Arthur Bugler Primary School

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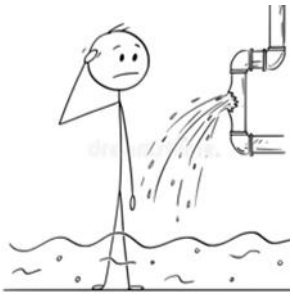
Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,



This week began with an unforeseen challenge—a burst water main on the school grounds. I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding as we addressed this issue. Thanks to the quick response from our site manager, Mr. Stone, along with support from the central Osborne Trust and our emergency contractor, we were able to complete the repairs with minimal disruption, considering the scale of the challenge. Your cooperation and support during this time have been greatly appreciated.

Year 6 WOW Day!: Heart Dissection: Year 6 launched their new Science topic on human circulation with an unforgettable WOW day! The highlight of the day was a hands-on heart dissection, where students explored the anatomy of the heart up close. They learned about key parts of the heart, including tendons, ventricles, atriums, and the aorta. The children were captivated by the opportunity to see how blood flows through the heart and how each section functions. It was an engaging and educational start to their study of the human body!

Year 5 WOW Day!: Shang Dynasty Exploration: Last week, Year 5 kicked off their History topic on the Shang Dynasty with a thrilling WOW day filled with fun activities. They began with a treasure hunt quiz that encouraged them to discover fascinating facts about this ancient civilization. The students also deciphered Chinese writing and created their own Chinese dragon sculptures, bringing history to life in an artistic and interactive way. The children left the day brimming with excitement for the rest of the unit. We can't wait to see how their knowledge of this incredible period grows!

Celebrating Mrs. Fuller-Betts: A Champion on the European Stage: We are beyond proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our very own Mrs. Fuller-Betts, who recently competed in the European Karate Finals in Istanbul, Turkey. Last weekend, she showcased her incredible skills and determination, bringing home not one, but two prestigious medals.

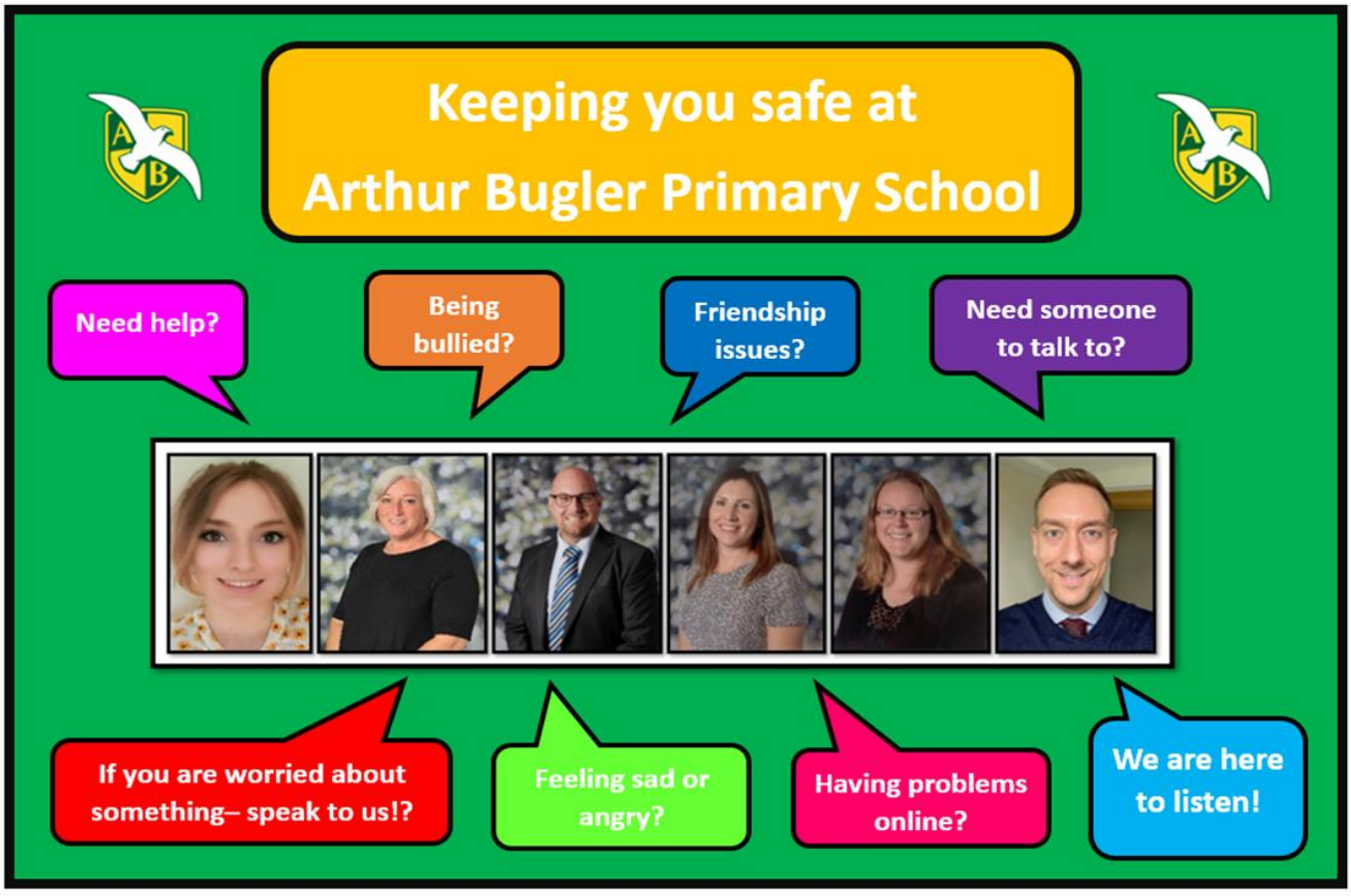
Mrs. Fuller-Betts earned a European Silver Medal for her outstanding performance in the individual Kata competition and claimed the European Gold Medal in individual Kumite fighting. Despite returning to school on Wednesday with a black eye and some aches and pains from the intense competition, her perseverance and hard work have truly paid off.

Her achievements serve as an inspiration to all of us. Congratulations, Mrs. Fuller-Betts – we couldn't be prouder!

Outdoor Adventures Begin! Our Year 3 and 4 students had their first taste of the Outdoor Adventures course with Mrs Fenner this week. During their first session, they tackled two orienteering courses, which involved solving riddles and finding hidden clues around the school grounds. The children also embraced their inner explorers by foraging for pears and blackberries. Additionally, they conducted a tree survey to check on the saplings planted last year, learning how to assess the health of young trees even when they have no leaves. Due to the hard, dry ground, the group wasn't able to plant new hedges or trees—but our outdoor adventurers are now hoping for rain to soften the soil!

Year 6 Information Evening Success: On Thursday evening, Mr Heard and Miss McGoldrick led a highly successful Year 6 parent/carer information evening. The event was well attended, with a fantastic turnout of parents and carers who were eager to learn more about what lies ahead in Year 6. We appreciate your engagement and commitment to supporting your child's education at ABP. If you missed the evening, please speak to the year 6 class teachers.

Student Voice on Safeguarding: At ABP, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students. Our dedicated safeguarding team is always available to support children, staff, and the wider community. We encourage all students to speak up and seek help when they need it. Whether it's a concern about themselves or someone else, we are here to listen and provide the support they need to feel happy and safe at school.



Mrs Fenner's Charity Success: During the summer holidays, our Outdoor Adventures leader, Mrs Fenner, opened her beautiful garden as part of the National Garden Scheme charity event, held on the 21st and 22nd of July. Over the two days, she raised an amazing £1,206 for charity. These funds will be donated to causes including Cancer Research and Alzheimer's care. We are incredibly proud of Mrs Fenner for her dedication and generosity in supporting these important causes—well done, Mrs Fenner!

Harvest Festival 2024 – Thurrock Foodbank: We are pleased to announce that our 2024 Harvest Festival collection will once again be supporting Thurrock Foodbank, helping families in need across the borough access essential food items. From **Monday, 14th October to Friday, 18th October**, we will be accepting donations for the foodbank. If you're able to contribute, please check the list of in-demand items and drop off your donations at school during this period. Your support will make a big difference to families in need within our community.

ABP PTA news:

- **Asda PTA Fundraising Campaign:** Our PTA has created an easy 3-step guide to help support our school's fundraising efforts. A huge thank you once again to everyone who has donated so far – your contributions make a real difference.

- **PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM):** The PTA would like to warmly invite you to their AGM on Wednesday 25th September at 7pm, with snacks and nibbles to follow. Everyone is welcome! We are in need of new members and, importantly, a Chair for this academic year. The PTA raises valuable funds for the school and our children, and we want to keep this tradition alive. Your support helps continue the wonderful events and joy the PTA brings to our children and the community.

