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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 23rd June '23



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we started on Tuesday after the occasional day on Monday. Hopefully everyone managed to have an enjoyable long weekend and a bit of a break - we certainly had the weather for it.

It has been district sports week this week with a number of children in Key Stage Two heading to the track to compete against the other schools in the St Albans area. As always, the children worked their socks off trying their best in every event. Notable athletes were Jonah, who comfortably won the 600m race, Seth, who won the high jump competition, and both Pearl and Stanley, who came 2nd in their race finals. Over the two days of events, the Boys team came 3rd overall. We are very proud of all the children who took part but particularly for the support and encouragement they showed each other and the other schools. Many congratulations to all of the athletes. Many thanks to Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Leech for the all of the effort they have put in to make this happen.

On Thursday the children from Year 4 visited Itsu as part of the new 'Eat Beautiful with Itsu' programme.

We are lucky to be one of the first schools in the country taking part. It gave the children the chance to understand the principles of Asian inspired cooking and enabled them to taste and prepare their own food, which included some new and unfamiliar tastes. Thank you to Ms Charsley for arranging the opportunity.

Also on Thursday we had the Year 5 STEM workshop, where the children were able to solve problems and create their own moving toys. It sounds like the children enjoyed the workshop and thoroughly enjoyed the morning. Thank you to the parents who came to support Miss Jeavons.

We had our annual Aboyne Bake off this week with an amazing array of cakes, biscuits and cookies to enjoy. Thank you to all of the children who took part—they were all amazing! The winners list can be found on Class Dojo. Thank you to Mrs Euler-Charlton for organising and the school council for all their efforts.

The NEU have announced two further strike days this summer on Weds 5th July and Friday 7th July. I am currently in discussions with

the staff to understand who is and who isn't striking. There may be some changes from last time but I will hopefully confirm the classes that will be closed early next week.

LEARNING POWER CERTIFICATES

Jasper (Y6) Heidi (Y5) Jack (Y5)
Ashvin (Y4)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 26th June—Open the Book Assembly

Thurs 29th June - SPORTS DAY (KS1 am, KS2 pm)

Fri 30th June—Music Assembly Parents Welcome 10am Y1-Y2

Fri 30th June—Y1 Sharing Assembly Parents Welcome 2.30pm

Mon 3rd July – Y5/Y6 Dress Rehearsal to the school

Tues 4th July—Y6 Production 1.30pm

Wed 5th July—Y6 Production 6.30pm

Wed 12th July - OPEN EVENING 3:30pm - 5pm

The Magicians Nephew by C.S Lewis Birthday book donated to the school by Lyra (Y5)

BOOK OF THE WEEK



“On a daring quest to save a life, two friends are hurled into another world, where an evil sorceress seeks to enslave them. That world will become known as Narnia”

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are part of our everyday lives, with more younger and younger children seemingly owning one. While many parents wait until secondary school to allow their children to have phones, we are seeing more and more come in to school.

While still quite rare, we do sometimes get incidents where children can be unkind to each other through social media. Messages on a screen can easily be misconstrued. When we talk to people face to face the nuances of language, facial expressions and tone of voice can be picked up easily, but this doesn't come across so well on a phone. The consequences of this can be some quite unpleasant messages.

As parents it is important that we speak to our children about responsible use of a phone and social media and explore what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens. It is also worth looking into parental controls.

You can find more information from the UK safer internet centre: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>



ALSA notices for this week

It's a busy time for ALSA with the upcoming ball and the online auction going live today. We also have openings on the ALSA committee for the positions of chair and secretary - please consider putting yourself forward! More information on all this below but if anything doesn't make sense or you want more details, please just ask your rep!

ALSA BALL

The ALSA Ball is just 2 weeks away and we have an amazing night planned for you! **The deadline to buy your tickets is this Monday (26 June)** so log in to Gateway now and get them before you forget!

