



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 13th October '23



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As you are all now aware, this week started with a visit from Ofsted. The system now is that schools receive a phone call, they have a detailed conversation with the Headteacher and the Inspector calls the next day. The publication of the report will be out in 30 days from the inspection, although this doesn't take into account half term. This means that we won't have the outcome for a number of weeks until it goes through the checks and balances of the system. As soon as I have the report, I have a statutory duty to share it with parents but please note we are realistically looking at the end of November before we all get to read it. What I would like to say is a big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete Ofsted's parent view survey. What the results do show is how much our community value our school—you can see results of the survey on the Ofsted website if you wish to take a look. Like you, I cannot see individual comments and to be clear, they have not been shared with me by the Inspector as they are anonymous.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/>

This week the Y5 football team had their first fixture against St Alban & St Stephen. It was a tough game against a much bigger school, but the team performed admirably, tackling hard and putting in lots of effort. While they did eventually lose 4—0 it was a valiant performance against a very decent side. Very well played.

The foodbank picked up your Harvest festival donations on Monday. Thank you to everyone who donated—they are always looking for donations and play a very important role in our community. Thank you for your support.

On Tuesday, it was National Well-being Day. With the help of our wellbeing ambassadors, our Mental Health Practitioner, Caroline took the assembly.

The travelling book fair arrived today. All of the children will get an opportunity to browse the books and buy one if they wish. The school does benefit from the book fair allowing us to purchase a few more good quality books.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

LEARNING POWER CERTIFICATES
(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and resourcefulness)

Rita Y5 Betty-Jean Y6 Poppy Y4
Wilf Y4 Rae Y2 Milla Y1 Evan Y3
Sam y3 Bobby Y4 Lois Y6 Oral Y2
Iris Y6 Sylvia Y5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 16th Oct—Girls Football v St Alban & St Stephen (H)

Tues 17th Oct—Y3 Forces & Magnets Workshop.

Fri 13th - Thur 19th October—Travelling Book fair takes place.

Thurs 19th—Cross Country @ Fleetville

Wed 18th - Fri 20th—Woodrow Residential Trip (Y5)

Fri 20th Oct—Break for half term 3.15pm

Mon 23rd—Fri 27th Half Term School Closed

Mon 30th Oct—Y5 Football vs Skyswood (H)

Me, My Dad and the End of the
Rainbow
by Benjamin Dean
Recommended by Mia (Y5)



“All Archie wants is for them to be a happy family again. But then he overhears Dad’s secret, and his dream is blown apart....”

Messages from the office

Travelling Book Fair—You can pay on Gateway, cash or cheque for books. If on Gateway, please state the name of the item you are paying for.

ALSA Halloween Trail—Suggested donation of £3 per child. Please leave your email address in the comments so ALSA can email you the entry form and map

PSD—PSD Are running a Sports Camp during half term—Mon-Wed only.
(www.thepsdgroup.org.uk)

Gateway—Please check you are up to date with consents, payments and donations.

Shine a light - community art project

With the darker nights approaching along with so many wonderful festivals of lights being celebrated over the coming months (including Diwali, Hannuka, Christmas, Lunar New Year to name a few) StART (St Albans Rainbow Trail) will be organising an outdoor exhibition under the theme of ‘Shine a Light’ and we would love you to be part of it!

Community artworks, poems and photographs around the theme of ‘Shine a light’ through an outdoor creative trail will be displayed during the winter months. Examples could be:

- Painted, pencil drawn, collage, include typography
- Be family / group pieces although all artworks must be submitted by adults/guardians/carers aged 18+
- Photography
- Poems

If you would like to be part of this community project, please contact Preet Cox via email at: stalbarsrainbowtrail@hotmail.com expressing your interest and I will provide more details.

We are also happy to take a scan copy of your artworks. These need to be flat and either A4 or A3 in size. Again, please contact Preet directly via email for more details.

This opportunity is open to the whole community, (all ages, backgrounds, all abilities, community groups, schools, everyone is welcome).

*Deadline to submit artworks / photos/ poems **via email** are Monday 16th October at 4.00pm.*

*Deadlines to submit artworks at **St Albans Museum and Gallery** desk is 13th October - 19th October from 11:00am - 5:00pm*

