Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! December is off to a magical start here at Arthur Bugler Primary, with a host of festive events spreading cheer throughout our school and community. From fabulous fetes to heartfelt performances, the season of giving and joy is well underway. Read on to relive this week's highlights!

PTA Christmas Fete - What an incredible event! A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising a spectacular Christmas Fete that truly embodied the festive spirit. The school halls and surrounding areas were transformed into a winter wonderland, bustling with stalls, games, and delicious treats. The turnout was simply phenomenal, with hundreds of families, friends, and community members joining in to support local sellers and raise vital funds for the school.

The event featured a stunning selection of handmade gifts and crafts from local vendors. Children enjoyed fun-filled activities such as face painting, lucky dips, and even a visit to Santa's Grotto, where the big man himself made a surprise appearance. Festive refreshments were available to keep everyone warm and energized. It was heartwarming to see our community coming together, enjoying the Christmas cheer, and showing such incredible support for our school. A big thank you to all the volunteers, staff, and PTA members who worked tirelessly to make the event a resounding success.

School Choir at Lakeside Shopping Centre - Our wonderful school choir has been spreading Christmas cheer far and wide. On Monday, they performed a series of festive songs at Lakeside Shopping Centre, delighting shoppers and bringing smiles to the Thurrock community. Their harmonies and enthusiasm were a joy to behold.

The Lakeside Team were so impressed by the children's singing, manners, and overall behaviour that we have been invited back to perform at their Winter Wonderland over the Christmas period. This is a true testament to our talented students and the dedication of the staff who support them.

A massive thank you goes to the children for their hard work and commitment during rehearsals and performances, the staff who prepared the choir and supported them on the day, and the families who came along to cheer for our young performers and share in the festive magic.

Christmas Plays: Reception and Year 1 Shine Bright - This week, the spotlight was on our Reception and Year 1 children as they took to the stage for their Christmas plays. From sparkling costumes to captivating performances, the shows were nothing short of spectacular.

Reception children performed a delightful nativity play, charming audiences with their storytelling, singing, and heartfelt performances. Their hard work and enthusiasm shone through, creating a truly magical atmosphere.

Year 1 students dazzled with their festive production. Every child gave their all, and the audience was treated to a joyous celebration of the season.

A special thank you goes to the incredible staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare costumes, props, and rehearsals, the families and friends who packed the audience and showed such overwhelming support and pride for our young stars, and the children themselves for their courage, talent, and boundless enthusiasm. You made us all so proud!

School Council Charity Challenge - This week, we've seen the School Council's 2024 Charity Challenge in full swing, with many year groups enthusiastically participating to raise vital funds for Thurrock Foodbank and the ABP PTA. The creativity, teamwork, and effort from our pupils have been truly inspiring, as they embrace this wonderful opportunity to give back to the community.

We'll be sharing more details and highlights about the challenge in next week's newsletter, so stay tuned to learn about the incredible impact of their efforts. Well done to all involved—you're making a real difference!

Congratulations – Out of school achievements! A huge round of applause to our students for their remarkable accomplishments outside of school this past week. You continue to make us proud with your dedication, talent, and hard work!

- Jax had his grading this week, and we're overjoyed to announce that he has achieved his red belt in Ju-jitsu! A huge congratulations to Jax for this impressive accomplishment—your hard work and dedication have paid off.

- Nancy had her moment in the spotlight this week when she featured on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show with Zoe Ball as part of the 7.30 Three! She requested Michael Ball's classic, Love Changes Everything, and couldn't have been happier or more excited. Zoe Ball even crowned Nancy the radio phone-in guest of the year!

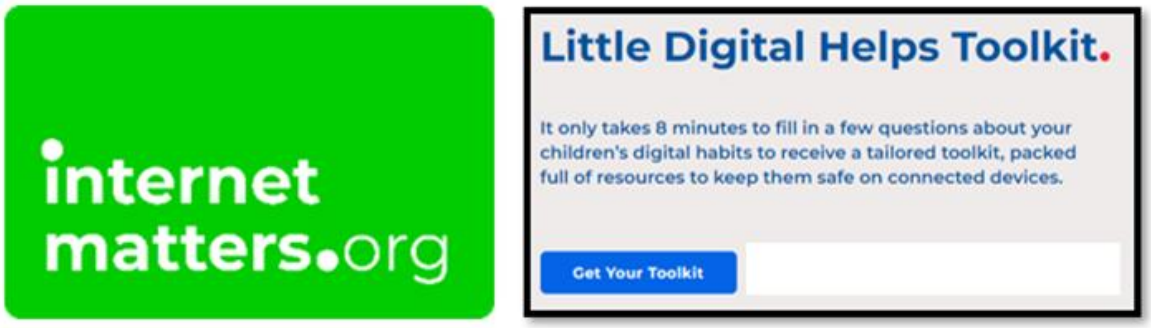
- Eb received an award recognising spirit and improvement in martial arts. This achievement highlights her commitment and growth—well done, Eb!

- At his football club this week, Lenny was voted Player of the Week! This recognition reflects his effort, teamwork, and outstanding performance on the field. Well done, Lenny!

If you would like your child's accomplishments outside of school celebrated in our newsletter, please email us at admin.abp@osborne.coop, and we'll do our best to include them in future editions. Keep reaching for the stars! ☆

Safeguarding - Keeping our children safe online is crucial in the modern world and finding appropriate support can sometimes be tricky. Internet Matters have produced a helpful toolkit for parents/carers to give tips and advice about keeping your children safe online. After answering a few simple questions about your child's digital habits, you are provided with a tailored toolkit to help you support technology use at home.

Promoting online safety is a partnership between home and school, if you find that there are topics relating to online safety that you require further support with please inform the office at admin.abp@osborne.coop and we will do our best to help. https://www.internetmatters.org/little-digital-helps-toolkit/



Autumn Attendance Prize Draw Winners!

On Friday, we held our attendance prize draw for students with 96% attendance or above for the Autumn term. Two lucky winners were randomly selected—one from the lower school and one from the upper school!

Congratulations to our winners, who have each won 2 VIP tickets to the Thameside Theatre Pantomime production of Snow White!

A big thank you to H W Wilsons for generously providing these fantastic prizes.

Have a lovely weekend!

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