



Aspley Guise Village School

Growing Together, Aiming High

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We used our new book vending machine last week for the first time. The first children to win a book were: Mark, Evie and Jack

Jack was randomly chosen from our brain growers and values winners for the week. Every week we will chose a child this way. Evie and Mark were randomly chosen from all the children who'd shown a commitment to reducing our energy usage this month. This was a specific challenge which will change over the course of a year.

Eco News

Street Tag

We are holding our own in the big league but, if we're to finish top we'll need more followers. Currently Meppershall are beating us- and that's because they have nearly twice as many on their team! Please do consider joining Street Tag if you haven't already. I've attached the joining letter.

For those who are already on Street Tag, did you know you can synch your smart watch to pick up points for your steps? Also, you can refresh tags every hour. And you can set "Power Hour" in the Playground section to pick up double points.

Plastic Free Schools: Zero Waste Lunchboxes

Most one-time plastic that comes into our school is associated with food. For families that provide their child a packed lunch, have you wondered how much in the lunchbox is going to go in a bin?

As part of our commitment to being a plastic free school, the Eco Team undertook an audit of lunchboxes today. There were 75 pieces of plastic in total- and that's just today! Every lunchbox had some form of single use plastic in it. The worst offender had 6 plastic items in them, all going in the bin.

As a parent myself, I understand the pressures associated with wanting children to have a healthy lunch and the time associated with preparation. However, there are some simple things you can do that can reduce the amount of plastic in lunchboxes:



<https://thesourcebulkfoods.co.uk/blogs/zero-waste/4-ways-to-create-healthy-plastic-free-lunchboxes#:~:text=Pre%2Dcut%20vegetables%20like%20carrot,easy%20use%20during%20the%20week.>

<https://www.asustainablelife.co.uk/zero-waste-lunchbox-ideas/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/11-best-no-waste-packed-lunch-solutions>

We've found that in our house, we not only now have less plastic waste, we save money as well.

Area	Winners/Commendation
House Cup	St. David
Growing Your Brain Challenge Showing a growth mindset means exhibiting several traits – perseverance, determination, creativity and adaptability to name but a few. Children are selected on the basis of having shown growth mindset characteristics when faced with a particular challenge. They may come home and say, “I was a Go-For-It-Grasshopper!”	Oak: Albie for being a Creative Chameleon making a 3d caterpillar with construction. Ash: Cassiain for being a Go for it Grasshopper in English and deepening the moment when writing his instructions. Elm: Fleur for being a Go for it Grasshopper in her reading! Willow: Mila for being a Go for it Grasshopper with learning time this week Cedar: Jack for being a Proud Peacock when completing his sketching in art.
Values Award: Responsibility This is awarded to children who have demonstrated the value. (Following Monday’s assembly, they will have made good choices.)	Oak: Amelie for talking about how we need to be responsible for looking after our planet by looking after bees. Ash: Freya for showing responsibility by helping to plug in the iPads at the end of the day. Elm: William G for being responsible for our school. He chose to litter pick during his playtime as he had noticed some litter around the field. Willow: Grace for always taking responsibility for her items and her learning. Cedar: Holly for being responsible with remembering her class jobs and always having the correct equipment so she is ready to learn.
Street Tag results for the week As part of our Healthy Living Campaign, we encourage you to take regular walks/exercise. (it’s never too late to join us!). Using the Street Tag app wins prizes for the school.	Our positions in the league: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meppershall 2.8M 2. Aspley Guise 2.64M 3. Biggleswade Academy 2.6M

Up and Coming

New: Presentation to Parents - Wednesday 24th May at 7pm at AGVS

Proposed Planning Application by Greensand Properties for Land South of Bedford Road - School Access and New Pre-school Building

Following on from the withdrawn planning application from last year, we have recently heard from the landowner regarding their plans to submit a revised planning application. The proposals include a new access road for the school from Bedford Road and a new Pre-School building along with open space and enabling residential development. The Governing Body has been consulted and has agreed for the school to host a presentation to parents which will provide details of what is being proposed and an opportunity to ask questions.

This is a very significant matter for the school and we would encourage you to come along on the 24th May to find out first hand what is being proposed.

Friday 26th May - last day before half term

Monday 5th June - school recommences

New: Thursday 29th June- Author visit: Paula Harrison

Paula will be visiting Elm, Willow and Cedar pupils. Please see the attached order details if you wish to order a copy of her new book. Please pay via SchoolMoney and return the form by **Tuesday 6th June 2023**. Thank you Mrs Farrell for your help to organise this event.

Gardening Club

Our wheelbarrow has seen better days and needs replacing! If you are in the position to donate, purchase or have any connections with a company that can provide a new wheelbarrow, please contact the school office. The Gardening Club would be very grateful of your support as they aim for their next Gardening award.

Childrens' Centre SEND May Half Term Activities 2023

[See](#) what is on offer this half term for SEND children, young people and their families.

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Value: Responsibility

Who's responsible for looking after the environment? Businesses? Politicians? Climatologists? Whilst they all should play their part, actually- it begins with us and our own behaviours. Several children in the school now have the litter picking bug and have been out and about over the last week. They just want to make a difference.

What can you do to help save our planet? After all, we only have one.

Kind regards



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