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Arthur Bugler Primary School

We have had an incredibly busy and productive term at Arthur Bugler.

From road safety in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 to trips out and practice SATS. Not to mention the mini marathon madness and the Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffle- a huge thank you to the PTA for their continued support and tireless fundraising.

Next Term will be even busier with two residentials, SATS and Sports day too.

Our assemblies this week were on Epilepsy awareness and we celebrated this on Thursday with our Purple Day. Thank you for your support with this. We raised an incredible £211!

Year 4 had an amazing time recently at Langdon Hills. They had their Fantastic Finish experience for their Geography topic Misty Mountain, Winding River. There was a great deal of orienteering, whittling of sticks, toasting and eating marshmallows and building dens. There was also a lot of giggling whilst trying not to be soaked beneath our shelters too. Well done to Year 4 for their excellent behaviour and attitude.

Have a wonderful Easter break. We will see you all back on 13th April 2026.

Mrs Matthews

Head of School

Year 1 Trip to Call of the Wild

Year 1 had the best time at the zoo yesterday! The children were blown away by all the wonderful creatures they saw and enjoyed using their maps to find animals we hadn't yet spotted. They especially loved their time in the nature park.

It was an altogether lovely day. Thank you to all our parent helpers. You were absolutely amazing, and you are truly a treasure to our school community.

1 - Looking at the amazing zebras.

2 - We saw this tiny predator.

3 - We were mesmerised by the crocodiles.

MARATHON LEGEND ADELE ROBERTS SUPPORTS OUR MINI MARATHONERS!

We were buzzing with excitement because the very wonderful Adele Roberts - former BBC Radio 1 DJ, legendary broadcaster and marathon queen - sent a heartfelt message of support to our 20 young runners and our whole community as we prepare to take on the Mini London Marathon! 🤩🤩🤩

Adele knows exactly what it takes to dig deep and take on a challenge, and her words have given our team such a MASSIVE lift. We are INCREDIBLY grateful to have such an inspiring role model cheering us on. From everyone at Arthur Bugler, we want to thank Adele so much for her awesome words of support! 💚💛

We have currently raised £1937 for Arthur Bugler's PTA! Our fundraising goal is £5000, and we are so close to the half-way mark, so please keep sharing our story and sending the GoFundMe link to anyone that will listen! https://www.gofundme.com/f/x6xyfn-tcs-mini-london-marathon-2026

Year group termly news

Reception : It has been the quickest but most fabulous term in Reception. We loved delving into the past and looking at how much we have changed since we were babies. The children can do so much now and they are learning to do new things every day. Learning and growing - that's what Early Years is all about.

We have also enjoyed growing things ourselves in our Ready Steady Grow topic. The classrooms were full of plants as we grew our own beanstalks to learn the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We learnt how to take care of growing plants and some of our beanstalks grew so much that they now need to be re-planted at home.

We ended the term learning all about the traditions of Easter and have enjoyed learning the Easter story, finding out how Spring is all about new life and new beginnings..... and chocolate eggs!

We hope you enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in the Summer term.

Year 1 : What an amazing term for Year 1! It has certainly whizzed by, but we have learned so much, and we have truly enjoyed all the special weeks we celebrated.

In Maths, we had great fun learning about halving, doubling, and adding numbers between 0 and 50. In Literacy, we loved exploring our two storybooks, one turned us into octopus experts, and the other taught us all about being kind and helpful.

In DT, we designed taxis and created different types of transport you might find in London. I'm sure you have enjoyed hearing the London songs we learned as part of our topic, *Big Lights, Bright City*.

Our Geography skills were put to the test during our fabulous finisher activity which was a wonderful trip to the zoo! What a lovely day it was!

Have a great Easter break, and see you in the Summer Term!

Year 2 : This term has been a wonderful whirlwind of learning and creativity. The children have worked incredibly hard and should feel proud of everything they've achieved. We completed our Beach Hut and Coastline topic with great enthusiasm, and a highlight was definitely our live science lesson exploring floating and sinking. In Literacy, we've loved diving into our books about frogs, sparking lots of curiosity and discussion. It's been a busy,

joyful term, and we're already looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead next term. Enjoy the Easter holiday.

Year 3 : What an action-packed few weeks it has been. While the calendar might have said it was a short half term, Year 3 certainly didn't get the memo! We made sure to fill every single second with energy, creativity, and hard work!

The absolute highlight for many has been our swimming lessons. It has been splash-tastic levels of awesome to see the children dive into these sessions with such enthusiasm. Their progress in the water is already shining, and we are counting down the days until we can jump back in after the break!

We also squeezed in a special day dedicated to Design and Technology, where the classroom turned into a mini-workshop. The children explored the world of mechanisms, building various contraptions and learning exactly what makes things tick. The level of problem-solving on display was truly impressive, as was the wiggling cams mechanisms. They all truly smashed it!

A final highlight was definitely Reading and Writing Week where we studied a range of different books in various creative ways! Brilliantly, we covered the Key Stage 2 playground in uplifting phrases inspired by Charlie Mackesy's 'The Boy, The Fox, The Mole and The Horse'. Plus, we couldn't help but enjoy the classic children's book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' – what a corker!

