



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 10th February '23



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been feeling good week with the main focus on kindness and connection. Our wellbeing ambassadors were working undercover to spot any children being kind, and I am pleased to say that lots of them were caught over the week. Thank you for the TAs for running our wellbeing morning on Wednesday which went really well.

There was a lot of sport going on this week starting with the Herts School's Cross Country Championships. Well done to Arjun, Jonah, Seth, Charlotte, Grace and Emma for their amazing running and congratulations to Jonah for finishing 2nd where he will now represent Hertfordshire in the National Cross Country Championship in Leicester on the 25th March.

The school football team were in action against Sandridge on Tuesday winning an impressive 7-2. Their was a hatrick from Rehan as well as goals from Edie, Seth and two for Claude. Well done to all our players. for another great win and another step to an unbeaten season.

The netball team were also in action against a strong Garden Fields side coming up just short losing 5-2. It's tough coming up against bigger schools but the children held their own and played really well.

It was good to see the year 3 children come into school dressed as Egyptians - I passed Tutankhamun this morning as well as Cleopatra on the way into school. It sounds like they had a lovely day.

Just a heads up that attendance is coming under increasing Governmental scrutiny. As the head teacher, I have a statutory duty to contact parents of children with low attendance. Please don't be offended if you receive a letter from me - we would like to work with families who are struggling to get their children in. While we do have the scope to fine persistent absentees, this is a last resort as we would rather work together to get the children in school.

It is half term next week. Have a lovely break and we'll see you back safe and well on Monday 20th Feb.

Warmest wishes,  
Keith Smithard

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

Lucas (Y6) Will & Alex (Y5)  
Aaron(Y4) Posey (Y3) Quinn (Y2)  
Euan (Y1)

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY—  
congratulations to these children who have gone 'over and above' this week

Mark (Y6) Iris (Y5) Cassia (Y4)  
Nico (Y3) Rose (Y2) William (Y1)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 13th - Fri 17th HALF TERM

Mon 20th Feb - Netball v Fleetville (A)

Wed 22nd Feb - World Thinking Day  
(Brownies, Cubs, Rainbows and Beavers can wear their uniforms)

Weds 22nd Feb - Cross Country @ Mandeville

Fri 24th Feb - Great Fire of London Workshop Y2

Fri 24th Feb - Girls Football V St Peters

Wed 1st Mar - Industrial Action (NEU) possible disruption to classes.

**The Spy Who Loved  
School Dinners  
by Pamela Butchart  
Recommended by Matilda Y3**

**BOOK OF THE WEEK**



“This book is great to read. You can laugh a bit. Izzy and her friends try to solve odd cases with interesting results ”

**ALSA DATES**

**EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

Fri 3rd March - ALSA QUIZ NIGHT

**EVENTS FOR CHILDREN**

Friday 17th March - Mother's Day Gift Amnesty

Friday 31st March - Easter Egg Hunt

**AFTER SCHOOL SALES (cakes etc):**

Friday 3rd March (Year 3)

Friday 28th April (Year 2)

Friday 9th June (Year 1)

Friday 30th June (Year R)

**ALSA NOTICES**

**ALSA QUIZ NIGHT** - Friday 3 March, from 7.30pm (quiz starts 8pm sharp) in school hall.

Tickets are on sale now (Gateway) at the bargain price of £8 per person! It's guaranteed to be a great night out with lots of laughs so put a team together and come along for our first real-life quiz in over 3 years!!

Quiz teams should have a maximum of 8 players. If you know the names of your teammates already, please put them in the text box when purchasing tickets. If not, don't worry, you can tell us nearer the time via your year rep. NB ALSA will be running a bar but we will not be providing food so please feel free to bring your own snacks and nibbles (but no nuts please!). As usual, the bar will accept card but please bring along some cash for raffle tickets and to play Heads & Tails.

**ALSA SUMMER BALL/PARTY - SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 7 JULY**

We are already busy starting to organise this fantastic night for the Aboyne adults. Details to follow but please pop the date in your diary now! We are also looking for volunteers to help run this amazing event! If you are interested in getting involved, please let your year rep know.

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFT AMNESTY**

Just a reminder to KEEP those unwanted items or gifts to hand so we can collect them after half term! We are looking for small items suitable for the children to give as Mother's Day Gifts. Examples include candles, moisturisers, shower gels etc. Children will select a gift for their mum/carer/special someone on 17 March but more details on that after half term. Thank you!

