Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a joyful and restful holiday season. It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school and start 2025 with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Looking back, I am incredibly proud of what we achieved in 2024. Despite the challenges posed by RAAC up until August, we have shown remarkable resilience and made tremendous progress in our recovery since September. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our community for your support and collaboration throughout 2024.

As we step into 2025, let's continue to work together to make this year truly exceptional.

Welcome to Our New Staff: We are delighted to welcome new members to the Arthur Bugler family! A warm welcome to Mrs. Potter (School Office), Mrs. Cox (ASC Base HLTA), and Mrs. Daly (ASC Base LSA), who joined us this week. Each brings a wealth of experience, and we are thrilled to have them as part of our dedicated team. We look forward to the positive contributions they will make to our school community.

Year 4's Inspiring Wow Starter: 'Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers' (A report from Mrs Scott): Our new topic, Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers, has truly sparked a sense of adventure and curiosity in Year 4! The children were captivated by a special visit from Mr. Chris Oldacre, a parent and accomplished adventurer, who shared his incredible experiences of completing the 'Three Peaks Challenge.' Scaling all three mountains in just 28 hours to raise money for charity is an awe-inspiring feat, and his stories and photos left the children in awe.

Inspired by his adventures, the children spent the afternoon outdoors, working in teams to tackle map challenges and embark on an exciting scavenger hunt. The fun didn't stop there—they embraced the freedom of their old clothes, exploring our little forest, playing with mud and twigs, and climbing the trim trail with joy and enthusiasm.

It was a day full of teamwork, discovery, and muddy fun, and we're all excited for the adventures this topic will bring!

Weekly Reading Winners (Golden Tickets): This weeks winners…

Lower school: **Class 4 (74 Golden tickets)**

Upper School: **Class 14 (43 Golden tickets)**

Reading is a vital skill, and we take pride in celebrating our readers every Friday during our weekly celebration assembly. Please support us by encouraging your child to read regularly at home and by signing their reading record. Each completed read brings them closer to earning golden tickets—let's work together to inspire a love for reading!

Paediatric First Aid Qualification: We are proud to announce that 10 more staff members have successfully completed their Paediatric First Aid training. Congratulations to Miss Edwards, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Calder, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Cox, and Mrs. Lucey. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects our commitment to ensuring that our children receive the best possible care in every situation. With a growing team of qualified first aiders, parents/carers can rest assured that safety and well-being remain our top priority.

Positive Handling Qualification: Congratulations to Mr. Remmer, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Gregory, Mrs. Walker, Miss Bridgehouse, and Mrs. Holoshchapova, who have successfully achieved their certification in Physical Intervention and Positive Handling. This training equips our staff with the skills to manage challenging situations with care and professionalism, further demonstrating our dedication to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all our pupils.

Thank you to all staff for their continued hard work and commitment to making Arthur Bugler Primary a place where children can thrive and feel safe. Together, we continue to build a school community that nurtures, supports, and inspires every child to succeed.

Winter weather: As the winter weather settles in, we want to highlight the importance of safety on our school site. We are actively gritting the premises to mitigate risks, but your cooperation is vital. We urge everyone to be cautious, especially during icy conditions.

- **Communication Channels:** In case of snow or adverse weather, timely updates will be shared through our social media platforms and school communication channels (School Comms). Stay tuned for important announcements regarding any necessary changes to normal school operations.

- **Prepare for Winter:** Please ensure your child is adequately prepared for the winter weather. This also includes a warm outdoor PE kit. The majority of PE lessons will be taking place indoors, however, some lessons will still be taking place outside (if safe to do so).

Your understanding and cooperation in prioritising safety are greatly appreciated. For any concerns, feel free to contact the school office.

Free school unform events (The 180 Project): I am thrilled to announce that The 180 Project is hosting **free** school uniform events to support our community. This wonderful initiative is aimed at helping families across Thurrock by providing free school uniforms to those in need – **no referral needed**.

Swimming – Year 3: A huge well done to Class 7 for completing their 10-week swimming block before Christmas! Miss Gaywood and the class 7 team were impressed with your progress and how much your swimming skills developed over the course. Fantastic work!

This week, Class 8 started their swimming lessons. Mr. Remmer shared how well you all did in your first session—what a great start! I'm excited to hear about your progress throughout the term. Keep it up, everyone!

