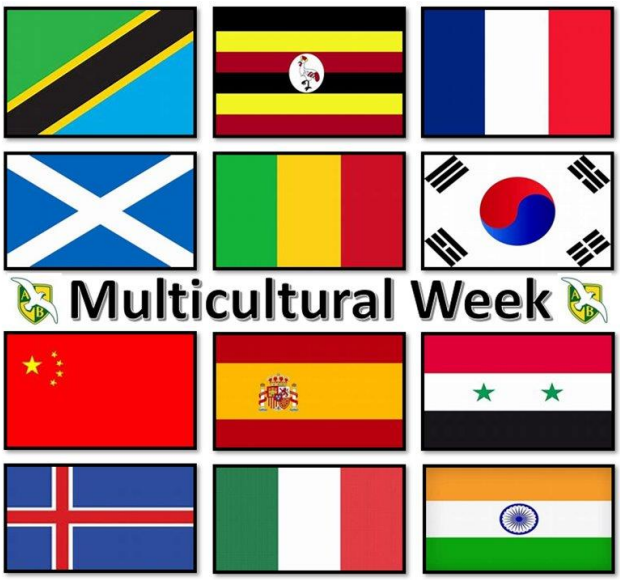
Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Catch up on the highlights and updates from our week at ABP. Read on to find out more!



Multicultural Week Adventures: This week at Arthur Bugler Primary, the children embarked on a global journey during our Multicultural Week celebration. They explored the rich cultures of countries such as Tanzania, Scotland, China, Iceland, Uganda, Mali, Spain, Italy, France, South Korea, Syria, and India, with each classroom offering a unique cultural experience.

One of the most exciting aspects of the week was that the children got to move between classrooms, learning from different staff members. While there were too many activities to mention in full, some standout moments included building miniature Eiffel Towers, practicing Flamenco dancing, sketching the Northern Lights, and watching Mrs. Livingstone's captivating video diary of her Mount Kilimanjaro climb.

A huge thank you to the dedicated staff and enthusiastic students for making this week both educational and unforgettable! It's been an exciting celebration of diversity and culture at Arthur Bugler.

BBC 500 Word Competition 2024 (Mrs Cordell): I am delighted to announce the BBC 500 Words Competition has been launched for 2024! This is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13 years old.

After last year's hugely successful project at school, whereby BBC Breakfast celebrated all 89 entrants live on TV, we want to do it all over again! Whilst we can't confirm BBC Breakfast will return, we can assure you that every child that enters will be celebrated awesomely!

To enter the competition, children need to write an original story of no more than 500 words at home. The story can be about ANYTHING – space-ships, dragons, insects, microwaves. The list is endless! They could even use a story they've already written in school.

Stories must be submitted via the BBC 500 Words website. Also, a copy of the story must be emailed to myself at 500words.abp@osborne.coop

The deadline for the competition is Friday 8th November 2024. You will be kept informed by the BBC 500 Word Competition team if your child's story has been successful in the national competition. I will also keep you posted regarding any updates linked to our in-school project.

We hope that your child makes the most of this exciting opportunity! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or email 500words.abp@osborne.coop

PE & Sport Update (Mr Heard):

Cross Country: Year 5 and 6 visited William Edwards school last Friday to compete in the Thurrock 1km cross country event. It was tough but the children gave it their all and their commitment to completing the course was admirable. Headlines include Iona (Y6) and Lily (Y5) finishing in the top ten of over 150 runners and the Y5 girls team finishing 5th out of 27 schools. Overall we finished, as a collective team, 13th out of 27, a position the children should be really proud of!

Football:

Girls B Team: The Girls B football team delivered a thrilling performance, winning a nail-biting penalty shootout against Harris Mayflower to progress to the next round. Seren was exceptional in goal, making some brilliant saves, while Ava scored during normal time. For their first match together, the girls were fantastic and did the school proud! Player of the Match: Matilda

Girls A Team: The Girls A team also triumphed in a penalty shootout after a hard-fought 1-1 draw, with Grace scoring the goal during regular play. Iona coolly slotted in the deciding penalty to send the team through to the next round! Player of the Match: Penny

Boys B Team: The Boys B team kicked off their league campaign with a resounding 4-0 victory away at St Thomas'. Rocco shone with two goals and a Player of the Match performance, supported by Fletcher's penalty and a fantastic long-range strike from Teddy. Hunter also played a key role, making some crucial saves in goal. The team's great teamwork and attacking form, with 10 goals in just two games, signal a promising season ahead! Player of the Match: Rocco

Boys A Team: The Boys A team fought hard but narrowly lost 3-1 to Corringham, despite taking an early lead through Reggie's brilliant header. Though the boys were unlucky to be on the losing side, they head into their next match with high expectations and confidence in their abilities. Player of the Match: Alfie, for his bravery in goal against relentless pressure from Corringham.

World Space Week: As it is World Space Week, the children in several of the KS2 classes enjoyed a live lesson with 'Tech for Living in Space'. They learnt how food is grown and kept fresh, how the astronauts go to the toilet, where they exercise, what they do for pastimes and how they communicate with Earth when out in Space. They thought about the designing skills and technology that has been used to make super progress. This was very inspirational for consideration of future careers.

World Space Week OCTOBER 4-10

Exciting Update: Reception outdoor area enhancement!

After several months of careful planning and waiting, I am delighted to announce that the weather has finally allowed us to complete the improvements to the Reception outdoor area! We have installed a brand-new trackway, complete with parking bays designed especially for the children. This new area will significantly enhance our Early Years outdoor provision, offering an exciting space for the children to enjoy.

A huge thank you to the children and staff for their patience and cooperation during the works. We're thrilled to announce that the area will officially open this coming Monday! Enjoy your fantastic new outdoor space!

Safeguarding at ABP: Brighter Futures Family Hubs: Supporting Families from Birth to Adulthood

Welcome to Brighter Futures Family Hubs—formerly known as children's centres—your local resource for supporting families with children from 0 to 18 years old, and up to 25 years old for young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Our hubs are here to offer a range of services designed to help you and your family thrive.

Here's what we offer:

- **Information and Advice for Parents and Carers:** Get guidance on parenting, childcare, education, health, and more.
- **Drop-in Sessions and Activities:** Join our informal sessions where parents, carers, and children can participate in fun and educational activities.
- **Child and Family Health Services:** Access health services focused on the well-being of your child and family.
- **Family and Parenting Support:** Find help with parenting challenges, emotional support, and tips for creating a happy family environment.

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- **Child Development Support:** Receive expert advice and programs to help your child's growth and learning journey.
- **Baby and Child Play Sessions:** Fun, stimulating play sessions to encourage your child's development through interaction and learning.
- **SEND Support:** Tailored support and services for children and young people with SEND, helping them reach their full potential.

Our hubs are a welcoming space where families can connect, learn, and grow together. Whatever your needs, we're here to support you on your family's journey.

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

- **Lex:** I am thrilled to congratulate Lex on his outstanding achievement in the Greenwich Run Through race! Lex ran an impressive 1.5-mile race and secured second place, demonstrating his incredible determination and athleticism. What a fantastic accomplishment! Let's all give him a big round of applause for his hard work and dedication.

- **Good luck Lily!** Our very own diving sensation, Lily, will be competing in the school's diving competition this weekend. Representing Arthur Bugler, Lily is aiming for a spot in the national schools diving finals. Let's all wish her the best of luck! Go, Lily!

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.

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