



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 19th July '24



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

We have come to the end of the school year and what a great year it has been. While the Y6 SATs results have not been fully confirmed, initial data shows that that over 90% of our children reached the expected standard in the Reading, Maths and SPAG tests and more than 50% of those children reached greater depth. We are still waiting on further confirmation, but when the statistical adjustments are made in September, the final figure is likely to be higher. This is significantly above the nation average in these subjects. Congratulations to all the children for all of their hard work over the year.

This year in sport we won the District Sports Competition for the first time in a very long time, We were the St Albans Schools Swimming Gala Champions too. In addition we were awarded the Gold School's Games Mark for the Second year running, for participation and excellence in Sport. Next year we plan to enter even more events so that more of our children can access school sport events both in and out of school.

Music continues to grow: many of

our children are achieving tgrades in a variety of instruments ranging from brass and wind instruments to string and singing. Our orchestra is going from strength to strength. This year the choir went to Young Voices for the first time, performed at the Abbey and every child in Year 3 learned the Ukulele. This is on top of the Year groups shows like Shakespeare Rocks and the Aboyne Variety show.

For the first time the school won the Green Flag Award for sustainability. Our eco-team, supported by Mrs Handley worked tirelessly to improve biodiversity at the school, recycle more and encourage more understanding of Green issues.

At the beginning of the year, Ofsted came in where the school retained it's good status. The Report described the caring, community feel of the school perfectly.

We have new gates coming in the holiday and the Reception outdoor area is going through significant development. Stage 1 of resurfacing is happening in August.

In addition we are moving towards a new partnership with Albany Montessori Nursery, who will be

taking over the nursery in the new academic year. There are a few details that need completing before they move in but we hope it won't be too long.

There is going to be some works taking place near the school on Drovers Way by UKPN, who are upgrading the electrical substation. This may impact on our playground, but I will update you as I get more information.

From all of us here have a fantastic summer. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd September.

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY (ICE-CREAM)

Paddy, Kian, Asha, Crystal, Nico, Aaron, Louis, Max, Lexie, Clem

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 2nd Sep —NO SCHOOL—
Teacher Training Day.

Tues 3rd Sep—School begins for Y1 to 6

W/B Mon 9th Sep —New to year meetings take place (various dates)

