



# ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

7th Feb 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week began with the open the book assembly, a Christian group who share well known stories from the Bible. In recent years we have been fortunate to be visited by a number of people from different faiths, but we are keen to invite more. If you have a contact who would be willing to come in and talk to the children about their religion please get in touch with Miss Lockwood or myself.

On Tuesday, the Girls football team played in the Watford FC Premier League, Primary Stars Tournament at the Watford Training Ground. It was a very strong field drawing teams across South Herts and they played fantastically well, winning 2 losing 2, and drawing the other 3 of their games. It was a great experience with several Watford players coming over to say hello. Well played to all the team.

Also on Tuesday, a group of 8 Year 3 children went to the St Albans Speed Stacking competition at STAGs. They did extremely well - both Halid and Livi finishing 3rd place in the individual events and the whole team put in a great performance. Well done!

Also this week, the netball team were in action against Prae Wood. The team played very well narrowly losing to a excellent (and very tall) side 7 – 5.

Thank you to the Y3 parents & ALSA reps for donating to and running the cake sale today. It was very cold so I hope you all manage to warm up quickly when you get in.

There are lots of events coming up for parents and children outlined below. One particular night to look out for is the 'Killer Queen Bingo' night. This is an 18+ event, containing adult humour.

We are also still looking for submissions for the Tales of Aboyne book.

And lastly, evidence has shown that turning on the subtitles on the television, can have a big impact on children's reading levels. In fact some studies show that it can double children's chances of becoming good readers. It is very simple to do and can make a significant difference to your child's reading. You can find out more here:

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Keith Smithard

Dates for your diary

Monday 10th February—Y2 Great fire of London workshop

Y6 Football vs Skyswood (A)

Tuesday 11th February—YR Health Check by School Nursing Team

Girls Football vs Windermere (H)

Wednesday 12th February—Y3 Robotics Workshop

Y5 Football vs St Albans & St Stephen (H)

Thursday 13th February—Y6 Football vs Camp (H)

Friday 14th February—Y3 Egyptian Day

Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 24th February—Back to school

Tuesday 25th February—Class Photos

Girls Football vs St Peters (H)

Wednesday 26th February—Y4 Rapid Fire Cricket Event

Thursday 27th February—Cross Country at Mandeville

Monday 3rd March—Y6 Football vs Maple (A)

Tuesday 4th March—Y5 and Y6 Life Exhibition at Holy Trinity Frogmore.

Thursday 6th March—Y5 Harry Potter Studios Visit

KS2 Dance Display Performance Day at Oaklands(1.30pm & 6.30pm)

Friday 7th March—Y2 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm

## ALSA Notices

Deadline looming!

### **Tales of Aboyne Book**

Want to help commemorate 75 years of Aboyne Lodge by sharing a short story or poem about your time at the school?

Past or present teachers, students or parents can submit up to 250 words in either story or poem format, ideally along with a sketch, illustration or photo. And help spread the word by telling members of the community!

Email your submission to the school office by **14<sup>th</sup> February**. Typed out submissions preferable although we will accept hand-written.

### Other forthcoming dates for your diaries:

Mother's Day (Friday, 28 March) Donations to be collected from 10 March

Killer Queen Bingo is back by popular demand & guaranteed to blow your mind...

Friday 28th March 730-1130

£25 pp inc welcome drink

An invitation you can't decline with dynamite & laser beam disco

Hosted again by the sensational Crystal, star of RuPauls Drag Race, Bestival, Corporate gigs at Amazon & Google & of course 2024 Aboyne School Hall

Strictly over 18s- expect cheeky humour

Tickets strictly limited so secure your spot on Gateway NOW. Last year was a sellout.

### **Bake sales**

Y2 bake sale – 2 May

Y1 bake sale – 6 June

YR bake sale – 4 July

**KILLER QUEEN BINGO**

**HOSTED BY CRYSTAL**

**BINGO, BAR & BOOGIE**

**FRI 28TH MARCH 7.30-11.30PM SCHOOL HALL**

**£25**

**INCLUDES WELCOME DRINK**

'Loved it, loved it and will be going again'  
'Brilliant evening, so fun!'  
'So Funny, I laughed so much!'

**18+ CONTAINS FABULOUS RISQUE HUMOUR!**

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