Congratulations – Out of school achievements! A huge congratulations to the following children for their amazing achievements outside of school:

▪Zavien had the fantastic opportunity to be a mascot for Aveley Football Club during their FA game last Saturday. While the team fought hard and unfortunately lost in a close match 2-1, Zavien had an unforgettable experience that has inspired him in his football journey.

▪A special congratulations to Maddie, who recently earned a new cricket medal. Her team achieved an amazing 2nd place in the South Essex Division A this year. This is a remarkable accomplishment in such a highly competitive division. Well done, Maddie!

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.

Mr R Turner
Headteacher

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

This week the **Attendance Trophies** have been awarded to

Lower School	Class 6	97.92 %
Upper School	Class 13	98.28 %
Whole School		96.39 %

Congratulations to all classes

LETTERS SENT HOME VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE THIS WEEK

Parent Information Booklets – All Year Groups
Secondary Place Applications – Year 6 (Reminder to apply)

Diary Dates for 2024-25

September	
w/beg Monday 16th September	Year 6 Playleader training (date tbc)
Thursday 19th September	6pm - Year 6 Parents meeting – admissions to secondary school and SATs information session
Friday 20th September	Jeans for Genes Day (£1 donation)
Thursday 26th September	SLT Coffee morning (Welcome back and school priorities) 9:00-10:30
w/beg. 30th September	Year 1 Scooter Training
October	
Thursday 3rd October	Individual and Sibling photos
w/beg. Monday 7th October	Book fair
w/beg. Monday 7th October	Multi-Cultural Week
Tuesday 8th October	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 9th October	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	SEND Coffee morning 9am
Monday 14th October	EY Autumn workshop for parents
Wednesday 16th October/ Thursday 17th October	Year 3 Harvest festivals
Thursday 17th October	SLT Coffee morning 9:00-10:30
Friday 18th October	Arthur Bugler 50th Celebration
Friday 18th October	Last day of half term
w/beg. 21st October	October Half Term
w/beg. 29th October	October Half Term
November	
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
w/beg. 11th November	Friendship Week
Wednesday 13th November	SEND parent/carers mtgs from 3.30pm
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
December	
Tuesday 3rd December	Year 1 Christmas songs 9.10am and 2.15pm
Thursday 5th December	Early Years Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm
Friday 6th December	Christmas jumper day
Thursday 12th December	Year 2 Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
w/beg. 23rd December	Christmas holidays
w/beg. 30th December	Christmas holidays
January	
Monday 6th January	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school
21st/22nd January	Grandparents' day concerts
February	
w/c 13th February	Safety week
Friday 14h February	Last day of half term
w/beg. 17th February	Half term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
March	
w/beg. 3rd March	Reading and writing week
Friday 7th March	World Book Day – dress up
w/beg 10th March	Science Week
Wednesday 12th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)

Tuesday 18th March	Class 9 Easter Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 19th March	Class 10 Easter Assembly 2pm
Monday 31st March	EY Mother's Day celebration 2pm
w/beg. 31st March (date tbc)	Year 4 Bikeability Level 1
w/beg. 31st March (date tbc)	Easter Bonnet Parade
April	
Tuesday 1st April	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Wednesday 2nd April	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 3rd April	Last day of term
Friday 4th April	INSET Trust Conference Day – school closed
w/beg. 7th April	Easter Holidays
w/beg. 14th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 25th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
w/beg. 28th April	Year 5 Learn to ride cycling sessions
May	
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday
w/beg. 12th May	Year 6 SATs (no holidays)
w/beg. 19th May	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
w/beg. 19th May	Maths Week
Friday 23rd May	Last day of half term
w/beg. 26th May	Half term
June	
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Monday 16th June	EY Father's Day celebration
w/beg. 16th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 18th June	Sports Day
Thursday 19th June	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 25th June	SEND parent/carers meetings (from 3.30pm) Y6 will be planned for an alternative date due to Mersea trip
Wednesday 25th June – Friday 27th June	Year 6 at Essex Outdoors (Mersea)
July	
Friday 11th July	Reports out
Thursday 17th July	ABP Music Festival
Friday 18th July	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 18th July	Last day of term (for children)
Monday 21st July/ Tuesday 22nd July	INSET Days
Wednesday 23rd July	First day of summer holiday