



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 12th May '23



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week our year 6 children were completing the national curriculum tests. While many schools make these tests a core focus, at Aboyne we try to keep them as low key as possible. That said, our children want to do well and work extremely hard towards them, which means that despite having an excellent Year 6 team who try to take the pressure off the children, it still is a stressful time for some of them. As always the children have been a credit to the school—they are well rounded, well behaved children with abilities and talents in so many ways that can't be shown in a test paper. What ever happens with the results, we are very proud of them and I'd like to congratulate them all for their hard work and effort. I would also like to praise our Year 6 team, Mrs. Handley, Mrs. Grisenthwaite, Mrs Fox and Mrs. McNaught. They are a really strong, hardworking team and we are very lucky to have them.

On Thursday our Year 3 children visited Celtic Harmony—a Celtic village near Hertford that immerses the children into the life of a Celt for the day. It sounds like they had an amazing time (especially the den

Building). Thankyou to the parents who gave up their time to help and thankyou to the Year 3 team for arranging a lovely trip. I'd also like to thank ALSA who helped keep costs down by funding the coach.

I have some sad news for the school this week but also congratulations are in order. Alex Leech, our Year 1 teacher, has decided that it is the right time for her to move on to pastures new and will be leaving us at the end of Summer term. She is moving to the exciting prospect of a non-teaching role with the Hertfordshire SEND team. Alex has been with us for many years, and will have taught many of your children—she will be very much missed. I am pleased to say that we have employed Joanne Page as our new Year 1 teacher for September. She is a teacher of over 20 years experience in KS1 and Early years, and I am confident that we have someone who is a good fit for Aboyne and will do a great job.

I will send further updates next week about what will happen in Year 2 when Mrs. Jones goes on maternity leave.

Have a lovely weekend!

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

Pippa (Y1) Celeste (Y2) Ivy (Y3)
Elodie (Y4) Arjun (Y6)

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY
(Awarded for going over and above)

Heidi (Y1) Bella (Y2) Ivy Q (Y3)
Ashvin (Y4) Teddy & Betty-Jean (Y5)
Bella (Y6)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 15th May - Air Ambulance Assembly

Tue 16th May—Y4 Sports Festival
- Y6 Manor Adventure meeting

Thurs 18th May—Y6 Hockey Finals Day

Fri 19th May—Active Training World Assembly

Fri 19th May - Y3 Sharing Assembly

Sat 20th May—Summer Fair

**Frederick Douglass
by Amanda Mitchison
Recommended by Lexie Y4**



“This book tells the story of Frederick Douglass who spent his life fighting for the freedom of slaves. He was a slave himself but escaped. He also taught himself to read and write. I found his story inspiring.”

ALSA BALL - FRIDAY 7 JULY- SAVE THE DATE!

The highlight of the ALSA calendar, tickets will soon go on sale for the ALSA Ball. Details to follow but please put Fri 7 July in your diary now and start thinking about who you want to sit with. Tables seat a max of 10 (though don't worry, we can always allocate you a table!).

ALSA SUMMER FAIR - SAT 20th MAY, 2-5pm

This year's fair is themed around bees and other garden critters as it falls on World Bee Day- a day to celebrate pollinators and all the good they do! Your year reps will soon be asking for help to run the various stalls; please volunteer some time if you can. We can't do it without you and it's for a great cause! KS1 in particular need more volunteers!

We are also asking for the following donations; please give whatever you can:

- Food bank items; they are in greatest need of 500ml bottles of cooking oil, small bags of flour and sugar, tins of fruit, noodles and savoury snacks (crisps, crackers). These items will be given to a local food bank as a swap for the alcoholic items

they have been given which they cannot use (which we will use as tombola prizes etc). Please bring donations to the office from now onwards.

- Secondhand soft toys, other toys and games (must be clean, complete and in good working order) - please hand in at the office from now until the fair.
- Pocket money toys: new small toys around £1-3 value. These should be handed to the class teacher from now onwards. The class that collects most will get an additional playtime!
- Cakes: ideally 2-3 donations of cakes per year group (must be NUT-FREE). To be brought to school on Friday 19/Sat 20 May. Please let your year rep know if you can donate these.
- A bottle of something for the adults' bottle tombola: alcohol or something non-alcoholic but a bit special. Please bring to school at drop-off on Fri 19th May and hand to an ALSA helper at the front of school. Children can wear non-uniform on this day as a thank you for your donations.

It's already a hive of activity at the school and all the ALSA worker bees are buzz-y getting ready for the fair. It's sure to be a great day. I'll stop droning on now but, any questions (or bee puns that we've missed!), just give your rep a buzz!

🎁 GIFT AMNESTY Donations- For dads and other loved ones.

We are running another gift amnesty- this time to coincide with Father's Day- so the children can say thank you to the men in their lives! We are asking you to keep hold of any unwanted items or gifts, especially small items which are suitable for the children to give as gifts - examples include: men's toiletries or grooming products, accessories, novelty gifts/games, books, foodstuffs (eg chocolate, biscuits, nice crisps etc - no nuts please and must be unopened & not need refrigeration). Grown-ups' items only please and they should be should be new (or very nearly new) and be suitable for the children to take home (and no alcohol, sharp objects or glass please).

PLEASE DO NOT BRING AMNESTY ITEMS INTO SCHOOL YET as we don't want them getting mixed up with the fair donations. All children will be given an opportunity on Thursday 15 June* to select a present for their dad/carer/special someone. Nearer the time, ALSA will kindly ask for a suggested donation of £2-£5, which will be payable via Gateway.

*Nb if your child is away on the day, they will, unfortunately, not be able to select a gift on another day.

Thank you so much for your support and enjoy the long weekend! ALSA