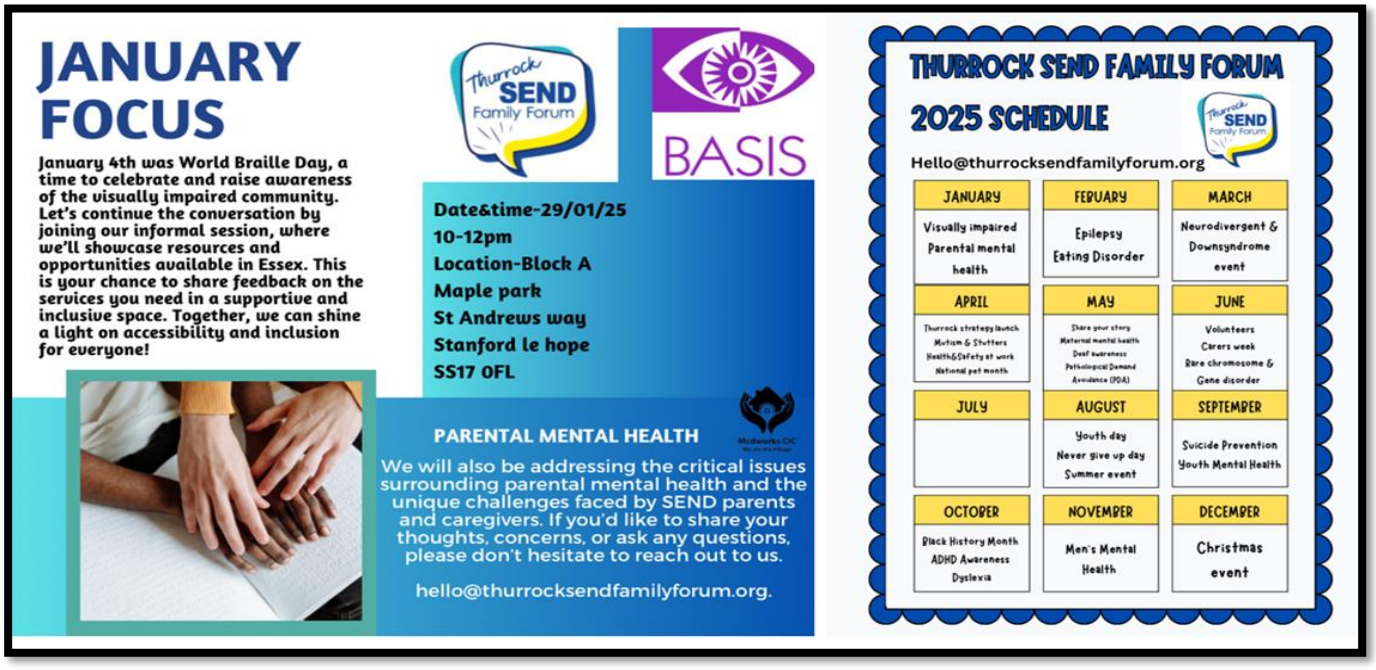
Get Ready for Aspirations half term (February – March 2025) – WE NEED YOU! Last year, we celebrated an incredible Aspirations Week at ABP, where we were joined by inspiring people, including police officers, a logistics CEO, an air stewardess, and a cyber security expert, just to name a few.

This year, we're raising the bar! In 2025, we'll be celebrating an entire half term of aspirations. Our goal is to make this event bigger and better by welcoming individuals from a wide range of careers to share their experiences with our students. The purpose of this initiative is to inspire our children, expose them to diverse career opportunities, and share success stories from within our community.

If you or someone you know would like to be part of this exciting event, please email Mrs. Smith at c.smith.abp@osborne.coop.

We also warmly welcome back any of last year's fantastic visitors who would like to inspire a new year group or phase. Thank you for taking the time to support the children of ABP and helping to inspire the future workforce. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

Thurrock SEND Family Forum:



Congratulations - Out of school achievements! A huge round of applause to the following students for their remarkable accomplishment outside of school over the Christmas break. You continue to make us proud with your dedication, talent, and hard work!

- **Congratulations, Bella and Team!** A huge round of applause for Bella and her squad for securing 1st place at the annual Gymnastics Gymnanza! Competing against 18 talented squads, they delivered an outstanding performance that earned them the top spot. What an incredible achievement—well done!

- **Amazing Achievement, Poppy!** A huge well done to Poppy for showing incredible determination and completing her Ultra Marathon at Park Run Jr by finishing 50 park runs! What an inspiring milestone—congratulations, Poppy!

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! ☆

This week the **Attendance winners** are…

Lower School **Class 8**

Upper School **Class 12**

Congratulations to all classes

Safeguarding Concerns

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.

Exciting Events and Learning at Arthur Bugler!

As we step into the coming weeks and months, we're thrilled to share some key dates and events. These are just a glimpse of what's ahead! To stay fully informed about the wonderful learning experiences and community activities/events at Arthur Bugler, please refer to specific letters and School Comms.

Date:	**Activity/ Event**	
Friday 17th January (All day)	Sport – Yr5&6 Indoor athletics competition (Basildon Sporting Village)	Mr Heard
10-11am	Class 8 swimming (every Friday)	Mr Remmer
	Year 2 local field trip (Geography) (Corringham)	Year 2 team
Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd January (1.45-2.45pm)	Grandparents' Day (Concerts) (Lower School hall)	All
Thursday 23rd January (all day)	Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip (History) (London)	Year 6 team
Monday 10th February – Friday 14th February (All week)	Safety Week at ABP	All
Monday 24th February (Spring term 2)	Aspirations half term (Osborne Trust – Aspirations focus)	All
Friday 28th February (All day)	100th Day Celebration (Learning celebration)	All
Monday 3rd March – Friday 7th March (All week)	Reading and writing week (Including World Book Day)	All

Mr R Turner
Headteacher

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.