

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! As we come to the end of Spring 1, I wanted to take the opportunity to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of you. It's been a challenging half-term, marked by our ongoing efforts to navigate the complexities of our RAAC situation. Yet, through it all, the resilience and dedication shown by our children and staff have been truly remarkable.



To our students, I want to commend you for your hard work, adaptability, and solidarity during this half-term. Your commitment to your learning and your positive attitudes have been nothing short of inspiring.

I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our incredible staff. Your unwavering dedication to providing the best possible education and support to our students never goes unnoticed. Your dedication, creativity, and tireless efforts have been the driving force behind our continued success. And of course, none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our wonderful community - Thank you.



Safety Week: We are thrilled to share the highlights of Safety Week at Arthur Bugler with you! This week has been dedicated to reinforcing the importance of safety for our students.

Throughout the week, we welcomed special guests from prominent safety organizations including the RNLI, Essex Fire Brigade, UK Power Network, and Sophos Cyber Security. These experts shared invaluable insights and tips on various aspects of safety, ranging from water safety and fire prevention to electrical safety and cybersecurity.

In an increasingly digital world, understanding cyber security is of paramount importance for both children and adults alike.

Year 4 had the privilege of delving into this crucial topic, guided by Mr and Mrs Thompson. Mr. Thompson's expertise stems from his role at Sophos, a renowned British-based company specialising in security software and hardware. During the session, students gained invaluable insights into various aspects of cyber security including recognising potential online threats, understanding the importance of strong passwords and privacy settings and safeguarding personal information while browsing the internet.

In addition to these enlightening presentations, our students actively participated in safety lessons tailored to their respective classes and age groups. These lessons provided them with practical knowledge and skills to navigate potential safety hazards confidently.

At Arthur Bugler, the safety and well-being of our students are paramount, and Safety Week serves as a crucial opportunity to reinforce this commitment. By equipping our students with the necessary tools and knowledge, we empower them to make informed decisions and take proactive measures to keep themselves and others safe.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our guest speakers for their valuable contributions, as well as to our dedicated staff for organising such a meaningful and impactful event.



The Lion King (Ortu Hassenbrook) – Year 5: We are thrilled to share with you the wonderful experience our Year 5 students had on Thursday attending a matinee performance of 'The Lion King' at Ortu Hassenbrook Academy. The show was nothing short of spectacular, captivating the hearts and imaginations of our young audience.

What made this performance even more memorable was the participation of many former pupils from Arthur Bugler on stage. It was truly special to see familiar faces shining brightly in such a professional and magical production.

We extend our thanks to Ortu Hassenbrook Academy for generously providing our children with the opportunity to witness the magic of live theater. Experiences like these not only entertain but also inspire and enrich the lives of our students, fostering a love for the arts and nurturing their creativity. I would also like to thank Mrs Cordell for organising the trip and to the staff/volunteers who attended.



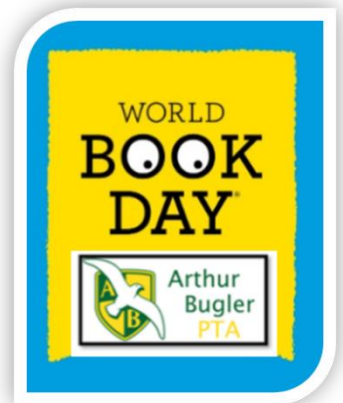
Mrs Matthews - Maternity: Mrs. Matthews has officially begun her maternity leave this week! On behalf of everyone at ABP, we extend our warmest wishes to Mrs. Matthews and her growing family.

This is an exciting time for Mrs. Matthews as she prepares to welcome a new addition to the Matthews family. We eagerly anticipate meeting the newest member and sharing in the joy of this special moment.

PTA - World Book day – costume donations and fancy dress sale! As we gear up for the excitement of World Book Day, our wonderful PTA has an exciting announcement to make.

To celebrate the joy of reading on World Book Day, our PTA will be selling World Book Day costumes when we return after the half term break. This initiative not only adds to the fun of the occasion but also supports our school's fundraising efforts, which contribute greatly to enhancing the educational experience for our children. You can also save money by purchasing an upcycled costume!

If you have any costumes lying around that are no longer needed and would like to donate them, we would greatly appreciate it. Donations can be dropped off at the school office in the dedicated donations box. Your generosity will make a difference and be greatly appreciated by our school community.



Science – Poster Competition: As we continue to move closer to Science Week (week beginning 11th March 2024), Mrs. Seshie has sent out information regarding a Science Poster Designing Competition which can be completed over the half term break. All entries need to be in by the 11th of March 2024. The winners will be announced on Friday 15th March 2024 (3 per year group).

