



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 25th October '24



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the last week of this half term but events have continued to happen right up to the end of the week.

This week Year 3 had a circus themed STEM workshop to help enhance the children's knowledge of magnets and forces. They took part in a range of activities investigating questions and enjoying practical science. It sounds like the children had a fantastic time.

On Thursday, a group of the Year 6 children took part in the St Albans basketball competition. The school sports partnership put on a mix of events many of which focus on participation and fun, with some aimed at fostering competition between schools. This one was a 'compete' event. The team came across some schools with many experienced players, and while challenging at times, enjoyed the event and did extremely well. Thankyou to Mrs Hobbs and Archie for taking the team for the day.

Thursday saw children 'breaking the rules' coming in with some amazing outfits. It sounds like they really enjoyed the disco in the evening. Thank you to all the parents who helped this happen, and those who stayed behind to clear up. It really helps us a lot. Thank you.

Today the Year 2 children were on a trip to Ashridge woods, where they enjoyed lots of outdoor activities and explored the woodland. Thank you to the Year 2 team for organising the trip. It was great fun.

This term we have been really fortunate to have support from some of our families who have given up their time to help the school. I have mentioned this before, but thank you so much to Mike McCarthy, and his support with the fencing around the new reception playground and the new gates. Also many thanks to Ciara and Matt Haley. The video is finished—we are just checking that everyone has permission to be in it and it will be published on the website. We have also had lots of support

from Michelle Stacey with our website and Katie Martin, who is helping us with the social media side of things too. Thank you so much. We also had Mr Behvandi in school today talking to the Year 5 and 6 children about the law and the court system. Support from our parents and families really makes a difference to the school.

We'll see you on 4th November!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov HALF TERM

Mon 4th Nov—School Starts

Mon 4th-Fri 8th Nov—Y5 Bikeability Course

Mon 4th Nov—Y5 Football vs Skyswood (A)

Wed 6th Nov—Girls Football vs Windermere (A)

Thurs 7th Nov—Cross Country at Wheatfields

Fri 8th Nov—Anti-bullying Assembly

\*\*\*\*\*ALSA notices\*\*\*\*\*

ALSA is a registered charity that runs events to raise money for the school.

**Key dates for your diaries in 2024:**

Half-term fun: Aboyne Lodge Halloween Trail, £3 per child, make payment on Gateway then send proof of payment to alsaevents1@gmail.com. A map, answer sheet and instructions will be sent back. The trail will run from Friday 25th October to Sunday 3rd November Have a spooktacular Halloween!

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Wreath making

6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 3.30pm to 5.30pm

**Easy fundraisers for the school**

Below are a few things you can do to bring in extra pounds for the school.

Stikins name labels for uniform and other personal items. When buying via Stikins, use code 123 at checkout so that Aboyne Lodge gets 15% of the sale.

[www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

2. Stampastic is another option. The PTA Code AL35NL will work in conjunction with this link: <https://bit.ly/STAMPAL35NL>

Aboyne Lodge is also on easy fundraiser. It would be great if parents can go via it before buying all sorts of things from John Lewis to holidays. Once you have signed up with Aboyne Lodge as your cause we can make money every time you shop if you search and then spend online via Easyfundraising first. Take a look at how easy it is!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aboyne-lodge-school-association-alsa/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=whatsapp&utm\\_content=c19-w6](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aboyne-lodge-school-association-alsa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=c19-w6)

And lastly, a thank you to...

the local businesses that supported our quiz fundraising:

- Sharisse from the Osteopath Clinic in Harpenden. Osteopath sessions can be booked here: <https://osteopathy-clinic.co.uk>
- Cheryl from the Scented Essence, who is launching new scents for her non-toxic candles on the 8th October. Follow her on Instagram @the.scented.essence or at [www.thescentedessence.co.uk](http://www.thescentedessence.co.uk)

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