



NURSERY • PRIMARY

ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN
FRIDAY 5TH NOV' 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

To begin with I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to school. Hopefully you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break.

This week many of the children have been learning about Diwali, the festival of lights, one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. Preet Cox, who you may know from the St Albans rainbow trail, came to speak to Year 5 today about the festival. The children have also been creating rangoli patterns, which are part of an art installation that Preet has put together for St Albans Museum. We wish everyone in the community who are celebrating, a Diwali that brings happiness prosperity and joy.

Just a reminder that we have our inclusion rocks project to vote for in Tesco's. Please spread the word to families and friends to put the blue tokens in the box for Aboyne. It's much appreciated.

This week, I have added a new

section to the bulletin. In Year 2, Mrs George has been working on some philosophy for children where the class think about important questions and bigger ideas. The children have been coming up with their own questions which they are discussing as a group. Please take the time to have some of these conversations at home and share the question of the week.

On Monday we have a visitor in school who will be bringing in various creatures for the children to meet. If you have concerns or do not wish your child to take part, please go onto gateway where you can choose to opt out.

As you know, we are taking over the before and after school club from in January. We are currently looking at resourcing for the club but would welcome donations of any board games or activities that may be sat getting dusty at home which could be put to good use at school.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable Guy Fawkes night and a lovely weekend. Warmest wishes,

Mr Smithard

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

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

Hugo, Emma, Iris, Hania, Nico & Daphne

PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

These weeks question to discuss at home is from Isaac:

How can we live more sustainably?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 8th Nov – Snakes, Lizards & Reptiles – ALL DAY

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

Fri 26th Nov – Year 5 Sharing Assembly @ 9am

By Suzanne Collins
Recommended by Isla (Year 5)



BOOK OF THE WEEK

“Katniss is a heroic girl stuck in an impoverished world. She has to fight to survive the terrible ordeal of The Hunger Games. This is one for older readers.”

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

- Dinner Money Forecast will be sent home next 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 in the next week.
- Parental Permissions can be updated online using this link:

<https://forms.gle/mVt3Rwc5T3wT9u6T9>

HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME? INTERNET SAFETY MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones have become part of our everyday lives with seemingly younger and younger children having access to them. While many families wait until secondary school for their children to get a phone, we do see some children with them in Primary. The UK Safer Internet centre suggest the following tips for children with mobile phones:

“Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone:

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.

Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.

Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.”

Source: UK Safer Internet Centre 2021, Advice for Parents and Carers on Phones, viewed 05/11/2021, <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

