



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 6th December '24



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week began with a music assembly where the choir did a turn before our Key Stage 1 musicians took the stage to perform in front of the school and parents. We were treated to a number of tunes, including Jingle Bells on the piano. Well done to all of the children involved.

Also this week, Miss Jeavons announced the Eco-team photography competition results. The winners were chosen by the children, but the standard was so high that any of the entries could have been chosen on the day. Well done to all of the children who took part.

The photos will be on display on the screen in the hall after school on Thursday.

The children had a Christmas arts morning on Tuesday where they created a myriad of artworks. Some are now on display in the school. Thank you to the TAs for running the lessons.

Also on Tuesday, Mrs Rutt popped in to talk to the Year 6 children about architecture. Thank you for taking the time to come in and share what you do. We welcome parents coming in to talk about what they do. It gives children an idea of what can be possible in the future, beyond what

they know.

Also this week, the girls' footballers were in action with a friendly against Alan City. We narrowly lost 3-1, but it was a great effort against a strong team from a larger school.

As I write this, there are lots of parents helping set up the hall for the Christmas Fair. Thank you for all of your support—without it, these events wouldn't go ahead. Thank you also to Clare Jones and the wreath-making evening, which I am told was well attended and lots of fun. Next year is our 75th anniversary, so please look out for lots of events across the year. Have a lovely weekend!

*****ALSA notices *****

CALL TO ACTION FOR volunteers and Christmas Fair donations.

ALSA really needs your help to make the Christmas fair a success. It is on Friday 6th December, 3.15-5.30pm.

We need volunteers to help set up from 1pm, run stalls during the event and for clear up at the end - please add yourself to the WhatsApp volunteers group set up for this event or speak to your year rep for more information.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/La7VSDG1c3FErabkgQe5pn>

We also need lots of donations...

Please donate any toys and soft toys which are in a really good condition from Monday 2nd December to the office.

Please donate new pocket money style toys for the pocket money game stall to your individual classrooms from Monday 2nd December. The class with the most toys will get an extra playtime.

Please bring a bottle of something you would like to win for the bottle tombola at drop off on Friday 6th December in exchange for an extra playtime

We need donations for the cake stall - please let your class rep know if you can help

We need lots of family friendly prizes for each of the stall raffles.

We also need bigger prizes for the door raffle.

Thank you ever so much for any effort you can put into getting these.

We are also looking for pre loved sports equipment for the Sport Council's stall at the Christmas fair.

Please donate all things sporty including football kits and boots, shin pads, leotards, along with other sporting apparel along with balls, bats, rackets, skateboard pads etc. ..

Please bring these to the office from Monday 6th December.

However, if you are not able to make it, please consider donating to our Just Giving page. We are currently trying to raise money to buy lots of exciting equipment for the outside area to make playtimes much more engaging.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-jones-1731496261796?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fclare-jones-1731496261796&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

In other news, ALSA are planning to launch a book entitled Tales of Aboyne in Easter 2025 to mark the school's 75th anniversary.

Both past and present pupils – or parents – are invited to submit up to 250 words of either a story of their time at the school or a poem along with a photo, illustration or simple sketch.

The closing date for entries is Friday 14th February.

To make a submission, send your word document and image to: admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk

Dates for your diary up until end of term

Tuesday 3rd December—ALSA Wreath Making (Tickets available on Gateway!) 7.30pm

Wednesday 4th December—YR 2025 Perspective Parent School Tour 1.30pm

Friday 6th December—YR 2025 Perspective Parent School Tour 1.30pm

Friday 6th December—ALSA Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm

Monday 9th December—KS1 Dress Rehearsal to rest of the school 9.15am

Monday 9th December—KS1 Performance to parents 2.15pm

Tuesday 10th December—Whole School Trip to Panto (Sleeping Beauty) 10am

Wednesday 11th December—KS1 Performance to parents 9am

Wednesday 11th December—Music Assembly (Y5 & Y6 musicians parents invited) 11am

Wednesday 11th December—Christmas Dinner Day (Please order on Gateway!)

Thursday 12th December—YR 2025 Perspective Parent School Tour 1.30pm

Friday 13th December—Music Assembly (Choir & Orchestra parents invited) 11am— ** NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED NEXT WEEK **

Monday 16th December—Electric Umbrella Christmas performance 1.15pm

Tuesday 17th December—Music Assembly (Y3 & Y4 musicians parents invited) 10am

Tuesday 17th December—YR Christmas Performance to school 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th December—YR Christmas Performance to parents 9.30am

Friday 20th December—End of Term 1.30pm

Monday 6th January—INSET Day School Closed

Tuesday 7th January—Spring Term begins