



# ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had a visit from Jacky Pfister, who was the Headteacher of Aboyne from 1992 to 1999. It was during her time that the Whale was installed, and she was able to answer lots of the children's questions about what the school used to be like 30 years ago. Miss Golding, was at the school when Jacky was here and she still remembered her and her sister from back then. Jacky had some lovely stories, and I have asked her to write one down for the tales of Aboyne book. If you know anyone who attended Aboyne in the past or have an interesting or funny story, poem or art work for the book, it would be great to hear from you. I will be putting out a message for social media on Dojo shortly to copy and share, so it would be great if you could help us get the word out.

Over the last two weeks we have had lots of sport happening. The football teams have been in action at the St Albans City tournament, where we were knocked out in the quarter finals. All of the team played well in freezing conditions. Aaron in particular made some premier league quality saves. The Y6 team were then back in action on Monday beating Maple 7 - 1. Well played to all of the team. There was also a top of the table clash for the Year 5 team against Skyswood. We came out second best in the end losing 7—2 against a strong side but the team never gave up.

The girls team were also in action this week, beating Abbey 5 - 0, in what Gema described as a fantastic team performance. They are back in action next week at Watford's training ground, which should be an exciting day out.

We also took part in the St Albans indoor athletics competition. Both our boys and girls teams did brilliantly, coming a combined 7th out of 14 teams. I am pleased to say that the girls topped their table and have qualified for the next stage of the competition. A fantastic effort.

Pearl (Y5) is running in the Herts Schools Cross Country Championships this weekend. We all wish her the very best of luck.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes

Mr Smithard

## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Hania, Hadizja, Stanley, Aryana, Emily M and Atlas

### Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd February—'Open the book' Whole School Assembly

Tuesday 4th February—Girls Football Tournament—Watford FC Training Ground  
Y3 Speedstacking Festival at STAGs

Thursday 6th February—Netball vs Praewood (H)

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

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

Friday 14th February—Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 24th February—Back to school!

Tuesday 25th February—Class Photos

Wednesday 26th February—Y4 Rapid Fire Cricket Event

Thursday 27th February—Cross Country at Mandeville

## 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:**

Break the rules day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

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 RuPaul's 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**

Y3 bake sale – 7 February

Y2 bake sale – 2 May

Y1 bake sale – 6 June

YR bake sale – 4 July