Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

We made it! The first half-term has come to a close, and what a busy but rewarding time it has been! A huge well done to all of our children for settling back into ABP and kicking off the 2024/2025 academic year with such a positive attitude. I also want to extend a big thank you to our incredible staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to making this term a success. And of course, a heartfelt thanks to the families for their continued support and partnership.

Before we head into a well-deserved two-week break, take a moment to read all about the fantastic activities, achievements, and highlights from this brilliant week!

Year 4 football team – District tournament champions!: Last Friday, our Year 4 footballers made us all proud as they competed in the mixed team event and returned to school as District Champions! The team was outstanding from start to finish, winning all six of their games. With an impressive 23 goals scored and only 3 conceded, every player contributed to this fantastic achievement. Each member of the team took home a well-deserved gold medal – a testament to their hard work and determination.

This is an incredible accomplishment, especially considering 20 teams from various schools participated in the tournament. A huge shout-out to Mr. Heard for his unwavering dedication to sport at ABP, and a heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped make the trip possible. Well done, team!

Arthur Bugler Primary Celebrates Black History Month: Over the past few weeks, Arthur Bugler Primary has been actively celebrating Black History Month, building on the momentum from our recent Multicultural Week. The celebrations kicked off with a vibrant launch assembly on Monday, hosted by Mr. Remmer and Mrs. Seshie. Across the school, learners delved into the inspiring lives of iconic figures from the Black community, exploring the immense contributions they've made to British society, both in the past and present.

Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of engaging activities and lessons, all aimed at highlighting the achievements of these remarkable individuals. The discussions fostered a deeper understanding of the importance of diversity and inclusion in shaping the world we live in today.

We were also honoured to welcome special guests from our school community. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson brought the richness of their Caribbean heritage to life through captivating presentations on music, food, and

dance, offering students a lively and interactive cultural experience. Additionally, Mr. Appiah shared his personal journey growing up in London, reflecting on both the challenges and successes of the Black community. He led insightful discussions on the book Hidden Figures, which has been a central part of our students' learning (year 5) during Black History Month.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful guests for dedicating their time and effort to enhance our Black History Month celebrations. Their contributions truly made the week a memorable and enriching experience for all.

Reception Autumn Activity Afternoon: We had a fantastic turnout at our Early Years' Autumn Activity Afternoon on Monday! It was wonderful to see parents and grandparents getting involved in the creative fun with the Reception children. The room was full of smiles as everyone embraced the chance to get messy with various craft activities, and of course, the afternoon wouldn't have been complete without enjoying a biscuit or two! Thank you to everyone who participated and made the afternoon so memorable!

Year 3 Harvest Festival Assembly: Congratulations to Year 3 for their wonderful performance at the Harvest Festival assembly on Wednesday! They showcased their talents in front of a large community audience, and it was truly a joy to hear their beautiful Harvest songs and see the impressive work they created. The smiles and enthusiasm they brought to the big stage made the event even more special!

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the event and supported our students.Happy Harvest 2024!

School Council Update: Our tradition of having a fantastic School Council continues strong! This year, the Student Council has once again done a wonderful job, and we are proud to announce that they have chosen two local charities to support through fundraising for the academic year.

Through the power of democracy, one of our 'Core Values', the students selected Thurrock Food Bank and the ABP PTA as their chosen charities. These causes reflect the values and spirit of our school community, and we are excited to support their important work.

A big well done and thank you to our School Council for choosing two fantastic charities this year!

Good bye and Good luck to Mrs Devonald: Today, we say goodbye to Mrs. Devonald, who is leaving Arthur Bugler Primary School after many years of service (13+), including her recent role as a Support Officer in the school office and previously as a Learning Support Assistant (LSA). Enjoy your quality time with family and loved ones.

Thank you Mrs. Devonald.

ABP Jeans for Genes Day: Several weeks ago, ABP proudly celebrated Jeans for Genes Day, and I am thrilled to share the outcome of our collective efforts. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our wonderful community, we are pleased to announce that ABP will be passing over a cheque (now done via bank transfer) for £278 to support this fantastic charity! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated and contributed to making our day of celebration so meaningful. Together, we are making a difference!

Safeguading: A message from Essex Police (Halloween 2024 - to be shared with the children)

Halloween is a fun and exciting time for many but some people can find it unsettling. It's often a busy time for police too.

This Halloween we would like to remind everyone to think of others and be considerate around those not taking part in Halloween. We will take a robust approach to anyone causing problems.

What might seem like being fun and mischievous to some can be really quite frightening to others.

Playing practical jokes on neighbours you don't know or throwing things at their houses because they're not taking part in trick or treat is unacceptable.In many cases it may actually be criminal in nature.

If you decide to go trick or treating, please think carefully about which doors you knock on, particularly if you know there are elderly people living there.

Where possible prearrange visits to neighbours and friends.

While dressing up is part of the fun at this time of year, we would urge people not to deliberately go out of their way to scare or frighten members of the public.

We want everyone to enjoy Halloween and Bonfire Night by keeping themselves safe and making sure they do not cause problems in their communities.

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

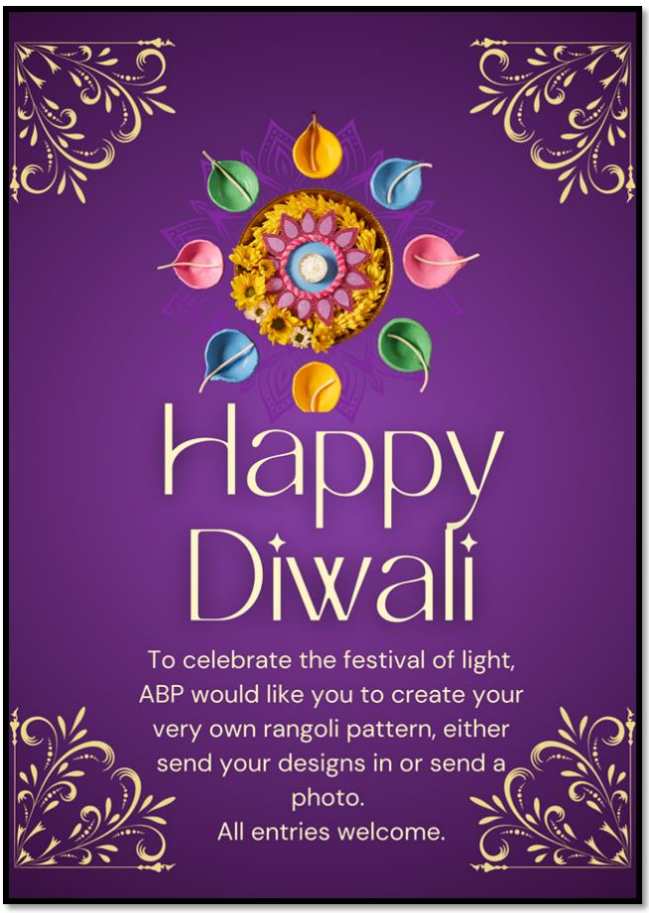
- Elsie has achieved her Whale 5 swimming certificate—fantastic job! Your hard work in the pool is truly paying off!
- Eliza-Ezmae completed a 2K Race for the Kids run in Hyde Park in just over 17 minutes, raising over £180 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Such an inspiring charitable effort that shows your commitment to helping others!
- Emily and Niamh showcased their impressive dancing at the Rising Star festival, winning medals in Street, Lyrical, Tap, Character, and Modern categories. Special congratulations to Emily for her trophies for "Most Captivating Dancer" and highest-scoring trio! Your talent is shining bright!
- Lucas has continued to excel in cycling, reaching the podium several times already this season—amazing achievement! Keep pedaling your way to success!
- Salma has made remarkable progress in her swimming skills—fantastic job! Your dedication to improvement is truly impressive!

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.

Happy Diwali!: As we approach the half-term break, we look forward to the celebration of **Diwali**, the Festival of Lights. To honour this special occasion, **Mrs. Thurston** has set a creative homework challenge for students to complete during the break. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn more about Diwali and explore its traditions.

Half term Homework - How to participate: To celebrate the festival of light, ABP would like you to create your very own Rangoli pattern. You can either send in your original designs or a photo to Mrs Thurston.

Wishing a **Happy Diwali** to all in our community who are celebrating!



Have a fantastic two week break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 4th November 2024.

Mr R Turner
Headteacher

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