



Next Two Weeks

3rd - 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
13th February	School Early Finish 2pm

In Our Classrooms

We are encouraging our students to be able to articulate their thinking and structure their talk in class to best vocalise their thoughts. Staff are encouraging students to 'Say it again...say it better' as a way of expanding their academic vocabulary and phrasing. Not only will good Oracy skills support students' learning, it will also support them to be more confident speakers outside of the classroom.

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Children's Mental Health Week - We have registration activities all week, which have been designed by our students. Years 9-13 also have a Mental Health UK workshop with external speakers on Wednesday 5th February. For Year 7/8 there are additional assemblies held by our Wellbeing Lead.

Attendance - When Students dip below 90% attendance, they are seen as **Persistently Absent** from school. We want to work with you on ensuring students are in school; this requires parents working with us closely, which is why we have a dedicated attendance team. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please email yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk for year 7 - 11 or sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk for Year 12/13.

Other Key Dates

11th February	Safer Internet Day
17th - 21st February	February Half Term
27th February	Year 12 Parents' Evening (Online)
6th March	World Book Day
8th March	International Women's Day
10th - 14th March	British Science Week

Operations Updates

Items available to purchase from KS4 Canteen.

- Replacement ID badges can be ordered - £2 (collection is from the Library, the following day)
- Replacement lanyard - £1.25
- Lanyard holder - 45p

Items available to purchase from the 'SNACK BOX':

- Replacement ID badges can be ordered - £2 (collection is from the Library, the following day)
- Replacement lanyard - £1.25
- Lanyard holder - 45p
- Black pens - 16p each
- Pencils - 16p each
- Sharpeners - 10p each
- Erasers - 10p each

The amounts will be deducted from your child's WisePay account.

You Said, We Did

Thank you to everyone that completed the communication survey feedback.

You Said	We Did
The layout was too cluttered and the events and key dates needed to be highlighted if changes were made.	We have made changes to the layout of our Key Dates and Next Two Weeks to make them stand out more.
The 'What's been happening' Page was too cluttered.	We have changed the design of this page, to make it clearer and easier to view.
There needs to be more Sixth Form specific content.	We will now include a Sixth Form specific News page in every other issue of LiFE at Ashby.

What's been happening...

Team Leicestershire Netball Grand Finals

On Monday the Grand Finals were held at Loughborough University Netball Centre. The event had qualified Umpires, scorers and match timers provided courtside. Mrs G-C announced the girls onto the court by position and they jogged in with the crowd clapping them in. The game had 4 quarters of 7 minutes, with us unfortunately losing to St Martins. It was a very exciting, professional and high pressured event and we scored some blunders! The girls worked extremely hard and gave it 110%, with lots of support from the crowd. There were great tactical decisions by Mrs G-C and the girls responded well to the feedback provided. It was the first ever KS3 NWL representative for Netball. Thanks to Ashby Netball club who let us borrow their Netball dresses. All of the girls received a Silver Medal and we are all really proud of them!



Pizza Party Reward

After winning the Golden Ticket at the Rewards Assembly, some of our Year 7s enjoyed a Pizza Party Reward last week



Yr 8/9 Futsal

On Wednesday we played at Ivanhoe School against other NWL schools to find a representative to go through to the next round. The first game we played against Ivanhoe and drew 2-2. The second game we played against Castle Rock and lost 1-0 and the third game we played against Newbridge and lost 1-0. The girls took it in turn to play the position of Goalkeepers and rotated between game. They were; Esme, Millie, and Molly. There were great individual battles on the court and they're looking stronger every time they play together but unfortunately we will need to wait for next year to try again.



Rewards Breakfast

8Y had a fantastic form breakfast last week as a reward for them being quiz geniuses



KS4 Futsal update

Playing to represent NWL in the next round,. In game 1 we lost to Newbridge 5-1. Eva scored first and Elizabeth saved multiple tricky shots, but Newbridge utilised their quick feet and powerful shots to win. In game 2 we drew to Castle Rock 1-1. They went up 1-0 but we showed good resilience and strength with Isobel scoring to equal the playing field. The girls had good support from spectators on the bench. They demonstrated the 3 R's when rotating substitutes and when the ball went out of play. Unfortunately we won't get to play Futsal again until next academic year but we're looking forward to playing in our 11-a-side fixture after half term.

