



'The Aspin Owler'

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Reports – Friday 5th April

Today you should receive your child's second report of the year, which is a reflection of their year thus far, with a particular focus upon the spring term, and since our last parents meetings early in January. In reality these meetings should come at the start of the summer term, however with Easter being so late, the parents meetings would also be too late. I sent you a letter to accompany the first report, which I have copied below;

'We are looking forward to our structured conversations next week, when we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and share how they can be supported both at home and at school. In the meeting, as well as sharing how your child is feeling about school plus any concerns, the discussion will be based on how your child is progressing across the curriculum.

We will share with you exactly what your child has achieved in the last term and what they need to do to meet or exceed 'Age Related Expectations' in Y1-6, or the 'Early Learning Goals' in Foundation. This means that if your child is falling behind or not achieving their potential, you will be aware of it more quickly and we can make sure all possible support is in place. Your child's end of year attainment across the whole curriculum will be completed in the summer term report.

We want to make our reports as useful and informative as possible and so you will see that all three terms are included. The feedback from each term will be completed over the course of the year. If your child is not on track to achieve Age Related Expectations, this will be shown as 'Towards'. This ensures that we have had the chance to cover the whole curriculum and can report achievements in all subjects.

The report also provides information about your child's attendance. The national average for attendance is 96%. Above this figure is judged as good and between 99% – 100% is judged as excellent. If your child's attendance is below the national figure, this may be a cause for concern for us to discuss further.'

Y3's Night at the Museum

Yesterday Y3 families were treated to the Y3 performance of the 'Night at the Museum' which saw 'Miss Manage' trying to replace a prehistoric display surrounding the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages with a new display on Brexit! Luckily through the medium of song and drama Miss Manage changed her mind! It was lovely to see Y3 in the spotlight, almost exactly halfway through their Aspin journey. We moved the Y3 performance back from Christmas to relieve the pressure on the hall timetables at that time, but also to ensure Y3 had their chance to shine. And shine they did, well done to all – it was a great event.

Parental Questionnaires

At last year's Spring Term Parents Meetings we asked parents to complete an annual Parental Questionnaire which is always a useful exercise for any school as they move forward. We are always happy to take on any feedback, and use this to shape further developments as best as we can and this will be the case again this time. Two thirds of the way through the year is the best time to do this, as we look forward to the new year in 19/20 but are able to reflect on the work done to date. **We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire whilst you are waiting for your appointment** and we will give you the results of these when we return after the Easter holidays.

Assemblies

My thanks to Y2, 4MR and FN for presenting to the school in recent assemblies. The confidence levels shown in the Y3 performance was reflected in these assemblies, and they all deserve credit for their efforts.

Parents Meeting Times

A reminder as to when your Parents Meetings are next week, hopefully you will have managed to sign up by now.
Monday 8th – Y3 & Y5 (During the day)
Tuesday 9th – Foundation, Y2 & Y6 (During the day)
Wednesday 10th – Y1 & Y4 (During the day), all year groups in the evening. All meetings during the day will be in Abbey Hall, with KS2 evening appointments in Fountains Hall.

Sporting Endeavours

Well done to our Netballers who have performed really well again this year, in winning the Knaresborough Netball tournament, with some of their toughest opposition coming from our other Aspin side! They performed admirably again in the District Finals last week, but were pipped ultimately by Pannal, you can't win every year, but we were doing a good job of it! My thanks as ever to Miss Shutt, whose dedication to the cause is second to none. We also hosted an Orienteering and Change for Life Event at Aspin last week, which was very popular, thanks to Miss Phillips and Mr Riley, and the other staff who supported the children.

Sadly the KS1 football tournament was cancelled due the weather this week – I like several of our Y2's – was always gutted when this happened to me at school!

Next Newsletter

I'll write a final newsletter of the term next week, with community messages added in to the mix, as we have a lot having been sent into us. For now enjoy the last week of term, and don't forget that we break up for Easter on **Friday 12th April at 2.30**, children returning to school on **Tuesday 30th April**.

Aspin Harmony

I was not in school last week to celebrate Health and Well Being Day, which was I believe was a very special day – including the Silent Disco! Aspin Harmony (our very talented choir) also had a very special day as their recent hard work in rehearsals was justified in their participation in the Kids Aloud Concert at the Royal Hall. They were brilliantly behaved and sung superbly, which is a credit to them, their school and their families. My thanks to Miss Hunt and Mrs Darvill in particular for the time and effort they put in to all concerned with the choir, it is greatly appreciated by myself and parents I am sure. To all other staff that have volunteered to support them, my thanks to you too.

Leaving Aspin

Since my letter went out on Tuesday informing you of my leaving Aspin this summer, I have met several parents and grandparents who have wished me well. I have been very grateful for these comments, and I am sure there will be many occasions to say good bye over the next four months, I might even throw in a final Quiz if there is the demand, and take a final opportunity to 'allow' you to put a 'pound in my bucket!'