



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 5th May '23



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Despite being a short week due to the Bank Holiday on Monday, and a further strike day on Tuesday, there has been lots taking place here at Aboyne.

To begin with, I need to mention our Year 3 maths team, who took part in the Herts Schools maths competition last week. The children solved a series of tricky challenges, and questions, and worked really well as a team. I'll update you if we make the finals which take place later on in the school year. Congratulations to Hari, Isaac, Lauren and Julia for their fantastic effort.

This week the children in Year 5 have been taking part in bikeability (what used to be known as cycling proficiency). Congratulations to all of the children who took part and achieved their awards.

On Sunday a group of our Year 5 and 6 children sang at the Royal Albert Hall. It was an amazing experience for them to be part of and they all sang beautifully. Well done to all the children who took part.

Yesterday saw the girls football team take part in the City Cup finals

Day at Colney Heath Football Club. The girls won their semi-final game against a tricky Camp team, 3 - 1, with Edie scoring a hatrick to send us through. In the final we came up against a strong Killigrew team. We went 1 - 0 up early in the game through another terrific goal from Edie and subsequently had a goal disallowed soon after. After battling on until 5 minutes to go, Killigrew snuck two goals in quick succession, taking the cup away from our grasp, with game finished 2 - 1. The girls have been a credit to the school all season and we are extremely proud of how far they have come as a team. League winners and cup runners up—that's a great accomplishment. Thank you to Gemma who has coached the team brilliantly. If your child is in Year 4 and wants to take part in an inclusive football team regardless of having played before or not, I'd encourage them to sign up and come along.

And finally, Zena made some cakes today for the children to enjoy during our coronation celebration. Thank you. We hope that you have a fantastic Coronation bank holiday and enjoy the weekend events.

Best wishes, Keith Smithard

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

Sara (Y2) George (Y4)

Lois (Y5) Arjun (Y6)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 8th May - Kings Coronation Bank Holiday

Tues 9th - Fri 14th May - KS2 SATs week (Year 6)

Thu 11th May—Celtic Harmony Trip (Y3)

Mon 15th May - Air Ambulance Assembly

Tue 16th May—Y4 Sports Festival

Thurs 18th May—Y6 Hockey Finals Day

Fri 19th May—Active Training World Assembly

Fri 19th May - Y3 Sharing Assembly

## **ALSA BALL - FRIDAY 7 JULY- SAVE THE DATE!**

The highlight of the ALSA calendar, tickets will soon go on sale for the ALSA Ball. Details to follow but please put Fri 7 July in your diary now and start thinking about who you want to sit with. Tables seat a max of 10 (though don't worry, we can always allocate you a table!).

## **🐝 ALSA SUMMER FAIR - SAT 20th MAY, 2-5pm**

This year's fair is themed around bees and other garden critters as it falls on World Bee Day- a day to celebrate pollinators and all the good they do!

Your year reps will soon be asking for help to run the various stalls; please volunteer some time if you can. We can't do it without you and it's for a great cause!

We are also asking for the following donations; please give whatever you can:

- Food bank items; they are in greatest need of 500ml bottles of cooking oil, small bags of flour and sugar, tins of fruit, noodles and savoury snacks (crisps, crackers). These items will be given to a local food bank as a swap for the alcoholic items they have been given which they cannot use (which we will use as tombola prizes etc). Please bring donations to the office from now onwards.
- Secondhand soft toys, other toys and games (must be clean, complete and in good working order) - please hand in at the office from now until the fair.
- Pocket money toys: new small toys around £1-3 value. These should be handed to the class teacher from now onwards. The class that collects most will get an additional playtime!
- Cakes: ideally 2-3 donations of cakes per year group (must be NUT-FREE). To be brought to school on Friday 19/Sat 20 May. Please let your year rep know if you can donate these.
- A bottle of something for the adults' bottle tombola: alcohol or something non-alcoholic but a bit special. Please bring to school at drop-off on Fri 19th May and hand to an ALSA helper at the front of school. Children can wear non-uniform on this day as a thank you for your donations.

It's already a hive of activity at the school and all the ALSA worker bees are buzz-y getting ready for the fair. It's sure to be a great day. I'll stop droning on now but, any questions (or bee puns that we've missed!), just give your rep a buzz!

## **🎁 GIFT AMNESTY Donations- For dads and other loved ones.**

We are running another gift amnesty- this time to coincide with Father's Day- so the children can say thank you to the men in their lives!

We are asking you to keep hold of any unwanted items or gifts, especially small items which are suitable for the children to give as gifts - examples include: men's toiletries or grooming products, accessories, novelty gifts/games, books, foodstuffs (eg chocolate, biscuits, nice crisps etc - no nuts please and must be unopened & not need refrigeration).

Grown-ups' items only please and they should be new (or very nearly new) and be suitable for the children to take home (and no alcohol, sharp objects or glass please).

*PLEASE DO NOT BRING AMNESTY ITEMS INTO SCHOOL YET* as we don't want them getting mixed up with the fair donations.

All children will be given an opportunity on Thursday 15 June\* to select a present for their dad/carer/special someone. Nearer the time, ALSA will kindly ask for a suggested donation of £2-£5, which will be payable via Gateway.

\*Nb if your child is away on the day, they will, unfortunately, not be able to select a gift on another day.

Thank you so much for your support and enjoy the long weekend!

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