



ABOYNE LODGE

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Friday Bulletin

14th Feb 2025



To start the week Year 2 had a Great Fire of London workshop, where they explored what life was like during 1666. This included perfume making, candle making and lots of other creative elements for the children to live the history of the time. They also managed to put out the fire using team work. Thank you to the parent volunteers for their support and the teaching staff for arranging the day. It sounds like it was great fun.

Also on Monday we had a visit from an ex-pupil, Lee Wood, who attended in the late 1980s. He was able to share some of his experiences with the Year 6s and Year 3s, who asked lots of really good questions. After leaving Aboyne he went on to Townsend and University, now running a successful graphic design company in St Albans. <https://www.emberdesigns.co.uk/>

If you know any ex-pupils from days gone by, who would like to visit the school and take questions from the children, please ask them to get in touch.

Unfortunately our Year 6 football match against Skyswood on Monday was postponed due to the terrible weather, however they did play a game against Camp School on Thursday, winning 5 - 2. Lexi made her debut in goal proving to be a brilliant shot stopper.

The year 5s were also in action this week against St Alban and St Stephen. The result didn't go our way but the team battled hard, with debuts from Daniel, Harry and Evan. Well played to both teams.

On Thursday, our Year 5 & 6 girls took part in the finals of the St Albans Indoor Athletics competition. I am delight-

to say that the team won, beating lots of much bigger schools in the process. This is a fantastic effort and the first time since the competition started in 2001 that we have won the trophy. Many congratulations to the girls and Mrs Hobbs. They will now be representing St Albans in the County Finals in March.

We also need to celebrate the efforts of the Chess team—specifically, Evan, Charlie and Sam, who have got through to the National Finals in June. This puts us in the Top 300 schools nationally and incorporated local private schools too. A fabulous effort!

And lastly, it was great to see the Ancient Egyptians walking into school this morning for their immersive day in Year 3. Thanks you for Miss Leto for putting the day together.

Have a lovely half term holiday!

Dates for your diary

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February—Half Term SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 24th February—Back to school

Tuesday 25th February—Class Photos

Girls Football vs St Peters (H)

Wednesday 26th February—Y4 Rapid Fire Cricket Event

Thursday 27th February—Cross Country at Mandeville

Monday 3rd March—Y6 Football vs Maple (A)

Tuesday 4th March—Y5 and Y6 Life Exhibition at Holy Trinity Frogmore.

Wednesday 5th March—World Book Day Dressing Up Day

Thursday 6th March—Y5 Harry Potter Studios Visit

KS2 Dance Display Performance Day at Oaklands(1.30pm & 6.30pm)

Friday 7th March—Y2 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 10th March – Netball vs Killigrew (A)

Thursday 13th March—Y5/Y6 Quicksticks Hockey Event

Monday 17th March -- Y3/Y4 Dress Rehearsal to school only 1.30pm

Girls Football vs Skyswood (A)

Tuesday 18th March - Y3/Y4 Performance to parents 1.45pm

Y3/Y4 Performance to parents 6pm (time TBC)

Y5/Y6 Girls Indoor Athletics Finals in Ware

Thursday 20th March—Cross Country at Gardenfields

Monday 24th March— Y5 Moving Toys Workshop

Netball vs Cunningham Hill (H)

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

Thursday 27th March—Y6 Football vs Skyswood (A)

Friday 28th March—ALSA Drag Bingo

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

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 by **14th February**. 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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