



Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It may have been a shorter week due to the May bank holiday, however, at ABP we continue to be very busy in order to give our children the best school experiences. Read on to find out more!

Outdoor Adventures - Update: As we stride into the heart of spring, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked upon since the launch of The Outdoor Adventures in January 2024. With each passing week, we have witnessed the growth, excitement, and pure joy that comes from exploring the great outdoors. So far, nominated children from years 3 to 6 have taken part – and the plan is to continue to give many of our learners the opportunity to experience this wonderful outdoor learning initiative.



From mastering the art of building dens, completing orienteering courses, planting trees, to the simple pleasures of rolling down the hill and getting muddy, our adventures have truly been wild! The children have laughed, learned, and discovered new passions amidst nature's embrace.

Mrs. Fenner (Outdoor Adventures Lead) stated *"It has been a joy to take the children's learning beyond the classroom and give them a chance to explore the great outdoors whilst enhancing their learning experience. To watch them grow in confidence and engage with nature is simply wonderful"*.

But fear not, fellow adventurers, for our journey is far from over! As we transition into the Summer term, we eagerly anticipate extending our Outdoor Adventures to embrace Years 1 and 2. The thrill of exploration knows no bounds, and we're ready to embrace the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead.

Furthermore, in light of the resounding success of our outdoor learning initiative, we're thrilled to announce exciting developments on the horizon. We are currently investing in the creation of an outdoor learning area which will include a nature pond, a fire pit and wild gardens (so far, the children have found a toad and two slowworms!). Keep your eyes peeled for the ever-evolving wildlife garden blooming just by the school gates – a testament to our commitment to fostering a deep connection with nature.



Bikeability – Year 4: I am pleased to share the wonderful news of our Year 4 students, who took part in Bikeability training this week. Bikeability equips our students with vital safety knowledge and cycling skills, instilling confidence and responsibility as they navigate the world around them on a bike. Congratulations once again to our Year 4s on this fantastic achievement!



This week's assembly theme - 'Bullying': On Tuesday, I delivered assemblies dedicated to educating children in years 1 to 6 about bullying. The assembly was planned in partnership with the Anti-bullying Alliance to ensure its effectiveness.

Throughout the session, our students gained a deeper understanding of bullying, including its various forms and what constitutes such behaviour. They were reminded of the importance of reaching out to a trusted adult if they ever find themselves in a bullying situation.

Additionally, our students were introduced to the 'STOP' principle at Arthur Bugler, which stands for 'Several Times On Purpose'. This principle serves as a valuable tool for identifying and addressing repeated instances of bullying.

By equipping our students with this knowledge, we aim to foster a safer and inclusive environment within our school, where bullying is not tolerated.



Parent Governor Opportunity: Are you passionate about education and eager to contribute to your community? Here's your chance to make a real difference by becoming a school governor at ABP!

Arthur Bugler have a space to welcome a new Parent/Carer Governor to the local governing body.

School governors play a vital role in the strategic leadership and accountability of schools. They work closely with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership team to ensure that the school provides the best possible education for its students.

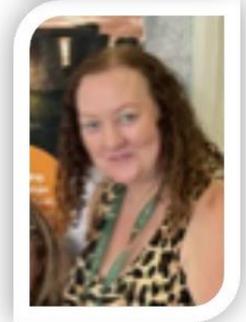
Becoming a school governor is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your local community and support the next generation.

If you are interested in becoming a school governor, follow the information highlighted on the poster – you can also find out more by scanning the unique QR code.

Do not miss this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students and contribute to the success of our school.

Congratulations – Out of School achievements!

- **Dancing Stars Shine Bright (Isla & Amber):** A round of applause for Isla and Amber, who dazzled in their debut duo street dance competition, securing an impressive 5th place! Their teamwork didn't stop there; with their collective efforts in Team Blaze, they soared to a remarkable 2nd place. Additionally, Amber showcased her individual talent, wowing the audience and judges alike with her solo performance, advancing to the semi-finals. Despite the nerves, their bravery and dedication shone through every step of the way.
- **Rocking the Stage (Leah & Sonny):** Congratulations to Leah and Sonny (Year 6) for their electrifying performances in the stage production of 'We Will Rock You' at the Thameside Theatre! Following rigorous auditions, they landed coveted roles in the show, captivating audiences with their talent and dedication. We couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.
- **BSL Signing Success – Mrs Wright:** A huge congratulations to our very own Mrs. Wright! She has successfully completed her Level 1 British Sign Language (BSL) course. But the celebrations do not end there – she has also secured a place on the Level 2 BSL qualification, a testament to her passion for communication and inclusion. Mrs. Wright, your achievements inspire us all!



As always, 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!



ABP Sport News: I am pleased to announce that the summer sports season has kicked off with enthusiasm here at ABP! From cricket trials to athletics competitions, our students are embracing the summer sports on offer.

- **Cricket Trials with Mr. Heard** - Mr. Heard has been busy conducting cricket trials during lunchtime for children in Key Stage 2. It's fantastic to see our young cricketers developing their skills and showcasing their talent on the field. These trials not only promote physical activity but also instil valuable lessons in teamwork and dedication. Best of luck for the season ahead.
- **Athletics in PE Lessons** - In the very near future, our students will commence athletics during their PE lessons. This inclusive approach ensures that all children, regardless of their skill level, have the opportunity to engage in physical activity and discover their potential. Many of our students will have the opportunity to be selected to represent ABP in the upcoming district athletics competitions and all will be part of this year's sports day!

Lastly... KS2 SATs – I would like to finish this week's newsletter by wishing our Year 6 students the best of luck in their end of Key Stage 2 SATs next week. As you prepare to demonstrate your knowledge and skills, remember that these assessments are just one part of your educational journey. We have every confidence in your abilities, and we believe in you wholeheartedly. Approach the SATs with confidence, stay calm, and do your best.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 5	100.00 % (Awesome)
	Upper School	Class 13	98.28 %
	Whole School		95.79 %
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>Spring Menu Day – 18.5.24 Year 2 – PHSE/RHSE Letter</p>
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Dates for your Diary

May 2024	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday, 17 th May	Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
Monday 20 th May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Tuesday 21 st May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm

Wednesday 22 nd May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Friday 24 th May 2024	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
<u>June 2024</u>	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Saturday, 8 th June	PTA Summer Fete 11am to 3pm
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 25 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th - Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Mersea residential
<u>July 2024</u>	
w/c 1st July	Transition week (tbc)
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents