

A Note from Mrs Abley...



Dear parents and carers

I love News on the Ninth when it's like this: full of all the 'other stuff' we do as a school! Sports, visits, visitors and best of all dressing up. It's always a mad term - staff are so aware that we're half way through the school year with so much yet to do, and of course we're all conscious of SATs and assessments and parent consultations and phonics checks but there's still time for productions and sports and music. Quite right too. No updates on the building works I'm afraid but there are meetings planned for the next few weeks so fingers crossed they'll have some news for us.

This is the last News on the Ninth of the term so can I wish you all a lovely holiday when we get there.

With best wishes,
Amanda Abley

Aboyne Lodge School



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Volunteers

We'd like to thank all those generous parents who commit time and effort to Aboyne Lodge by volunteering in school providing a wide range of support for our children. It really makes a huge contribution to the school, staff and children. Everyone is very welcome to volunteer at school on a regular or ad-hoc basis, but clearly the safety of the children is our number 1 priority. All volunteers need to be DBS checked and provide details of 2 referees. It's a relatively simple process and the office can help you with the administration of these safeguarding requirements. As soon as the safeguarding checks have been returned and logged you'll be very welcome in school. Please get in contact if you'd like to help.

Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Cross Country match at St. Columbas on 26th February. It was a tough course, consisting of 3 laps and a steep hill. The children did so well and we were really proud of them!

We would like to say a huge thank you to David Hobbs for training the children and preparing them for the races. We are very lucky to have his support, as well as Mrs. Hobbs who helps with the organisation of Cross Country matches.

The final Cross Country match is on **Thursday 28th March** at Garden Fields School. Good luck to everyone taking part!



Comic Relief 2019

Please join us in raising money for Comic Relief 2019. On Friday 15th March the children are invited to come to school wearing red and/or with crazy hair in exchange for a donation.

Message from ALSA

Please continue to support our events in order to raise much needed funds and of course to have lots of fun.

Our next event is a cheese and wine parents evening on Friday 15th March.

Easter cake sale Friday 29th March (all year groups please volunteer to contribute 3 X lots of cakes)

Easter Egg hunt & Mr Tiz magic show at 1.30pm on Friday 5th April. Please book now via Gateway and mention any dietary requirements. 5 golden eggs also need to be found!

Summer ball at St Michael's Manor on Friday 5th July.

Summer fair inspired by the Greatest Showman is on Saturday 8th June.

We would be extremely grateful if you could start to gather as many auction prizes for both the fair and ball as soon as possible. Our challenge is at least 5 per year group by the Easter holidays. Please ask your personal contacts, managers of shops, restaurants etc.. There is a letter by the school office if you find that helpful. Please also look into where your company is able to fund match any money raised. Thank you ever so much in advance!

Our next ALSA meeting is on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome.

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Sports Fundraising – Athlete Visit

We were very excited to welcome Luke Lennon- Ford to Aboyne Lodge on 6th March. The day started with the sponsored event where the children took part in completing different circuits in the hall. We then had a whole school assembly and Luke told us all about his career. He showed us a video clip of when he competed in the 4x400m relay in the London 2012 Olympics. At the end, the children had the opportunity to ask him questions. It was a really exciting day and the children had lots of fun.

We would like to say a big thank you for all of your support with the fundraising. The total amount raised was **£1,567.05!** A special mention goes to William George who raised the most money individually!

£881.82 of the total goes to 'Sports For Champions' who support unsponsored athletes and without the funding, they would not be able to represent their country and train to the standard of a professional athlete.

Aboyne Lodge will use the remaining £685.23 towards Sport at our school. The children had a fantastic time and we hope this has inspired them to get more involved in sport and perhaps even become an Olympic athlete in the future!



Class Photos

Class Photos are being taken on Tuesday 19th March.

Parent's Evening

Thank you to everybody who attended our parent consultations this week. It is always lovely to share your children's successes and next steps. We hope you found them useful. We look forward to seeing more of you next Thursday at the second session.

Book Week 2019

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

This week was Book Week at Aboyne Lodge! Throughout the week we have taken part in a number of activities to celebrate books and authors. Here are some of the lovely things that have happened:

Visiting Poet

John Mole, a published author and poet, visited Aboyne to work with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. The children all enjoyed John's riddles and poems!

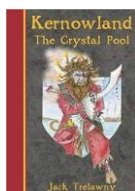


World Book Day

The children and staff all dressed up for World Book Day as their favourite book character. We had some wonderful and very inventive costumes and your kind donations raised £237 for the school.

Visiting Author

Jack Trelawny, author of the Kernowland series of children's books, visited Aboyne to do an assembly for Years 2-6 and sign books. He talked to the children about how he began writing and where he gets his ideas and inspiration for his books. Children during the week had the opportunity to do activities in class related to Jack's books and they really enjoyed hearing him speak about his work.



Story Tents

On Friday, the classes paired up and shared books in our story tents! Thank you to Mrs Sue Hall for coming in especially to set up and to the parents who lent us their tents!

Story Writing Competition

Well done to everybody who entered the story writing competition. We had some wonderful entries and it was a real pleasure reading through them all! Congratulations to our 4 winners (*Winners have been uploaded to the website under Newsletters*):

Year R – Mali - *The Princess and the Witch*
Year 3/4 – Oscar - *Oscar's Adventures*

Year 1/2 – Alexandros - *A Good Friend*
Year 5/6 – Sebastian - *Vulcan's Warning*



Coming up this month at Aboyne Lodge...

Wednesday 13th March – Y1 Mountfitchet Castle trip

Wednesday 13th March – Y2 St Paul's Cathedral Trip

Thursday 14th March – Parents Evening

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief

Tuesday 19th March – Class Photos

Friday 22nd March – Y1 Sharing Assembly 9am

Tuesday 26th March – Y5 Crucial Crew Visit

Friday 29th March – Rock Music Assembly

Monday 1st April- KS2 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 2nd April – KS2 Performance 1.45pm

Wednesday 3rd April – KS2 Performance at 6.30pm

Friday 5th April – Easter Assembly at 9.00am

Friday 5th April – Term ends at 1.30pm

Easter holiday

Tuesday 23rd April – Term starts at 8.45am