Out of the winners, 5 will be entered into a nationwide competition as part of British Science Week. Good luck to you all!



Congratulations! Congratulations to Isla, Layla, and Ella-Mae for their recent accomplishments. Isla and Layla have both reached the prestigious Bronze Award and Ella-Mae has soared to Level 6, a testament to their hard work and dedication to gymnastic. Well done – we are so proud of you!

Furthermore, we are delighted to celebrate Lily's outstanding victory at a recent diving event in Southampton last weekend. Lily's triumph highlights her exceptional skill and

determination. She is very proud of her beautiful gold medal. Well done Lily!

If you would like your child's accomplishments outside of school celebrated, please send an email to the school office at admin.abp@osborne.coop, and we will do our best to include them in future newsletters!



Thurrock Foodbank Easter Egg Appeal – Can you help?: At Arthur Bugler, we take great pride in our community involvement and are delighted to share our continued partnership with the Thurrock Food Bank. As part of our commitment to supporting those in need, we're excited to promote their Easter Egg Appeal and invite you to join us in making a difference if you can. Please see the poster below for information of how you can support:




EASTER EGG APPEAL

WE WOULD LOVE TO PROVIDE THE FAMILIES WE SUPPORT WITH A SPECIAL TREAT THIS EASTER. WE ARE COLLECTING EASTER EGGS TO PUT SOME SMILES ON THE CHILDREN'S FACES.

CAN YOU HELP?



Thurrock Foodbank,
2-4 Chase Road, Corringham, Essex, SS17 7QH

Opening hours—Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am—3pm

Contact—katecollier@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk
Office—01375 416200

Website—www.thurrock.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity Number—297569



Safety to and from school: We are reaching out to remind families whose children travel to school using scooters or bikes to prioritise safety during their daily commute.

As the pathways surrounding the school can be narrow in certain areas, it's crucial for all students to exercise caution while traveling to and from school. Ensuring the safety of every individual within our school and local community is paramount to us.

To uphold safety, we kindly request that scooters and bikes are not ridden on the school premises and with great care in the community.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and support in reinforcing these safety measures with your children. By working together, we can create a safer environment for all members of our school community and beyond.

Monster Phonics – Ebook Access: We will now be using the Monster Phonics eBook platform for children to access their home reading books. Each child's class has a unique sign-up link (this has been sent out as a separate communication this week). Please follow the links sent out for your child's class. ***When signing up, please ensure you sign up with your child's name*** so it is visible for their teacher to see your child's account.



Once your child has been assigned a reading level, you will have access to the ebooks. Please look to your child's Reading Record to see which book they are working on each week. It is advisable that you only read the book that has been assigned and do not read any books ahead. This will ensure that your child has had enough practice on the focus grapheme and words that they are practicing in school and will support them in working towards reading with 100% fluency. ***Children will also have access to physical books as well as the ebook system.***

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please speak directly to your child's class teacher.



Safeguarding – Parent/Carer Survey: As a part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our students in the online world, we are excited to announce our collaboration with Online Safety UK.


To make our initiatives as effective as possible, Online Safety UK has requested your participation in a brief survey. Your valuable insights will help us better understand the needs and concerns of our parent community regarding online safety.


The survey should only take 5 minutes of your time but will provide us with invaluable information that will shape the direction of our upcoming online webinars. These webinars will address the issues raised in the survey, offering practical advice and strategies to create a safer online environment for your children.


Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/38m6kvCUv6XhTY9W7>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. We look forward to your participation in the survey and the upcoming online safety webinars for parents & carers.

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to			
	Lower School	Class 3	96.84	%
	Upper School	Class 9	96.82	%
	Whole School		95.17	%
Congratulations to all classes				

	<p>Safeguarding Concerns</p> <p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. 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>Year 1 – Colchester Zoo Trip All Year Groups – Dfe Future Rebuild Update (R Turner) E Book Log in – Year 2 E Book Log in – EYFS E Book Letter – R Turner E Book Letter – S Remmer</p>
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Dates for your Diary

February 2024	
w/c 12th February	Safety week
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term
w/c 19th February	Half term
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school
March 2024	
w/c 4 th March	Reading and writing week

w/c 4 th March	Sponsored read
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 th March	Early Years Mother's Day celebration 1.30pm
w/c 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
<u>April 2024</u>	
w/c 1 st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
<u>May 2024</u>	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27 th May	Half term
<u>June 2024</u>	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father's Day celebration (time tbc)
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th June	Class Photos
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Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th June	Year 6 Mersea residential
<u>July 2024</u>	
w/c 1 st July	Transition week (tbc)
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents