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Arthur Bugler Primary School

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the break, it has been so nice to see you all and the children have settled back into school life brilliantly.

We have had two new members of staff start at Arthur Bugler this week, Mrs Eaton who is our new Midday Supervisor and Mrs MacKenzie who has joined the team as a specialist Special Educational Needs (SEN) Teacher, adding capacity to supporting children with SEN across the school, with a particular focus on the ASC Base we run on behalf of the local authority and our own school intervention provisions.

There are some great free activities for families to do across Thurrock, we have put a link to the information on our website, so please click this link to find out more: Community events and information

Don't forget that next Monday 12th January we are holding our next coffee afternoon with the Senior Leadership Team at 2.00pm, we look forward to seeing you there.- There will be cake! We will be focussing on SEND and sharing an intervention that the children are really enjoying.

Have a nice weekend,

Mrs Matthews

Head of School

Welcome back

Reception - Happy new year from the Early Years' Team! The children came in with such happy smiles and it was great to catch up with all their Christmas news. Our Superhero mini topic has created a real buzz of excitement in Reception and becoming real superheroes for the day got the new term started with a Bang and a Kapow! We're then going to move onto our history topic of 'Long Ago' where we will be learning all about babies and our grandparents. We can't wait to continue our learning adventures!

Year 1 - Happy New Year to you all from the Year 1 team. The children have come in ready to learn and are excited about the additional lessons we are going to have. We can't wait to start our Computing units, which you had a chance to help by using the homework sheet to learn how to type their usernames. This will really help us move onto the learning quicker as the logging in will be faster. We will be making a Taxi in DT and we will be reading more exciting stories in our Literacy lessons. This is going to be a fantastic term!

Year 2 - Happy New Year to you all. The children have returned with a really positive, can-do attitude, and we know that 2026 will be a fantastic year full of brilliant learning. We are especially looking forward to our exciting DT topic, where we will be using wood saws to create our own beach huts as part of our Coastline theme.

Year 3 - All of the Year 3 Team have been super impressed with the determination and real "get-go" attitude the children have shown this week to kick-start this new term - well done to all! We are ready to erupt into our new topic on volcanoes and earthquakes, diving deep into the powers of the earth. In Maths, a fresh set of exciting challenges awaits to put our problem-solving skills to the test. With a stack of awesome new books to guide our Literacy and Reading journeys too, there's no time to waste! This half-term is promised to be packed full of new memory making adventures - let's get to it!

Year 4 - Happy New Year to each and everyone of you. We hope you have a restful time at home with your loved ones and are ready for everything 2026 brings to you. This term we are going to visit the many mountains and rivers of the world for Our Misty Mountain, Winding River topic and we may even hear about some of the children's adventures outdoors. This links beautifully with our Science topic exploring the Impact of humans on our environment. Our reading and writing books will take us to India and the frozen North and we will be sketching different animals in Art. We know we need to keep learning our multiplication facts and our division skills have already improved this week. So much to do but we'll have fun doing it all once again!

Year 5 - Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful festive break and are ready for an action-packed exciting term ahead. The Year 5 children have returned with brilliant enthusiasm and have settled back into class routines really well.

This term, our afternoon lessons will focus mainly on Geography, where the children will explore fascinating places, maps, and the world around them. In Maths, we will be working largely on fractions, decimals, and percentages, building confidence and applying these skills in problem-solving. For English, we will start by looking at The Tempest by William Shakespeare, introducing the children to one of his most famous plays and developing their understanding of language, character, and storytelling.

Year 6 - It has been a been a really exciting first week back. We have stater our new topic 'Britain at War' which focusses on WW1 and WW2. The children have been learning about the causes of WW1 and the alliances involved, studying militarism and imperialism. To kick-start the topic we visited the Imperial War Museum in London on Thursday for our 'wow day'. The children had a fantastic time and learnt so much about our upcoming history studies. As ever, the children were impeccably behaved and really showcased the school brilliantly on the day!

Horizon Hub - Children at Horizon Hub returned after the Christmas Holidays happy and settled, quickly re-engaging with their learning.

1 - Year 6 had a fantastic time visiting the Imperial War Museum in London to kick-start their history topic!

Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Classes 4 and 6 both with 22 golden tickets

Key Stage 2: Class 10 - 19 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!

Weekly Attendance winners

A huge congratulations to this week's top attending classes!

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 1 and Class 6 100%

Key Stage 2: Class 11 100%

Regular attendance is crucial for a strong education, helping children stay on track with their learning and progress. Every school day counts! However, if your child is unwell or unable to attend, please remember that it is your responsibility to inform the school as early as possible. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority!

Slight change to dinner menu

Just to let you know that, week 3 Tuesday dessert will be changing from cocoa rice pudding to fruit smoothie moving forwards.

Congratulations - out of school achievements

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Co-operative Values

- **Self Help** - We use our own efforts and resources to achieve things without relying on others.
- **Self Responsibility** - We understand that we are answerable and accountable for our actions.
- **Democracy** - We understand that everyone should be treated equally and has an equal voice and right to contribute.
- **Solidarity** - We support each other and work together to achieve a goal.
- **Equality** - We ensure that everyone is treated fairly, equally and with respect.
- **Equity** - We demonstrate attitudes and behaviours which are fair and unbiased.

Safeguarding - online safety for parents/carers

Dates for your diary

09.01.26 - EYFS wow day - superhero dress up day

12.01.26 - SLT coffee afternoon 2.00pm

16.01.26 - Badminton competition (identified children)

05.02.26 - Year 4 parents information meeting for Multiplication check 3.15pm

13.02.26 - Last day of half term w/beg.

16.02.26 - Half term

24.02.26 - Children return to school