all those who took part. We saw some excellent darts from Luke Davies 10S, Ellie Chapman 7B who was playing solo and was an excellent ambassador for her house and Adam Sarginson 11L. Also a huge thank you to Mr Hall who was a superb caller!



Music Tuition – 2010/11

Adeyfield School are able to offer a wide variety of music lesson to our pupils.

Currently available in school...

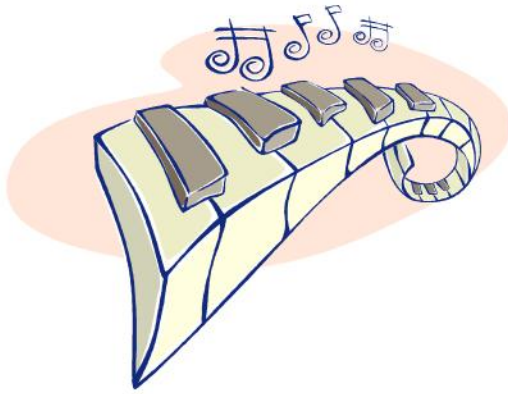
Piano/Keyboard

Guitar (Electric, Acoustic & Bass)

Drums

Voice

(Additional instrumental tuition can be arranged if there is sufficient interest)



These lessons take place during the school day. Wherever possible lessons are rota'd to avoid missing the same timetabled lesson each week. Rota's are displayed on the Music Notice Board and students are expected to arrive to lessons on time. Tutors should provide students with a free practice book and an annual report will be sent home at the end of each academic year.

The cost of these lessons to are: £100 per term for a 20 minute individual lesson or £75 per term for a 15 minute individual lesson. *These costs have been significantly subsidised by the school.*

If you are eligible for free school meals then you may be entitled to remission of music fees. You will need to apply directly to Hertfordshire County Council by contacting;

Customer Service Team on 0300 123 4048 asking for "Help with Music Fees"
Or visiting www.hertsdirect.org.uk and complete the "How Can We Help" form.

Further information, Terms & Conditions and Application Forms are available from school.



Somerset Expedition – October 2010

It was quite a rush to get everyone ready for this, the last, DoE expedition of 2010. On Thursday 7th October 2010 we climbed aboard the school minibuses and headed to the Mendip Hills in Somerset. With us were some students completing their Bronze Award and some students learning the ropes for the first time on a Gold practice. After a year in which the weather had not been kind to us on expedition, we looked carefully at the weather forecasts and, we were looking forward eagerly to a promised "Indian summer". It was fairly warm and the sun did break through the clouds on occasion creating glorious views across Somerset but the rain that has haunted us throughout 2010 turned up at some inopportune moments. This was not really a problem for the walkers, in fact it was quite refreshing, but it did cause problems with packing away wet kit. The students talked keenly of their achievements, reaching the top of Beacon Batch and Wavering Down as well as walking down through Velvet Bottom and on to Cheddar Gorge. All the students covered distances in the region of 15-20 miles on their hikes over the 3 days we were in the Mendip Hills. In the evenings the students sat talking around a camp fire and preparing their own meals. Many students were so exhausted after

their adventure that they slept on the journey home as we drove carefully back up the M4 towards London. The next expedition is going to be in April (7th - 9th) and this is quite exciting because for us it will be a completely new expedition location. We will be heading to the Peak District. This expedition will be open to students in year 12 as a gold practice and to students in year 10 as a Bronze Final. For all students involved in DoE at Adeyfield there is a facebook group called "ADoE" (it's fairly easy to find) this is full of photos from all the schools expeditions. Information about DoE at Adeyfield can be found on the school website (Student or Parent Zones, Extra-curricular, DoE). If you are a parent of a student doing DoE please encourage them to complete the paperwork. Many students do complete the sections but don't get their awards because they do not complete the paperwork.

**Nick Larman ML
Award Leader**





Home is where the heart is on National Poetry Day.

Year 7 answered the question: *What is a Home?* Their answer was the creation of a home and a poem about their home.

Each group was given a box of goodies and their task was to turn it into a fabulous home. It was Blue Peter meets literary genius when students turned their attentions to the poem.

Prizes were awarded to the best home and poem in each English class and then an overall winner was decided by Ms Ellis and Mrs Camp.

Here are some comments about the day:

What did you like best about the day?

"Building our home because it was fun"

"We had fun working together as a team, completing the video and performing our poem"

"Making the house, no lessons and getting chocolate"

What materials did you use on your home?

"Cardboard box, coloured card, wall paper, string, sequins, tissue paper, plastic containers, fabric, pipe cleaners and magazines"

What made your home special?

"Building an upstairs and having a pool"

"It was a home not a house!"

"It was very arty"

"The snake tyre swing, the children and the curtains"

The best comment of the day was from Miss Cracknell: **"I am having soooooo much fun!"**

The winning groups were:

Charlotte Major, Bradley Flegg, Grace Stanhope and Addison Petrie from Miss Fisher's class
Louis Smith, Damien Cameron, Oliver Cooper, John Fletcher and Will Bunce from Miss Cracknell's class.

Lauren Clynes, Melissa O'Dell, Zana Hall, Mihela Petre, Sam Hosier, Tom McDonagh, Billy Wood, Conor Green, Jamie McMullen and Ali Saeed from Miss Clegg's class.

Dilara Budak, Taylor Sindells, Gideon Fosu, Facial Benaziza from Miss Craddock's class.

The winning team were Sophie Greafield, Alex Renny, Megan Carden, Louise Hansford from Mrs Bristow's class!

A big thank you goes to all the English teachers and the TAs that worked with the students on the day.