



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 10th October '23



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week saw the publication of our recent Ofsted inspection, where they found that Aboyne Lodge continues to be a Good school. While I don't think summing up any school in one word is healthy, I do think that the report gives an accurate overview of our school. Good schools are built on strong relationships between children, staff, parents and the local community and I think that it really captured the community spirit and positivity of the children well. I am pleased with the report overall and would like to thank all the staff and Governors for their continued hard work and support.

That said there are still things we can do to make our school even better and we are immediately addressing the areas for development. This includes looking at how we can actively finance a new outdoor area for our Reception and Year 1 children, although I need to be clear that we do not know where the finances for a £60K plus outdoor area is coming from at present. The aim is to pitch to large locally based companies for sponsorship and support, so if you do have any connections that you

think could help us, we would love to hear from you.

This week our netball team played Sandridge on Tuesday, winning an impressive 10—0. Very well played to the team and thank you to Mrs Galea for stepping in to referee. The Cross country team were also in action this week at Wheatfields producing another impressive display, with many of the children improving on their previous placements - an excellent effort!

Earlier today, we held the Speakers Cup final. We were fortunate to have two guests, Chris White and Jacqui Taylor from the District Council to speak to the children about what they do and hand out the trophy. The speeches were all excellent and really engaging. They included talks on Olivia Rodrigo (Lois), the WWF (Asha), conkers (Louis), the brain (Max), trains (Euan) and our future (Indy). It was a challenge to pick one overall winner as they were all so good. The winning speech was from Euan in Year 2 about trains. He clearly knew all about them and it was lovely to hear about his passion for them. Congratulations to him and the finalist but also to all the children for

sharing their passions so eloquently.

Hertfordshire Send team received their Ofsted report today which gave them the lowest possible rating. It isn't great reading, but does give an insight into the difficulties that schools are facing when reaching out for support with Special needs. You can find the report [here](#).

And finally—thank you for supporting the travelling book fair. We raised £537.57 to go towards Scholastic books for the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 13th Nov - Open the Book Assembly

Mon 13th—Fri 17th Nov - Anti-bullying week

Thurs 16th Nov—Positive noticing Day

Fri 17th Nov - Children in Need

Mon 20th Nov - Open the Book Assembly

Weds 22nd Nov—Drama workshops

The Ugly Duckling by Ian Beck Recommended by Hannah (Y1)

BOOK OF THE WEEK



"Once upon a time there was a mother duck who had seven little ducklings. Six were soft, fluffy and yellow. The other one was different..."

Messages from the office

Flu Nasal Vaccinations

The online portal to sign up for flu vaccinations for your children closes at midnight on Tues 14th November. They are in school on the 16th. Without consent children will not be given the vaccine.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/hertfordshire>

Orchards

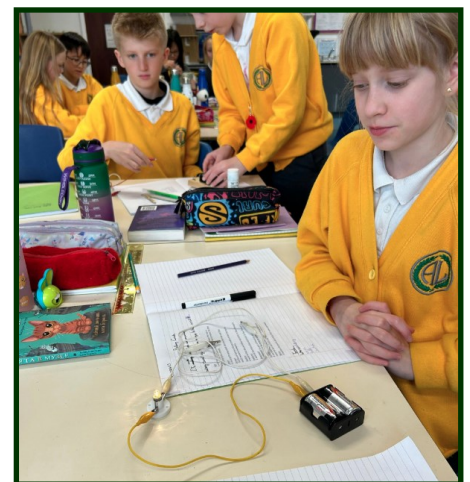
Please remember to book your Breakfast and Afterschool sessions.

For short notice bookings, please email Sharon Jackson on orchards@aboyne.herts.sch.uk

School Dinners

School dinners can be booked up to 10 weeks in advance.

Please make sure orders are placed by 9am on the day.



This week's Gallery

