Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It's been another exciting and busy week here at ABP. We have had many 'Wow' days across the school and also community events. Keep reading to catch up on all the latest updates and news!

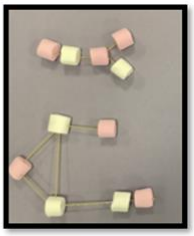
Bright Monday (replacing 'Blue Monday') – Well-Being at ABP: On Monday, ABP turned "Blue Monday," traditionally considered the most depressing day of the year, into a celebration of well-being with Bright Monday! Children and staff embraced the day by wearing bright clothing and participating in mindfulness activities designed to promote positivity. To make the day even more special, staff were treated to a delicious jacket potato lunch, adding warmth and comfort to the occasion. Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped make Bright Monday a day to remember!

Wow Days: Exciting Experiences for Years 2, 4, 5 & 6!

Year 2 'Wow' day (A local trip to Corringham): Our young explorers embarked on a local area trip around Corringham, focusing on Geography by identifying physical and human features. Despite the light rain from the Great British weather, the children remained undeterred, enthusiastically exploring their surroundings and even visiting the local library. What an adventurous start to their learning journey!

Year 4 An electrifying Science 'Wow' day! We were thrilled to welcome Mr. Atkins (Miss Atkins' dad), who introduced the children to the fascinating world of electricity. Dressed in real equipment, the students experimented with a thermal detection gun, hunted for hidden cables in walls and floors, and tested fuses to discover which ones worked. It was a day full of sparks, discoveries, and unforgettable moments!

Year 5 ‘Wow’ day Space Adventure: Space-themed creativity took center stage for our Wow Starter. The children designed art pieces to represent space, ensuring accurate relative sizes and colors of the planets. They also learned about constellations by creating them using spaghetti and marshmallows and showcased a light show to represent these stellar patterns. Adding to the excitement, the students designed their own planets and created NASA mission patches for imaginary astronaut crews. The day concluded with a live workshop on rockets and satellites, sparking curiosity about space exploration.



Year 6 ‘Wow’ day – Visit to the Imperial War Museum (London): Yesterday, Year 6 students had an increidble school trip to the Imperial War Museum in London. The day was filled with enriching learning experiences, as the students delved into the history of World War I and World War II. This immersive visit offered a unique opportunity to engage with history firsthand, deepening their understanding of global conflicts that have shaped our world.

Thank you to all the staff who planned and organised these wonderful activities and experiences for our learners at ABP. Also a big thank you to all the wonderful helpers for supporting our ‘Wow’ days/ experiences. We believe such events and experiences play a vital role in engaging and inspiring our children, and we eagerly anticipate seeing the positive impact of these Wow Days reflected in the students' future work and learning.

<u>Grandparents day (Tuesday & Wednesday):</u> A big thank you to all the grandparents who made the 'Grandparents' afternoons' such a special event this week. We were delighted to host over 240 grandparents over two fantastic days, and their presence added so much joy to our school.

Every year group did an amazing job entertaining our guests, creating memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. It was heartwarming to witness the connections between generations and see the smiles on everyone's faces.

We want to express our thanks to Mrs. Smith, Miss Roberts and Mrs Potter for their dedicated work in making this event possible. However, due to the incredible demand for tickets, we will be hosting another show later on in the term so those Grandparents that missed out, have the opportunity to see the fantastic show.

ABP Sport Update:

'B' Team Football (Years 5 & 6):
A huge congratulations to our boys' B football team, who ended their season on a high note with an exciting 2-1 victory away at Giffards. Erny delivered an outstanding performance, scoring both goals, including a dramatic winner in the dying seconds of the game. This crucial win places the team in an excellent position to secure the league title and advance to the playoffs.

The boys have demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and determination throughout the season, making the school incredibly proud. A massive well done to the entire squad for their hard work and commitment! ⚽

Indoor Athletics (Years 5 & 6): Last Friday, 18 of our talented Year 5 and 6 students competed in the Indoor Athletics competition at Basildon Sporting Village. This prestigious event featured 26 schools from the area, making it a highly competitive and exciting day.

Our ABP athletes gave it their all, winning several races and performing brilliantly across a range of events. While we eagerly await the final standings, Mr. Heard expressed his pride in how the children conducted themselves, showing exemplary sportsmanship and representing ABP with distinction.

Thank you to Mr. Heard for his dedication and to the parents who supported the team on the day. Your involvement plays a crucial role in enabling our students to shine in these events. ABP students truly continue to set a fantastic example for our school community!

The 180 Project (Free School Uniform): If you or someone you know needs support with school uniforms, The 180 Project is here to help. This incredible charity, based in Chadwell-St-Mary, offers free school uniforms without the need for referrals—just visit, and take what you need.

On Saturday, I had the privilege of visiting The 180 Project at Chadwell St Mary Community Church. I was deeply impressed by the wide selection of ABP uniforms available for all year groups and sizes. In addition to uniforms, the charity also provides coats, shoes, and other essentials to ensure every child has what they need for school.

🗓️ Upcoming uniform events:

Friday, 21st February: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Saturday, 22nd February: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

COMMUNITY CHURCH
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The volunteers at The 180 Project are incredibly welcoming and supportive, creating a warm and friendly environment for families. If you have any questions or need more details, don't hesitate to contact me or email Nicola Lambert at nicola.lambert@mycommunitychurch.org.uk.

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

Lower school: **Class 4 (22)**

Upper School: **Class 10 (19)**

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!

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	
Tuesday 4th February (All day)	School Choir – 'Young Voices' @ the O2 arena (London)	School Choir
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
Friday 21st (3-4.30pm) & Saturday 22nd February (10-11.30am)	The 180 Project (Free School Uniform event) Chadwell-St-Mary Community Church	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

Congratulations - Out of school achievements! A huge round of applause to the following student for their remarkable accomplishment outside of school.

A big round of applause for Matthew G, who achieved the **Chief Scout's Silver Award** this week—the highest honour a Cub can earn.

To achieve this incredible milestone, Matthew had to complete **six Activity or Staged Activity Badges** of his choice, along with **all seven Challenge Awards**. This award reflects his determination to try new things, work as part of a team, and persevere even when faced with challenges. It's a huge achievement, and we're all incredibly proud of you, Matthew. Well done!

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! ☆

Core Values – 'Best seats' assembly: In the lower hall, we have a wonderful Core Values Display to celebrate and reinforce the values we cherish as a school community. When children are nominated for a 'Best Seat' during our Friday celebration assemblies, they now contribute to the display by placing a team-coloured ball (green, blue, yellow, or red) to reflect which core values they demonstrated.

This interactive system helps us track and highlight the values being upheld by our students and also identifies which core values might need more attention.

This week, Mr. Remmer and Mrs. Smith delivered assemblies focusing on the core value of 'Democracy', encouraging students to understand its importance and how it shapes our school and society.

Attendance Winners:

This week the **Attendance winners** are…

Lower School **Class 5 – 99.3%**

Upper School **Class 12 – 98.7%**

Congratulations to class 6 (97.3%) and class 9 (97%) as your attendance was above our school target of 96% for the week!

SAFEGUARDING	**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. (admin.abp@osborne.coop)

Thank you for your continued support in making Arthur Bugler Primary School a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.

Mr R Turner
Headteacher