



Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It has been yet another fantastic week of learning and experiences at Arthur Bugler for our children.

Wow Starter (YR 6)! As part of their Science curriculum, our students in year 6 dissected lamb hearts, exploring the intricate details of this vital organ.

The heart dissection served as a Wow starter to their new Science topic, which revolves around the heart and its role in circulation. This hands-on experience allowed our students to engage with the subject matter in a profound way, reinforcing their understanding of the heart's anatomy and function.



Working together in teams, our young scientists delved deep into the hearts, identifying key components crucial for the transportation of blood. They eagerly examined tendons, ventricles, atriums, and the aorta, gaining first-hand knowledge of how these elements contribute to the heart's remarkable ability to pump blood throughout the body.



Play Makers (Play leaders): We are thrilled to announce the remarkable achievement of our 20 Year 6 students who have successfully completed the application process to become playground "Play Makers" (also known as play leaders). This is an exciting opportunity that will not only enrich their own experiences but also contribute positively to our school community.

On Thursday, these dedicated students participated in a comprehensive 3-hour induction session, where they gained valuable insights into what it takes to be successful play leaders. Their enthusiasm and commitment were fantastic, and we couldn't be prouder of their eagerness to take on this leadership role.



In the coming weeks, our newly appointed Play Makers will begin their journey by spending the first half term developing their leadership with children in years 1, 2, and 3, creating a more inclusive and enjoyable lunch experience for everyone involved. Once they have demonstrated consistent effective leadership, they will be awarded a formal accreditation from the Leadership Skills Foundation.



Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Team: I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 5&6 Girls Football Team for their recent participation in the Thurrock Sport Partnership Football Competition at St. Cleres Secondary School. We may not have secured victory this time, but Mr Heard was incredibly proud of their effort and enthusiasm throughout the tournament. Thank you for representing ABP, and we look forward to following the progress of the Year 5&6 Girls Football Team throughout the 2023/2024 academic year!

RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) update: Since my last update on RAAC, there have been no significant developments to report at this moment in time. As previously explained, any new updates will be communicated directly from the school, and you will be the first to know.

On a positive note, the children have continued to settle into their routines, and the school is running effectively. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our staff, students, and parents in making this possible. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to updating you with any significant developments in the near future.

School Events Calendar : I would like to extend my apologies for the delay in releasing the Arthur Bugler calendar for the 2023/2024 academic year. I understand that the event calendar is important for planning, but as you can imagine, the year now looks very different to it did prior to 31st August and RAAC closure.



As we navigate these unprecedented times, we have had to make many adjustments to the events and activities we can offer throughout the school year. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and the entire school community.

I want to assure you that we are working diligently to finalise the year event overview/ABP calendar, and you can expect to receive it in the next couple of days. **However, I must emphasise that the fluid nature of our situation means that many events are subject to last-minute changes or, in some cases, cancellation.**

I have recently met with our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to discuss potential modifications to our planned events – as our current situation develops, we will aim to update you on how these will look going forward.

Rest assured that we understand the importance of providing you with ample notice if there are any changes to the timetabled events. We will make every effort to communicate any alterations or cancellations as early as possible, giving you the opportunity to adjust your plans accordingly.

PTA AGM: A reminder from last weeks newsletter regarding the PTA **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. This meeting will take place at the school on Wednesday, September 27th, at 7:00 PM, with refreshments and snacks available from 7:30 PM onwards. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially newcomers!



Well done to ...

... Lowri B. Lowri has been awarded the prestigious title of "Brownie of the Year." This accomplishment is a testament to Lowri's dedication, hard work, and positive attitude throughout her time as a Brownie. She has consistently shown a remarkable level of enthusiasm, leadership, and a commitment to the values of the Brownie organization. Well done!

Lastly... Safeguarding! I have some exciting news to share regarding the continued efforts to enhance the safety and support systems at our school.

We are pleased to inform you that a Safeguarding Information Board will soon be installed at the front of our school. This board will serve as a valuable resource and reference point for all matters related to safeguarding and local support within our community.



I would also like to share a new website called: Skips Safety Net (www.skipssafetynet.org). This website aims at supporting parents/guardians in our drive to keeping children safe online. Please see the poster on the next page for further information!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns related to safeguarding or any other school matters, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback and involvement are vital in ensuring the continued success and safety of our school.

Parent Guides to Online Safety



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.


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Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to			
	Lower School	Class 3	100	%
	Upper School	Class 10	100	%
	Whole School		97.4	%
Congratulations to all classes				

	<p>Safeguarding Concerns</p> <p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using admin.abp@osborne.coop. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.</p>
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	<p>LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK</p> <p>OCTOBER -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 – Topic Letter EYFS – Welcome Meeting for Parents EYFS – NHS Height and Weight Checks NHS Class 10 – Swimming Letter Year 6 – Curriculum Meeting Year 6 – WOW Starter PTA – AGM Meeting Poster Year 5 & 6 – Football Trials Jeans for Genes Day
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Dates for your Diary
To be confirmed within the next few days