



ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

4th Apr 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of the Spring term but there has still been lots happening at school. To begin with, thank you to everyone who supported the Drag Bingo night on Friday, particularly those who organised the event. When I left, the party was just starting to really get going. I'm pleased to say a good time was had by all and a substantial amount has been raised for the school.

On Monday, the Y6 football team played Skyswood in their last game of the season. It was great to see Joseph make his debut against a well organised team. There were some great saves, a cracking goal from Ashvin and some brilliant individual performances. Well done to the team for a great season and thank you to Mr Hendler for coaching.

On Wednesday we had a number of children singing and playing instruments in the SAPSMA music festival at the Alban arena. It was a fantastic evening in front of a packed concert hall and the children performed brilliantly. Very well done!

Over recent years the choir have performed at St Albans Market, St Peter's Church, Wembley Arena and the Royal Albert Hall (to name a few). If your child enjoys singing, we would love to see them get involved.

Over the coming weeks, we are continuing to develop the playground by introducing a climbing boulder for the children. It will be located where the old Astroturf is currently, and will be a fantastic addition to the school. The football pitch is now located on the netball court at the far end of the playground.

Climbing has a special role in child development and engages multiple parts of the brain helping children develop skills like spatial awareness, hand-eye coordination and even working memory. Thank you to ALSA for your support—the children are going to love it!

Many thanks for all the donations to Comic Relief. We collected an amazing £269.78.

Last week marked the end of Ramadan and the festival of Eid al Fitr. Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families.

Wishing you all a restful holiday and Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you all back here for more learning on Wednesday 23rd April.

Best wishes,

Keith Smithard

Dates for your diary

Friday 4th April—End of Term 1.30pm

ALSA Easter Egg Hunt 2pm

Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April—EASTER HOLIDAYS School Closed

Tuesday 14th—Thursday 17th April—AllSports4Kids Holiday Camp at Aboyne Lodge

Tuesday 22nd April—INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd April—Summer Term Begins

Monday 28th April—'Open the book' Whole School Assembly

Monday 28th April—Friday 2nd May April—Y6 Mock SATS Week

Monday 5th May—May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

Monday 12th to Friday 16th May—Y6 SATS Week

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May—Y6 Residential to Manor Adventure

Friday 13th June—Occasional Day –School Closed

Monday 16th June—INSET Day—School Closed

Saturday 5th July—75th Anniversary Fete

Aboyne Lodge School,
Etna Road,
St. Albans,
Herts AL3 5NL

aboyne lodge Open Day



Stay & Play sessions

Monday 14th April:
Tuesday 15th April:
Wednesday 16th April:
10am-12pm

For private show-arounds please contact
registrar@appledaycare.co.uk

Come along to our newest setting & experience a session
@ Apple Daycare!

The open days will be on April 14th, 15th and 16th and they will be hosting 'stay and play' sessions from 10am-12pm on each of these days – while the little ones engage in activities alongside Apple Daycare practitioners, parents will have the opportunity to tour the space and ask any questions they may have about the opening etc.

To book in for the open day please click the below link:

[Children's Nursery | Apple Daycare Ltd.](#)

If you are unable to attend the open days, you can contact Apple Daycare directly on registrar@appledaycare.co.uk to arrange a separate visit or follow this link to book a viewing online:

[Arrange a Viewing | Apple Daycare Ltd.](#)

The setting will be birth-5 years old and open from 07:30am-18:30pm, Monday to Friday all year round.



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:

Bake sales

Y2 bake sale – 2 May

Y1 bake sale – 6 June

YR bake sale – 4 July

Grow a pound

Envelopes went home with week, please check bags/bookbags! We can't wait to hear the children's fundraising ideas!

GROW A POUND
TO HELP US CLIMB!

This term ALSA are inviting our budding entrepreneurs to participate in our GROW A POUND CHALLENGE
Proceeds will go towards a new climbing boulder for the playground!
The children will receive £1 from our PTA funds. We challenge you to use your creativity to come up with a way of using that £1 to make money towards the climbing boulder.

IDEAS

- Odd Jobs: Use your money to buy some cleaning items or borrow some gardening gloves, charge your family and friends for your weeding/cleaning services.
- Growing seedlings: use your money to buy some veg or flower seeds/bulbs and them off for your keen gardening family, friends or neighbours
- Cake Sale: Combine your £1 with friends and buy ingredients to do some baking and then sell what you make
- Arts & Crafts: Use your funds to buy crafts to make greetings cards, bookmarks, pictures or bracelets - set up a stall to sell them!
- Exercise counts: a sponsored run or walk is a great way to dust off the running trainers, borrow a skipping rope and do a sponsored skip-a-thon!

HOW TO RETURN PROFITS
Donate profits to the link below:
<http://bit.ly/4ixSBDW>

Note for parents/guardians: This initiative is optional, and if you and your child do not wish to partake, please return the £1 in the same envelope to your teacher or the office. Thank you.

For parents and guardians of children who use the £1 fundraising within the community, we thank you in advance for supervising your children with this and for supporting our fundraising.

All profits to ALSA, ABOYNE LODGE SCHOOL, AL3 5NL REGISTERED CHARITY 1044678