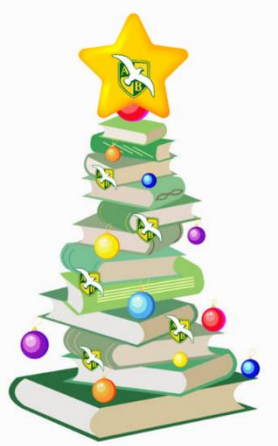
Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Children, Parents, and Carers,



Welcome to this week's newsletter – the last one of the Autumn Term! - Wow, what a week it has been at ABP! As we wrap up this term, we're thrilled to reflect on the incredible energy and achievements that have filled our days. From spectacular festive performances that warmed our hearts to awe-inspiring fundraising efforts that showcased the spirit of our community, ABP has truly shone brightly.

Learning, fun, and engagement have remained at the core of everything we've done, making this term unforgettable. Take a moment to explore the highlights from this week and join us in celebrating the achievements of our wonderful community!

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Performances: On Wednesday, we were treated to a full day of magical Christmas performances by our talented Years 3–6 students. The singing, acting, and enthusiasm brought festive cheer to everyone in attendance.

Mr. Remmer shared how impressed he was by the children's effort and how much it lifted the Christmas spirit across the school. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, families, and friends who came to support.

Special thanks to the staff for their dedication in preparing the shows, and a big shoutout to Mrs. Stubley for bringing it all together so seamlessly. Your hard work made the day truly special!

BBC 500 Words: Now 16 Finalists from ABP! Last week, we celebrated 14 children progressing in the national BBC 500 Words Essay Competition—a fantastic achievement in itself. This week, the number has grown to an impressive 16 students! This accomplishment is a testament to the creativity, imagination, and writing talent of our pupils. We wish all our participants the best of luck as they advance in the competition. Updates will follow in the New Year, so stay tuned!

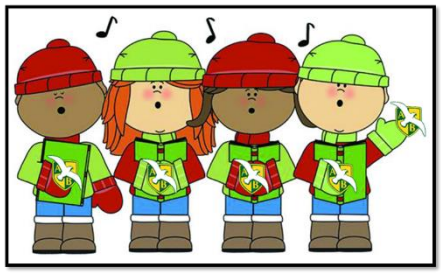
PTA fundraising – Autumn term: After the challenges of last year, when RAAC disrupted many traditional events, our PTA has made a phenomenal comeback. Since September, they've raised over **£3,500** through a variety of events, including school Discos, the Christmas Shop, The Christmas Fete and the Asda Cash Pot Fundraising.

This funding is vital for the school's ongoing projects and enhancements, helping us provide the best we can for our students. A big thank you to everyone who contributed—your generosity makes a real difference! Thank you also to all of the PTA members and volunteers who make all the events possible!

Farewell to Mrs. Maskell: As many of you already know, Mrs. Maskell will be leaving ABP at the end of this term. She has been a valued member of our school, and her contributions to Class 8 and the wider school community have been truly appreciated. We wish her every success and happiness in the future and thank her for everything she has done during her time at ABP.

School Council Fundraising (Update from Mrs. Cordell): Our School Councillors have been busy organising year-group-specific fundraising events. Thanks to the hard work and creativity of our children, they raised an impressive £1,320, which will be shared between two very deserving causes: Thurrock Foodbank – Supporting families in need within our community and the ABP PTA – Continuing to fund exciting school projects.

A huge well done to all the children involved and to everyone who supported their efforts. Your kindness and community spirit shine brightly!



School Choir: This week, the school choir performed once again, delighting parents, carers, families, and friends with their beautiful voices. Their festive repertoire brought joy and warmth to everyone in the audience.

We are incredibly proud of the choir's dedication and talent. Thank you to everyone involved in making these performances so special. The countdown to Young Voices 2025 has officially begun, and we can't wait to see what they'll achieve next!

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.

Safeguarding – Safe Social Media Usage (The National College): As Christmas approaches, many children are hoping for electronic devices under the tree. While these devices can open doors to incredible learning and fun, they also require careful management to ensure safe use.

The National College has created a "Safety on Social Media" guide to help parents and carers navigate this important topic. The guide offers practical tips and advice on how to keep children safe online. We highly recommend giving it a read—it's a great resource to support safe and positive online experiences.

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!

- **Isla:** Recognised for her exceptional progress in confidence, Isla received an award for being the most improved student in her street dance class.
- **Samuel:** Won the Outstanding Achievement in Singing award at the Youth Creations annual ceremony. He also showcased his talent by performing a solo on stage in front of a large audience.
- **Ela:** Proudly received the Tots Star Student 2024 trophy during her dance presentation last week.
- **Carter:** Awarded a trophy for Positive Reassurance, recognizing his dedication to supporting and helping others at his kickboxing club.
- **Lily and Olivia:** Took part in their very first Christmas dance show and gave an amazing performance!
- **Seren:** Achieved her grading in karate after a lot of hard work and dedication to her training.
- **Matilda:** Named Player of the Week for her football team in recognition of her commitment and effort.

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! ☆

A Final Thank You: As the Autumn Term comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone—children, staff, parents, carers, and our wider community—for making this term such a success.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. Sloane, Mrs. Oakley, and Miss Fiford for their hard work and support in our school office over the past half term. Your hard work and support have been truly valued.

I am also pleased to announce that Mrs. Potter will be joining our school office in January 2025, and we look forward to welcoming her to the ABP team.

Last year, navigating the challenges of RAAC as a Headteacher was incredibly tough, and the road to recovery this year has not been without its hurdles. Yet, thanks to the unwavering support of our incredible community, ABP is now back—fully operational and thriving!

Together, we've achieved so much this term, and I'm filled with excitement about what the future holds.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on TUESDAY, 7th January 2025.

Wishing you all a restful and joyous holiday season.

Mr R Turner
Headteacher

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