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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Thursday 28th November '24



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the bulletin comes to you a day early as tomorrow is a day off for the children and staff.

It has been another busy week at Aboyne Lodge with lots of the sporting teams in action, a trip to the Abbey, Maths masterclasses, visits from the police and the Citizens advice and the Speakers Cup.

On Tuesday, the Year 5 footballer's played against Samuel Ryder with the game ending in a 5 - 2 victory. Both sides did particularly well given the late start and limited light towards the end of the game.

Our netball team were also playing this week beating Sandridge in their match 11 - 1. As I write this they are away to Bernard's Heath. Hopefully we will get news through of another enjoyable game.

Earlier today, the Year 6 children took part in the Abbey Carol service alongside many of our neighbouring schools. It is a great event where we all come together to enjoy the festival singing. This year Lexie spoke to the congregation in the role of Elizabeth, supported by Emilie. Very well done to all.

Today was the final of the Speaker's Cup. It is the third year we have been running the event and the standard keeps getting better and better. All of the children had a go in their classes with two children from each class in Key Stage 2 being chosen for the final. Speaking and listening is a really important skill for the children to develop as they grow older and it is great to see children speaking so confidently about their chosen topics of interest. It was a very difficult choice for our judge Mrs Campos, who was

very impressed with the speeches, which included talks on the sea, cancer, micro-plastics, life on Earth, Halloween, Foxes and World War 2. The winner in the end was Poppy in Year 5 who spoke eloquently about Lynxes. Congratulations to all of the finalist. They really were fantastic.

On Wednesday Y6 had a workshop on managing finances from The Citizens Advice Bureau. They explained earning money, savings and investments to the class.

We had news today that Poppy's brother, Rhys, a former Aboyne student, has been selected for the England U17 Futsal team, a game similar to football but played with a smaller, heavier ball on an indoor court. Congratulations Rhys.

Have a great, long weekend.

*****ALSA notices *****

CALL TO ACTION FOR volunteers and Christmas Fair donations.

ALSA really needs your help to make the Christmas fair a success. It is on Friday 6th December, 3.15-5.30pm.

We need volunteers to help set up from 1pm, run stalls during the event and for clear up at the end - please add yourself to the WhatsApp volunteers group set up for this event or speak to your year rep for more information.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/La7VSDG1c3FErabkgQe5pn>

We also need lots of donations...

Please donate any toys and soft toys which are in a really good condition from Monday 2nd December to the office.

Please donate new pocket money style toys for the pocket money game stall to your individual classrooms from Monday 2nd December. The class with the most toys will get an extra playtime.

Please bring a bottle of something you would like to win for the bottle tombola at drop off on Friday 6th December in exchange for an extra playtime

We need donations for the cake stall - please let your class rep know if you can help

We need lots of family friendly prizes for each of the stall raffles.

We also need bigger prizes for the door raffle.

Thank you ever so much for any effort you can put into getting these.

We are also looking for pre loved sports equipment for the Sport Council's stall at the Christmas fair.

Please donate all things sporty including football kits and boots, shin pads, leotards, along with other sporting apparel along with balls, bats, rackets, skateboard pads etc. ..

Please bring these to the office from Monday 6th December.

However, if you are not able to make it, please consider donating to our Just Giving page. We are currently trying to raise money to buy lots of exciting equipment for the outside area to make playtimes much more engaging.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-jones-1731496261796?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fclare-jones-1731496261796&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

In other news, ALSA are planning to launch a book entitled Tales of Aboyne in Easter 2025 to mark the school's 75th anniversary.

Both past and present pupils – or parents – are invited to submit up to 250 words of either a story of their time at the school or a poem along with a photo, illustration or simple sketch.

The closing date for entries is Friday 14th February.

To make a submission, send your word document and image to: admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk

Dates for your diary up until end of term

Friday 29th November—Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 2nd December—Music Assembly (Y1 & Y2 musicians parents invited) 10am

Tuesday 3rd December—Girls Football vs Alban City (H) *Friendly*

Tuesday 3rd December—ALSA Wreath Making (Tickets available on Gateway!) 7.30pm

Wednesday 4th December—YR 2025 Perspective Parent School Tour 1.30pm

Friday 6th December—YR 2025 Perspective Parent School Tour 1.30pm

Friday 6th December—ALSA Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm

Monday 9th December—KS1 Dress Rehearsal to rest of the school 9.15am

Monday 9th December—KS1 Performance to parents 2.15pm

Tuesday 10th December—Whole School Trip to Panto (Sleeping Beauty) 10am

Wednesday 11th December—KS1 Performance to parents 9am

Wednesday 11th December—Music Assembly (Y5 & Y6 musicians parents invited) 11am

Wednesday 11th December—Christmas Dinner Day (Please order on Gateway!)

Thursday 12th December—YR 2025 Perspective Parent School Tour 1.30pm

Friday 13th December—Music Assembly (Choir & Orchestra parents invited) 11am— ** NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED NEXT WEEK **

Monday 16th December—Electric Umbrella Christmas performance 1.15pm

Tuesday 17th December—Music Assembly (Y3 & Y4 musicians parents invited) 10am

Tuesday 17th December—YR Christmas Performance to school 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th December—YR Christmas Performance to parents 9.30am

Friday 20th December—End of Term 1.30pm

Monday 6th January—INSET Day School Closed

Tuesday 7th January—Spring Term begins