



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 22nd September '23



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Unfortunately we had the worst of the British weather this week, with the rain reaching torrential proportions at times. However, despite the weather warnings, we still had children coming in without coats. We try to get the children outside as much as possible, so waterproof jackets remain an essential part of the school kit. If it is raining hard we do bring the children inside but there may be times when we are caught out and the weather can change quickly.

This week has seen the start of the Watford FC Positive Minds workshops with Year 6. We are very fortunate to have representatives from the football club coming in and working with our children. The programme focuses on children's wellbeing, mental and physical health, as well as online safety, and is delivered through a mix of discussion, reflection and activities.

We are currently looking for an MSA (lunchtime supervisor). The role is for 5 days a week, lunchtimes only. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch.

This week also saw the start of the cross country season. The first race took place at Colney Heath, and it was a good start for the team. Iris came 6th place in the girls race, with Will finishing in a respectable 14th position in the boys race - both races had over 60 competitors. Congratulations to all of the team on a great effort. They all did fantastically well.

Just a word on snacks. We are seeing a few packets of crisps, cookies and chocolate bars being snuck in for snacks. I'd appreciate it if all parents can support us advocating healthy eating options such as fruit, or something nutritious, rather than providing foods that are highly processed or full of sugar.

The calendar is full next week, including interviews for the vacant Year 4 TA job. We are also starting to hear from prospective parents who are coming round to visit the school for Sept '24. If you know families in this position, please point them to the office and we can book them in for a visit.

Have a great weekend.

Warmest wishes, KeithSmithard

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

Ksenya Y6 Joseph Y5 Elodie Y5
Ivy Q Y4 Quinn B Y3 Adam Y2

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Kyle Y6 Cassia & Alex Y5 Julia Y4
Bella Y3 Lottie Y2 Hannah Y1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 25th Sep—Open the Book Assembly

Tue 26th Sep—European Day of Languages

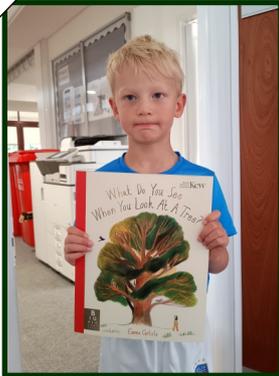
Mon 2nd Oct—St Albans Foodbank Assembly

Thurs 5th & Tues 10th Oct—Parent Consultations

Fri 6th Oct—Harvest Festival @9am

Mon 9th Oct—Foodbank crates collected

What Do You See When You Look
At A Tree
by Emma Carlisle
Birthday book presented by
Quinn (Y1)



BOOK OF THE WEEK

“What do you see when you look at a tree? Leaves or twigs or branches? Or do you see real living thing that moves, breathes and dances?”

Using the subtitles

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can reportedly double the chances of a child becoming good at reading.

There’s extensive global research that shows just how effective this is—there is even a dedicated website to help. For more information please visit:

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/>

