



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 24th May '24



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

The week started with some of our Year 4 children attending the St Albans Sports Partnership tennis festival. The children had a great time and enjoyed the opportunity to play against other schools. Thank you to Mrs Hobbs for arranging the day and her fabulous coaching skills.

On Tuesday, we attended the St Albans Civic Society Commercial Design Awards. The school was commended in the Community category for the refurbishment and described Aboyne as an *"iconic, pioneering, Grade 2 listed Hertfordshire System School...[Aboyne] has undergone a sensitive refurbishment. Its dignity is restored alongside the wonderful airiness of its classrooms"*. While we didn't win the main prize, it was lovely to see that the school has been recognised as a wonderful teaching space.

Wednesday saw the school celebrate the retirement of Amanda Handley, who had worked at the school for 22 years. We all wish her the very best for her future and hope she will be back to visit (I suspect we might see her at the Year

5/6 production). As a final flourish, mostly due to Mrs Handley and the ECO-team's hard work, we were pleased to be awarded the green flag for sustainable schools this week too.

On Thursday, the Year 3 children took part in their 'History off the Page', stone age workshop. It was great to see lots of stone age children in and around the school, and it looked like they all had a fantastic time making clay pots, weaving and creating amazing cave paintings.

We had our curriculum morning today which centered around the up and coming Euros. The children had the opportunity to practice their penalties, explore different countries, recognise the different European flags and create some art. Thank you to all the Teaching Assistants for supporting this so brilliantly.

Next week we have half term. From all of us here, we hope you all have a good week and well earned rest. The Year 6 children are off on school journey when we return, and we are into busy season, with sports days and summer fairs to enjoy. Best wishes, Mr Smithard

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 27th—Fri 31st May—Half term  
School Closed

Mon 3rd—Fri 7th—Y6 Residential  
to Manor Adventure

Thurs 5th June—Y4 Tag Rugby Festival

Sat 8th June—ALSA Summer Fair

Fri 14th June - Occasional Day -  
school closed

Mon 17th June—INSET Day - School  
closed.

Thur 27th June—Year 4 ITSU Food  
experience

Thurs 4th July - Sports Day (and the  
General Election)

Fri 5th July - Day of Languages

Wed 10th July - Open Evening 3:30—  
5pm

Fri 12th July—Orchestra Summer  
Performance

Mon 15th July—Y5/6 musicians as-  
sembly

Thur 18th ALSA Summer Festival

**Murder Most Unladylike  
By Robin Stevens  
Birthday Book from Cassia (Y5)**

BOOK OF THE WEEK



“When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own deadly secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. But then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym...”

**Message from Mrs Hobbs:**

Please remember to send in your Active Photo for the class boards! The photo could be of anything active, from taking part in a sport, a sporting achievement, a hobby or even just climbing a tree, the more original the better! Please send in a photo to [admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk)

**Messages from the office:**

Have a lovely Holiday!

**Weekly Gallery**

