



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 13th MAY 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

To begin with, I'd like to say many congratulations and well done to the Year 6 pupils for all their hard work and effort this week during the SATs tests. Next week they are off on their residential trip to Devon, where they can really let their hair down and enjoy some activities that they may not have experienced before. I am sure that they will have a fantastic time, and there will be regular updates through class Dojo for parents.

Last term some of you may remember that we took part in a Hertfordshire wide competition called the Create-a-Plant, paper engineering challenge. I am pleased to say that Aboyne Lodge did extremely well with Rose and Belle's entry (from Y1) being awarded the Key Stage 1 runners up prize. They have been awarded a certificate and the school was given a small trophy (now in the library) and £50 in garden vouchers - we will put this towards the pond area. Congratulations to both the girls and the rest of the children who took part.

We are heading quite quickly towards the end of this half term. Please look out for a letter about the Queen's Jubilee picnic.

I am pleased to say that Peggy (Y6) is taking part in the St Albans schools gala for Aboyne Lodge, on the 20th of May. If your child is a club swimmer in Year 5 or 6, and would like to take part, there is still time to enter. You can sign them up here: <http://www.stassa.org.uk/2022-trials-gala-pre-gala.html> or get in touch.

And finally, I am very keen to hear your views and opinions about the school and what you think we do well or what we could do better. I would like to give parents the opportunity to come in, have a cup of tea and talk about the direction of the school. There is no fixed agenda at the moment, but I will give a short talk about what we have been doing and what our aims are moving into next year. If you would like to attend on Friday 24th June, please let the office know.

Warmest wishes,

Mr. Smithard

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Congratulations to the following children

Y1 Asha, Y2 Posy, Y3 Cassia,
Y4 Emily Y5 Charlie, Y6 Hugo

LEARNING POWERS CERTIFICATES

Super Squirrel (Resourcefulness):
Alma Y4

Tough Tortoise (Resilience): Piper Y6,
Joseph Y3, Rose (Y1)

Buddy Bee (Reciprocity): Seth Y5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 16th May—Y6 Residential Trip

Fri 20th May—Y3 Sharing Assembly

23rd—27th May—Aboyne Goes Outdoors

Fri 27th May—Queen's Jubilee Picnic

Mon 6th—10th June—Jubilee Week

Fr 24th June (9- 10 am) - Cup of Tea with the Head.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Boy at the Back of the Class By Onjai Q. Rauf Recommended by Miss Leto Y3



“There used to be an empty chair at the back of the class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it...”

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Gateway

You may have noticed a ‘New’ Aboyne Lodge account on Gateway, please do not worry! We are slowing moving MIS systems. Please log out and log back in again, for now that is all you need to do. If you have any questions please contact us on admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk

Uniform Orders

Time to start thinking ahead to September, if you require any uniform please get the orders in.

Enjoy the outdoors but ‘be tick aware’ this Spring

1. WHAT IS A TICK?

Ticks are small, spider-like creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people.

The size of a tick can vary, with a larva being as small as a tiny freckle, and fully fed females similar in size to a baked bean.

Tick attached to skin



3. HOW TO AVOID TICKS

Walk on clearly defined paths to avoid brushing against vegetation

Wear light-coloured clothes so ticks can be spotted and brushed off

Use repellents such as DEET

Carry out a tick check

Tick in the environment



2. WHERE DO YOU FIND TICKS?

Ticks live in many habitats but prefer moist areas with leaf litter or longer grass, like in woodland, grassland, moorland, heathland and some urban parks and gardens.

Ticks don't fly or jump. They wait on vegetation for a host to pass by, and then climb on.

They bite and attach to the skin and feed on blood for several days, before dropping off.

Ticks are found throughout the year, but are most active between spring and autumn

4. HOW TO DO A TICK CHECK

Check clothes and body regularly for ticks when outdoors and when you get home

Check children and pets as well

Areas that ticks may frequently be found include skin folds, armpits, groin, waistband area, back of the neck and hairline.

Adults are commonly bitten on the legs

Children are commonly bitten on the head or neck area

Bites can occur anywhere on the body and more than one tick can be attached at one time

5. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BITTEN

Remove ticks as soon as possible

Use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool.

Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouthparts left in the skin can cause a local infection

Tick removal with tweezers



Clean the bite area and monitor it for several weeks for any changes.

Ticks can transmit bacteria that cause diseases such as Lyme disease.

Contact your GP promptly if you feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or Develop a spreading circular red rash - tell them you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Lyme disease bullseye rash

