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ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN
FRIDAY 12TH NOV' 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week started with a visit from Lisa Wilson, a new friend to the school, who brought in her wide variety of pets for the children to meet and see. They included a tarantula, a tortoise and two snakes, as well as a gecko, a bearded Lizard and many more. The children really enjoyed the experience and it was a lot of fun. I am hoping that we can invite in more visitors to give our children lots of different wider experiences in school. Thank you to Evie and Senuli, our respected Head and Deputy Head for the day, for supporting Lisa and organising me extremely well.

Last week I asked for volunteers or introductions to people from different faiths and cultures, who were willing to share their beliefs, traditions and experiences with the children. The response has been amazing and we are looking forward to inviting a number of people in

to school over the next few terms. If you have something that you would like to share with the children or know someone who would be interested, please get in touch – we would love to hear from you.

In football news, the team played against How Wood this week. It was a close game with Aboyne narrowly losing 2-1, although Hugo scored a cracking goal. Very well played. Next week, the B team are in action.

In Year 4 and 6 today, the children were visited by Set Point, who ran a science and technology workshop focused on circuits and electricity. It was great to see the children enjoying the day and creating their electronic games.

Don't forget, there is an extra occasional day coming up on Friday 26th November.

Best regards, Mr Smithard

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Congratulations to the following children who always go over and above and were treated to hot chocolate:

Alice, Niamh, Jack D, Cassia, Ivy C & Georgia

PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

These weeks question to discuss at home is from Posy:

Should we ignore the people who tell us we can't do what we want because we are a girl or a boy?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 15th Nov – Netball v Bernard's Heath @ 330pm

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Nov – Anti- Bullying Week

Weds 24th Nov – Netball v Prae Wood @330pm

Thurs 25th Nov – Year 5 Sharing Assembly @ 9am

Fri 26th Nov – SCHOOL CLOSED – Occasional Day

Horror Heights – The Slime
By Bec Hill
Recommended by Mali (Year 3)



“Connie adds an extra ingredient to her slime recipe and it comes to life with devastating effects. Connie has to make things right. This is a great book. You should read it!”

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

- Dinner Money Forecast went home this week. If there is a change to your child’s meal pattern, please email the office so an accurate forecast can be generated.
- Nursery fees for this half term will be emailed home shortly.
- Parental Permissions can be updated online using this link:

<https://forms.gle/mVt3Rwc5T3wT9u6T9>

HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME? THE IMPORTANCE OF READING AT HOME

There are many benefits for children who read for pleasure - research shows that their vocabulary is larger and more extensive, creativity skills improve and they gain a deeper understanding of their world. In addition, children’s concentration levels improve and their cognitive development is supported. Helping children enjoy books starts with us reading them stories and listening to them read at home.

With technology becoming more prevalent, reading can often take a backseat to screen time. Research shows that there is also a growing emphasis placed on reading as a skill to be learned at school rather than something we do for enjoyment. Current data illustrates this very well: 45% of 0–2s are read to daily or nearly every day. This increases to 58% of 3–4s, and by 5–7 years, parents reading daily to their children drops back to 44%. Thankfully, lots of our parents do read with their children every day, but this is not the case for all of our pupils.

It is hard to overstate the importance of reading for enjoyment. The OECD found that reading for pleasure is a stronger indicator for academic success than family circumstances and economic background – in short, children who read more do better in school. This goes further, with a British study finding that reading skills are associated with increased gross hourly and weekly earnings among adults.

Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns. By reading every day with your children they will get the best possible start that they deserve.

