



ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

14th Mar 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been British Science week under the theme 'change and adapt'. For example, the children have been learning about famous Scientists from the past and how their work impacted or changed perceptions.

A reminder that the children have until Monday 24th March to submit their entries for the 75th Anniversary Art Competition. Children who wish to take part need to complete a piece of art work that depicts the school. The only stipulation is that it can be no larger than A4 and must be able to be framed and hung (so no 3D models for example) It could be a painting, collage, pencil drawing or print for example. Ideally the pictures will demonstrate the vibrancy of the school and the values that we stand for. The winning entries from each class get to

have their work displayed at the St Albans Museum. Thank you to Lucy Nee for all her help organising the exhibition.

On Tuesday our choir went off to Bowmans Green to practice for the up and coming Alban arena Gala. We were also treated to some singing today from the children in Key Stage 1, who sang "When The Cold Wind Blows" to the school.

In sports news, Year 5 & 6 took part in the Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Oaklands. They won 6 out of their 7 games coming 2nd after narrowly losing 1 - 0 to Skyswood (the eventual winners). Very well played to the team and thank you to Mr Tickner for giving up his time to help coach the children (and of course to Mrs Hobbs).

Today we launched our new creative play areas for lunch

times, including a den building area, loose parts, dressing up and scooting. We are aiming to add in more things as we go over the up and coming weeks including a mud kitchen and we are also exploring getting some new larger pieces of playground equipment. If you have any board games at home that aren't used or dressing up clothes, we are happy to take them off your hands. Thank you to those of you who have already sent bits in.

We have parents evening coming soon, so please look out for the letter in your in box. Signing up is easy but it does work on a first come first served basis so you get more of a choice of times if you are early.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,

Keith Smithard

Dates for your diary

Monday 17th March — Y3/Y4 Dress Rehearsal to school only 10am

Y3/Y4 Performance to parents 1.45pm

Girls Football vs Skyswood (A)

Tuesday 18th March - Y5/Y6 Girls Indoor Athletics Finals in Ware (AM)

Y4 Rapid Fire Cricket Finals in Ware (PM)

Y3/Y4 Performance to parents 6pm

Friday 21st March—Red Nose Day

Monday 24th March— Y5 Moving Toys Workshop

Netball vs Cunningham Hill (H)

Tuesday 25th March—Girls Football vs Windermere (H)

Wednesday 26th March—Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 27th March— Cross Country at Garden fields

Friday 28th March—ALSA Drag Bingo 7pm

Tuesday 1st April—ELSA Study

Wednesday 2nd April—Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6pm

Friday 4th April—End of Term 1.30pm ALSA Easter Egg Hunt 2pm

Saturday 5th July—75th Anniversary Fete

ALSA Notices

Deadline looming!

Tales of Aboyne Book

Want to help commemorate 75 years of Aboyne Lodge by sharing a short story or poem about your time at the school?

Past or present teachers, students or parents can submit up to 250 words in either story or poem format, ideally along with a sketch, illustration or photo. And help spread the word by telling members of the community!

Email your submission to the school office ASAP. Typed out submissions preferable although we will accept hand-written.

Other forthcoming dates for your diaries:

Mother's Day (Friday, 28 March) Donations
to be collected from 10 March

Killer Queen Bingo is back by popular demand & guaranteed to blow your mind...

Friday 28th March 7.30-11.30

£25 pp inc welcome drink

An invitation you can't decline with dynamite & laser beam disco

Hosted again by the sensational Crystal, star of RuPaul's Drag Race, Bestival, Corporate gigs at Amazon & Google & of course 2024 Aboyne School Hall

Strictly over 18s- expect cheeky humour

Tickets strictly limited so secure your spot on Gateway NOW. Last year was a sellout.

Bake sales

Y2 bake sale – 2 May

Y1 bake sale – 6 June

YR bake sale – 4 July

KILLER QUEEN BINGO

HOSTED BY CRYSTAL

BINGO, BAR & BOOGIE

FRI 28TH MARCH 7.30-11.30PM SCHOOL HALL

£25

INCLUDES WELCOME DRINK

'Loved it, loved it and will be going again'
'Brilliant evening, so fun!'
'So Funny, I laughed so much!'

18+ CONTAINS FABULOUS RISQUE HUMOUR!

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