Year 4 : Year 4 have had a short but wonderfully busy half term, with Class 10 continuing to work incredibly hard despite Miss Atkins' absence—we are so proud of their resilience. In Maths, the children have been strengthening their confidence and understanding of calculating with fractions, as well as developing their skills in telling the time and converting between different units of time. Our literacy lessons have centred around the wholesome and atmospheric story *The Baker by the Sea*, inspiring pupils to use persuasive language to create promotional leaflets encouraging people to visit and even relocate to Lowestoft. During the afternoons, our learning has focused on learning about mountains and other changing environments, enriched by a fantastic trip to Langdon Nature Discovery Park. The children took part in a variety of engaging activities and impressed us with their growing knowledge and enthusiasm for the natural world. In computing, pupils have been exploring photo editing using the Pixl online program, experimenting with adapting and improving digital images. Well done, Year 4—another super half term!

Year 5 : Year 5 have enjoyed an amazing half term packed with rich and varied learning. In Maths, the children have shown fantastic determination as they mastered fractions,

decimals and angles, growing in confidence and accuracy each week. Linking to our class story *The Whale*, they also produced wonderfully persuasive letters to film producers, showcasing their creativity and powerful use of language. In Geography and D&T, the year group explored agriculture, investigated local allotment locations and deepened their understanding of seasonality while planning delicious soup recipes using fresh, seasonal produce. In RE, our topic *When Life Gets Hard* has led to thoughtful and mature discussions, and we have been incredibly impressed by the sensitivity and respect pupils have shown when learning about life events and the beliefs held across different religions. What a brilliant half term of learning it has been, finished off with a superb trip to the Polka Theatre to see *Who Let The Gods Out*, a story which the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed reading in class.

Year 6

It has been a busy but fun half term in Year 6! The children have completed another round of mock SATs assessments where they once again performed brilliantly with many children making outstanding progress across Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Maths. We have really enjoyed our cricket coaching on Wednesdays led by Chance to Shine and coach Kirby. The children have really improved their batting, bowling and fielding skills as the weeks have gone on and hopefully it has inspired many to continue to play into the summer months. In our Literacy lessons, we have written news reports and letters based on the Guardian's 'Real Story of the 3 Little Pigs' which the children have absolutely loved - the use of formal language and persuasion was excellent. Other highlights included World Book Day, our 'mouldy bread' science investigation and our art project 'Bees, Beetles and Butterflies' where the quality of the children's final pieces was superb. Next term, will again be busy with the secondary school transition preparation getting underway but the feeling around the school placements from many has been good and the children are looking forward to next year with much positivity!

Horizon Hub

It has been a fun-packed term in Horizon Hub! We have welcomed two new members to the class and have enjoyed getting to know them. We have been doing lots of fantastic learning, focusing on the key life skills of using money and telling the time. We have also enjoyed taking part in Easter activities and made the most of the sunshine when it made an appearance. We are all looking forward to more fun and excitement next term. Have a wonderful Easter break!

Reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 4 and Class 5

Key Stage 2: Class 10

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!

This week, since it was the final week of term, we have also collected our termly Golden Tickets winners.

The following children won a book of their choice as their name was drawn randomly from their box:

Class 1- Tommy

Class 2- Mary

Class 3- Reggie

Class 4- Jax

Class 5- Abigail

Class 6- Riley

Class 7- Ben

Class 8- Autumn

Class 9- Jonty

Class 10- Emily-Bridget

Class 11- Freya

Class 12- Teddy T

Class 13- Matilda

Class 14- Niamh

Congratulations to all the winners! Keep on reading- make sure that you get your entries into your boxes for next term's draw!

Weekly Attendance winners

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

EYFS/Key Stage 1: 96% Class 3

Key Stage 2: 98.7% Class 7

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!

Class dojo

Winning team - Yellow

Eco-Club Update

Our newly formed Eco-Club met with Mrs Saunders for the first time. During the meeting, we planned our Earth Day competitions (see details below) and discussed how we will audit how environmentally friendly we are here at ABP.

On Wednesday 22nd April (the second week back after Easter), we will be celebrating Earth Day. As part of this, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Eco-Club. We are encouraging pupils to either wear something green, wear clothing with trees, flowers or plants on it, or 'wear it wild' by wearing something with an animal or animal print. This can be full non-uniform or something smaller, such as a tie, socks or a hair accessory.

We are requesting a £1 donation, which can be made via MCAS.

We would love you to get out into nature over the Easter break, so we are launching two competitions, which will be judged by Eco-Club members:

- **Nature Photo Competition** – Get out into nature and take a photo of something interesting. This could be an animal in action, a beautiful plant, or an interesting pattern spotted in nature.
- **Create a Wildlife Habitat** – Can you create an area at home that attracts wildlife? This could be anything from a small pond area for frogs, a wildflower garden for bees or a safe sleeping spot for hedgehogs.

Please either bring entries into school (printed on paper) or email photos to Admin.abp@osborne.coop. Please ensure names and class numbers are clearly labelled on all entries.

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4 - Details of the Earth Day non-uniform day

5 - Create a wildlife habitat competition details

6 - Nature photo competition details

Congratulations - out of school achievements

7 - Matilda has been awarded a Blue Peter book badge. She had to write a book review (of The Land of Roar), draw a map of the island in the story and write a list of all the books she recommends and why! She wrote about Tamarind and the Star of Ishta which she read at school. Well done.

8 - Amelie and Leo S both completed the Basildon Aquathlon (swim and run) at the weekend. It was Leo's first event. Fantastic achievement for them both!

9 - Paisley Rae was captain for her team on Sunday, she walked away with girl of the match. well done.

10 - Freddie M went and trained at football on Saturday and come away with player of the day. Well done.

PTA News

11 - Thank you to the PTA for the children's easter gifts.

12 - The raffel prizes will be handed out today. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

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.

Dates for your diary

Dates for the next few weeks:

13/04/2026 - Return to school

13/04/2026- Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability