Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Children, Parents, and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter – only one week left until the Christmas holidays! As the Autumn term enters its final stretch, we've had a packed week full of learning, creativity, and festive celebrations. Let's take a moment to reflect on all the incredible events and achievements from this week.

The School Choir Shines Bright: Our school choir has had an incredibly busy and successful festive season, performing at Lakeside Christmas Wonderland, Collins House (Assisted Living Residence), and Cedar House Christian Care Home this week. Their beautiful singing brought so much joy to everyone in attendance, with both staff and residents commenting on the heartwarming atmosphere they created.

I was delighted to receive an email from Collins House, praising our children for their kindness, professionalism, and talent. It's moments like these that make me proud to be the Headteacher of a school that places community at its heart. Well done to all the choir members and the dedicated Choir team (Mrs Cooper, Mrs Cordell, Miss Cutter & Miss Gaywood) for making these performances so special! Thank you also to the parent helpers who attended.

BBC 500 Words: 14 Finalists from ABP! We're overjoyed to announce that 14 of our students have been shortlisted for the next round of the prestigious BBC Teach 500 Words competition! This is an incredible achievement and a testament to the creativity, hard work, and imagination of our children.

But that's not all! Many of our students were also nominated by their teachers to become illustrators for the next 500 Words book to be published by ABP. These talented artists stayed after school on Tuesday to create beautiful illustrations that will accompany the stories written by their peers.

This collaboration showcases the amazing sense of teamwork and solidarity among our students as they work together to achieve something truly remarkable. Well done to everyone involved – we can't wait to see the finished book!

Year 2 Christmas Performance: This week, it was the turn of our Year 2 children (Classes 5 & 6) to step into the spotlight with their wonderful nativity play. Their performances were nothing short of spectacular, featuring heartfelt singing, engaging acting, and live musical accompaniment.

A big thank you goes to the Year 2 children, the staff team for their hard work in preparing the children for this magical event. We're also incredibly grateful to the parents, carers, families, and friends who came along to show their support. It was heartwarming to see the hall filled with smiles, applause, and festive cheer. This event truly highlighted the strong community spirit that defines Arthur Bugler Primary.

PTA Christmas Shop: Once again, our amazing PTA and their team of volunteers have outdone themselves by running the Christmas Shop for our children. This much-loved event gave the children the opportunity to select thoughtful gifts for their family and friends while also raising funds for the school.

The excitement on the children's faces as they carefully chose their gifts was lovely to see, and the success of the shop would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our PTA and volunteers. Thank you all for everything you do to support our school community – your efforts make such a difference!

Christmas Dinner: On Tuesday and Wednesday, we celebrated our annual Christmas Dinner Days, with record numbers of children choosing to enjoy a festive meal at school. Our incredible kitchen team went above and beyond, serving a delicious traditional Christmas dinner complete with all the trimmings.

The atmosphere was filled with laughter, excitement, and holiday cheer, thanks in part to our wonderful PTA, who generously provided Christmas crackers for every child. The crackers, hats, and jokes brought a festive touch to the meal, making it a truly memorable experience for all.

Thank you to the kitchen staff for their hard work and dedication, and to the PTA for their ongoing support in making events like this so special.

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!

- **Elsie**: Won two awards from her dance club, BB's Dance Academy, for her outstanding performance at the Thameside Theatre.
- **Lauren:** Earned the prestigious Chief Scout Silver Award – the highest accolade a Cub can achieve! This reflects her adventurous spirit, contributions to the community, global learning, and teamwork in completing challenge, activity, and staged badges.
- **Amelia:** Received a scholarship award from her dance school – a fantastic achievement!
- **Jasper:** Excelled at his Jujitsu grading, earning his Green Belt. What an amazing milestone!
- **Matilda and Lily:** Awarded trophies for their team's victory in the Under 11's Netball League. Congratulations to both!

We're so proud of your hard work, dedication, and achievements.

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 Children During School Holidays: Important Contact Information:

As the Christmas holidays draw near, it's crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of children outside of school hours. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare during this time, knowing who to reach out to is essential. If you are worried about a child, please do not hesitate to contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). They are equipped to handle concerns and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of the child.

Thurrock MASH: 01375 652802

Thurrock Council Emergency Duty Team (out of hours): 01375 372468.

For further information, please visit the following link: https://www.thurrocklscp.org.uk/p/worried-about-a-child

Your vigilance and prompt action can make a significant difference in safeguarding children during the holidays. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the well-being of our community's children.

Lastly… Key dates this week!

Have a lovely weekend!

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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.