



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 6th October '23



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

To begin with we had some devastating news from Bedfordshire, where a child tragically died after some birthday sweets were handed out to a class. The sweet in question contained nuts. As a result we have had some quite detailed direction from County about celebration sweets. Many children have started to bring in a birthday book that can be enjoyed at school as an alternative to sugary treats. While a lovely gesture, there is no expectation for children to bring in a book, I would appreciate it if families did not provide sweets during birthdays. We do have children with allergies, which in some cases are quite serious and we want them to feel safe and secure here at Aboyne. Thank you for your support with this.

On a more positive note, today we had the Harvest Festival Assembly. It was standing room only in the Hall and great to see so many parents coming in. The children shared some of the Art work that they had been doing in class, as well as some performance poetry and (of course) Harvest songs. The Year 6 children also explained about the foodbank and why it is

such a great charity to support. Thank you for all the donations. The St Albans Foodbank really appreciate the much needed donations and support

ALSA met for their AGM on Tuesday. Thank you for everyone who came along. I cannot overstate enough how important the PTA are to the school—over recent years they have paid for IT equipment, the speakers in the hall, the climbing frame, and sports equipment for the playground, as well as supporting both the RWI resources and White Rose Maths. They are desperate for parents to get involved and support with events, so that the workload is shared and events continue to take place. This year we are working towards a number of targets that we need your help with, starting with upgrading all of the chairs that the children sit on. There will be more information to follow soon.

And finally, thanks for everyone who came to parents' evening last night. If you missed it, and haven't booked a slot for next week, please get in touch.

Warmest wishes, Keith Smithard

LEARNING POWER CERTIFICATES
(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and resourcefulness)

Nancy Y6 Oliver K, Hollie, Elodie Y5
Brendan Y4 Matilda Y3 Owen Y2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 9th Oct—Foodbank crates collected

Mon 9th Oct Y5 Football Vs St Alban & St Stephen (H)

Tues 10th Oct—Parent Consultations

Weds 11th Oct—Mini Police starts in Y5

Mon 16th Oct—Girls Football v St Alban & St Stephen (H)

Tues 17th Oct—Forces & Magnets Workshop.

Fri 13th - Thur 19th October—Travelling Book fair takes place.

Wed 18th - Fri 20th—Woodrow Residential Trip (Y5)

Me, My Dad and the End of the
Rainbow
by Benjamin Dean
Recommended by Mia (Y5)



“All Archie wants is to for them to be a happy family again. But then he overhears Dad’s secret, and his dream is blown apart....”

Keeping Safe Online - Childnet

Childnet’s mission is to work with others to make the internet a great and safe place for children— this includes, schools, parents, children and young people. At it’s heart, the internet can be a wonderful tool, and they strive for a balanced approach, promoting the positives as well as responding to the risks and equipping children and you people to deal with them

You can find lots of guides for parents, resources and information on their website:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

Shine a light - community art project

With the darker nights approaching along with so many wonderful festivals of lights being celebrated over the coming months (including Diwali, Hannuka, Christmas, Lunar New Year to name a few) StART (St Albans Rainbow Trail) will be organising an outdoor exhibition under the theme of ‘Shine a Light’ and we would love you to be part of it!

Community artworks, poems and photographs around the theme of ‘Shine a light’ through an outdoor creative trail will be displayed during the winter months. Examples could be:

- Painted, pencil drawn, collage, include typography
- Be family / group pieces although all artworks must be submitted by adults/guardians/carers aged 18+
- Photography
- Poems

If you would like to be part of this community project, please contact Preet Cox via email at: stalbarsrainbowtrail@hotmail.com expressing your interest and I will provide more details.

We are also happy to take a scan copy of your artworks. These need to be flat and either A4 or A3 in size. Again, please contact Preet directly via email for more details.

This opportunity is open to the whole community, (all ages, backgrounds, all abilities, community groups, schools, everyone is welcome).

*Deadline to submit artworks / photos/ poems **via email** are Monday 16th October at 4.00pm.*

*Deadlines to submit artworks at **St Albans Museum and Gallery** desk is 13th October - 19th October from 11:00am - 5:00pm*

