Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

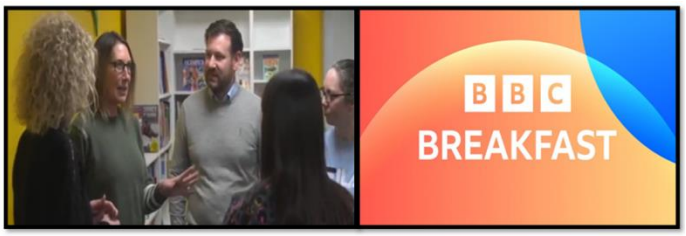
Welcome to this week's newsletter! With the Spring term now fully underway, we've had some amazing 'Wow' days and experiences to launch exciting topics for our children. Read on to find out more about what's been happening this week at ABP!

Super 'Wow' Starter – Reception - Reception started their new literacy book, ***'Super Millie and the Super School Day'***, with a superhero-themed day. The children dressed up as their favourite superheroes and shared their special powers, discovering that being funny, kind, and clever are also incredible traits. To make the day even more exciting, they set up a superhero training school in the garden, where they learned new skills, completed obstacle courses, and went on secret missions to save the day. Early Years is truly a super place to be, and the children are already buzzing with enthusiasm for their new topic.

Year 3 Wow Day: 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' - Year 3 kicked off their new topic, Rocks, Relics and Rumbles, with an explosive day of fun and discovery. The children participated in fossil hunts, created stunning volcanic artwork, and even had the chance to explode various items outdoors as part of their learning. To top off the day, they were visited by Mary Anning, the world-famous fossil hunter, who spoke about her life and how determination and resilience helped her achieve so much. The day was truly unforgettable and a fantastic way to launch this exciting new topic.

Year 6 'Shadows' – Music - Year 6 showcased their creativity with shadow performances as part of their Music topic, Shadows. Working in groups, they choreographed intricate performances set to music by Hans Zimmer, using props and creative lighting to enhance the visual effect. Each performance highlighted important topics such as bullying, animal charities, and global warming. The children did a fantastic job of using their talents to spread awareness about these meaningful issues, and their hard work and thoughtful messages left a lasting impression on their peers and teachers.

BBC Breakfast Show (Again!) - Arthur Bugler Primary School was once again featured on the national stage with an appearance on BBC Breakfast. This time, family members from our school community supported the show's feature about understanding food guidance and portion sizes. Thank you to Mrs. Cordell for organising the visit and to the parents who participated. It was a proud moment to see our school represented so wonderfully on such a prominent platform once again.



LifeVac Now at ABP - We are pleased to announce the addition of two LifeVac kits at Arthur Bugler Primary School. LifeVac is a non-invasive airway clearance device, proven to save lives in choking emergencies. The devices will be available in both the upper and lower school halls to ensure quick access if ever needed. Staff members are currently undergoing training on how to use the equipment, with many already qualified and confident in its operation. Although we hope never to need it, this is an important step in safeguarding our children and staff and ensuring that we are fully prepared for emergencies.

'Bright Monday' (Monday 20th January 2025) – WELL-BEING - The third Monday of January, often called "Blue Monday," is known as the most depressing day of the year. At Arthur Bugler, we are turning it into **Bright Monday** to promote positivity and well-being for our whole school community. We encourage all children and staff to wear a brightly coloured top or jumper to school***, while the rest of the uniform should be worn as normal***. There is no need to buy anything new; a colourful hair accessory, scarf, or pair of socks will work just as well if a bright top is unavailable. Alongside the bright clothing, the day will feature fun activities focused on well-being and mindfulness to help everyone feel uplifted and connected. Let's come together to brighten the day and beat the winter blues!

Internet Safety Parent/Carer Workshop - If you would like to learn more about internet safety and how to protect your child/ren when using the internet, gaming, or social media, we invite you to attend a school-led workshop. This workshop will take place on ***Tuesday, February 11th, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Arthur Bugler Primary School.*** The session is designed to support parents and carers in gaining confidence in the ever-changing world of technology, offering practical advice and tools to help keep your children safe online. We hope to see you there!

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

Lower school: **Class 1 – 33 Golden tIckets!**

Upper School: **Class 13 – 52 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!

SEND Family Support - As a parent myself of a child with special educational needs (SEN), I understand how challenging it can be. Please be assured that there is support available for you and your family through the Thurrock SEND Local Offer. This resource provides advice and links to services designed to help families navigate the complexities of SEN support. You are welcome to contact the school for more information, or visit the Thurrock SEND Local Offer website: (https://www.askthurrock.org.uk/kb5/thurrock/fis/localoffer.page). At the bottom of the webpage, you can select the age group of your child/children to find specific links to local support and advice tailored to your needs. We are here to help, so please do not hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

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 (3 – 4.30pm) Saturday 18th January (10-11.30am)	**FREE school uniform event** **(The 180 Project)** Community Church, Chadwell St Mary Defoe Parade – RM16 4QR	**All**
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
Tuesday February 11th (6-7pm)	Internet Safety Parent/Carer Workshop	Parents/ carers
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

This week the **Attendance winners** are…

Lower School – Class 4 (98.9%)

Upper School – Class 10 (99.4%)

Overall school attendance for this week: 96.8%

While these classes didn't quite clinch this week's attendance award, they deserve a big round of applause for achieving above our 96% target: **Class 2, Class 3, Class 5, Class 6, Class 7, Class 8, Class 11, and Class 12!**

Well done to all these classes for their excellent attendance! Let's aim even higher next week!

Safeguarding Concerns

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email. 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. (admin.abp@osborne.coop)

Indoor Athletics Competition (Yr 5 & 6) - Best of luck to our Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics Team as they compete in the Indoor Athletics Competition at Basildon Sporting Village today! Let's cheer them on and wish them great success as they represent our school.

Have a great weekend!

Mr R Turner
Headteacher