



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 11th November '22



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week saw the workmen coming into the playground to prepare the ground for the new climbing frame. As I'm sure you have read in the press, budgets for schools and all public services are very tight. Like the rest of the country, energy prices have had a big impact on our finances. On top of this, while teaching and support staff have received a deserved pay rise recently, this has not been funded by the Government. Without your support for projects like the climbing frame, our new Maths schemes, RWI and experience days, we would really struggle to provide lots of the things we do. Thank you.

On Monday, Mrs Handley and the Eco –team conducted an assembly on how we can reduce the schools carbon footprint, including understanding the importance of trees and what we are planning to do about it. Thank you for the team and Mrs Handley for all their hard work. It was great to see some of the wildlife coming back to the pond area which we could see through the wildlife camera that has been set up there. Have a look at the Class Story on Dojo for the photos.

On Tuesday, our girls were in action on the football field, coming out as comfortable winners against St Peters . That's our third straight win for the team, so many congratulations to them.

Thursday saw our Year 1 children visit St Albans Museum. Thank you for all the parent helpers who made the trip possible. It sounds like the children had a great time.

For Remembrance day, the Year 6 children walked to Canon Street where a St Albans Blue Plaque was unveiled to recognise Ted Warner, a local boy, who won the Victoria Cross in the First World War. Thank you to Isla and Luke for their part in the reading. We also observed a minutes silence in the playground to mark the occasion at school. .

The classes have begun choosing their favourite speeches from each class to go forward to the final next week. I will announce the finalists next week.

And finally, we will be showing the England game on Monday 21st in the hall for children who want to watch it.

Warmest wishes, Keith Smithard

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

Pheobe (Y6) Lottie & Kyle (Y5) Tom (Y4) Holly (Y3) Alba (Y2), Halid (Y1)

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

*Aaron (Y6) Liza (Y5) Mali (Y4) Ollie (Y2) Owen (Y1)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 14th Nov—Anti-bullying workshops (Y2—6)

Tues 15th Boys Football Sandridge (A)

Fri 18th Nov—Speakers Cup Final & Daisy Cooper MP visit @2pm (parents invited)

Mon 21st Nov—England V Iran @ 1pm

Tue 22nd Nov —Boys football V St Alban & St Stephen (H)

Wed 23rd Nov—Netball v Garden Fields (H)

Thur 24th Nov—NSPCC workshops

## The Mallory Towers (Collection 2) Recommended by Evelyn (Y5)

BOOK OF THE WEEK



“Darrell Rivers is delighted that her sister Felicity is starting at Mallory Towers. But Felicity’s friend is a bad influence! It’s a really good book that I want to read over and over.”

## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

### Parking Etiquette

Please be mindful when parking in the neighbourhood during drop off and pick up by not blocking drive ways or parking inconsiderately. We have good relationships with our neighbours and would like to keep it that way.

### 2nd Hand Uniform

There is now a 2nd Hand uniform sale rail outside the school office. All items £1, payable on Gateway.

If you can’t see the size you require, please ask at the office.

## ALSA NOTICES

**CLIMBING FRAME** - The parts for the new climbing frame arrived this week. Unfortunately, some additional - and unexpected- groundwork is necessary. That work started today and will cost an extra £950 so please help support ALSA events if you can!

**DISCO** - Next Friday 18 Nov, 6-8pm. DJ • Bar • Cakes and other treats

This is a family event so there is something for everyone! NB All children **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.

£3/child - payable ON GATEWAY NOW (or on the door - cash or card)

**SCHOOL POND** - If you are able to volunteer some time to help restore our pond area to become both a wildlife-welcoming habitat and useful educational resource, please let your ALSA year rep know. We are particularly looking for someone to take the lead on this - this would mainly involve liaising with school and other volunteers re suitable dates and ensuring that collectively you have all the tools you need.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** - save the date: SAT 10 DEC, 12.30-2.30PM. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME THAN PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.

Thank you for your support!