A brief reminder of the details:

ALSA Ball at OA Sports, 7 July from 7pm . A Cocktail-themed evening, ticket includes welcome drink, 2 course meal and wine, entertainment, DJ and dancing, live auction & raffle. Attire: cocktail party / whatever works for you. £50pp on Gateway- please state any dietary needs and allergies when purchasing.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

BALL HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for a some extra hands on the night of the ball- if you can arrive an hour early to help set up or spare 10 minutes during the evening to sell raffle tickets, then please let your rep know. A little help will go a long way to take the pressure off the organisers so thank you in advance!

THE ONLINE ALSA AUCTION 2023

The ALSA Auction is now LIVE; take a look at jumblebee.co.uk/alsaauction2023 where we have some fantastic and unique lots with something to suit everyone, from cookie-making experiences for the kids to a luxury cruise for 2 adults and everything in between!

In order to place a bid, you will need a jumblebee account. You may already have one from last year - please check that you can still log in! If not, it's very easy to set an account up - just click in the top right of the page to "sign up". It's pretty intuitive but there are full instructions on how to bid on the left hand side of the auction page (nb when viewing on a phone, you may have to turn it to landscape orientation to see the instructions).

Most lots will end on Thursday 6 July but a few special lots will end on the 7th during the ball; you can all place bids on these lots from now until they close but we will give all ball-goers a reminder on the night to put in their final bids on these special lots!

STAR LOT #1!

A reminder of our #1 star lot this year: a luxury one week Mediterranean cruise for 2 adults with the multi-award-winning Virgin Voyages!

This is a great opportunity to go on an amazing adventure - all whilst supporting ALSA and the school. It's a truly special lot but we know there is quite a bit to think about before you commit to bidding so please read all the info and Ts&Cs on jumblebee (it's lot #1!)

It would make a great getaway for a couple - perhaps for yourself or maybe you know family or friends who would like to go? Could this be the ultimate thank you gift for the grandparents?! Or get them to come and have some quality time with the grandkids while you cruise the Med! Have a read of all the details and start planning that dream escape then place your bid! The cruise is worth up to c£3,000 and bidding starts at just £500!

ALSA COMMITTEE - POSITIONS AVAILABLE

At the start of each school year, we elect (or re-elect) the ALSA committee members: the chairperson, the treasurer and the secretary. Our current secretary is standing down and the chair position is also available. ALSA cannot function as a charity unless these roles are filled. The committee can have more than 3 people on it so if you'd like to get involved but want to share the load then these positions can be "job-shared". We will put some information together about what these specific roles involve and get it to you soon but if you are already interested in any of the committee positions, please let your rep know and they'll put you in touch with the current chair or secretary.

Your year reps will soon be looking to pass on the torch too!

Volunteering for ALSA is a very rewarding experience as everything you do supports a great cause - our school. It's a great way to make a difference, meet new people and get involved in the community. Please do consider getting involved; it is such an important part of Aboyne Lodge so volunteer your time and support us by attending events if you can.

Through your help, ALSA raises money to provide a lot of equipment and resources for the school - much of it essential to the curriculum- as well as experiences for the children. We'll send out a separate financial update so you can see what exactly what we have raised and how it has been spent but ALSA events have another purpose too; to bring the school community together and hopefully that's what all those fairs and discos (that you love to hate but the children love and hate to miss!), not to mention the egg hunts, quiz nights, wine-tasting, wreath-making, hair-braiding, balls and festivals manage to do! Thank you!

Finally, a big THANK YOU TO EMMA BETTERIDGE AND AMY LANDER.

Amy has been a fantastic secretary for the last 3 years, she has kept us organised (not always easy!) and taken the lead to make us more environmentally-conscious.

Few people can remember a time when Emma wasn't on the ALSA committee - first as secretary and for the last 6 years as chair. Her drive and commitment to helping the school are simply AMAZING.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a good weekend - don't forget to buy your ball tickets, plan a cruise and bid on something fabulous

