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Arthur Bugler Primary School

Welcome Back,

I cannot believe we are in the Summer Term already, the time seems to be racing by!

This week, the new Reception places have been allocated for September 2026 and we are so pleased to be welcoming 60 new children and their parents and carers into the ABP family.

We have had so much going on already this week:

Year 4 have had Bike Ability Level 1 training learning how to ride safely and confidently.

Reception had their Wow day and the school was invaded by many animals: from turtles to flamingos, lions, leopards, turtles, penguins, cat, dogs, tigers and bears to name some of them - such a fun way to start their new topic.

Year 5 made vegetable soup, listing the ingredients, allergens and all the nutritional information too- the smells coming through the corridors were amazing.

Dragons were hidden around the school as years 1 and 2 went on a dragon hunt- scales, tails, claws and talons were spotted in school.

Year 3 continue their swimming this week and year 6 are working so hard to make sure that they are ready for SATs.

Safeguarding

We are aware that some children are watching content online that might seem innocent at first but then becomes less appropriate. The sites we are aware of our listed under our

safeguarding section below. Please read this carefully. We have also included a link to a video that we would like you to watch with your children- a reminder that your privates are private.

On-site safety

We are pleased to see so many of our children and young people arriving to school by bicycle and on scooters but please remember, firstly, not to be riding them on the school site- please park them in the bike shed area. It is extremely busy with pedestrians during school start and closure, so we want to minimise all possibilities of accidents. Please also remember to keep your heads protected with helmets!

If using the carpark please follow the rules thank you.

Have a nice weekend,

Mrs. Matthews

Head of School

Stir Catering.

Thank you for you patience whilst our New Catering system is implemented. There are always tweaks and fine tuning that needs to happen when a new service starts. Thank you for your ongoing support- any feedback is always gratefully received and fed back at Trust Level.

The children have told us that: "the new school meals are better because of the different options. There is always a pasta option"

The new salad bar started this week.

We will continue to monitor, adjust and tweak to make the provision right for our children.

Safeguarding - online safety for parents/carers

A song to be aware of: The Granny Song-this is on ROBLOX and You Tube and is very inappropriate.

A game to be aware of is Poppy Playtime: this is an adult game and is very inappropriate.

Please continue to monitor your children's screen time and the sites that they use.

A video that is definitely worth watching together is:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnroTxz7USI&list=RDLnroTxz7USI&index=1

Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 6-33

Key Stage 2: Class 10-54

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: 98.3 Class 3

Key Stage 2: 100% Class 9

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 - Green

Earth Day

Next Wednesday 22nd April, 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.

I have already had some fabulous entries and but would love some more so please get out into the local area over the weekend and get hands on with nature.

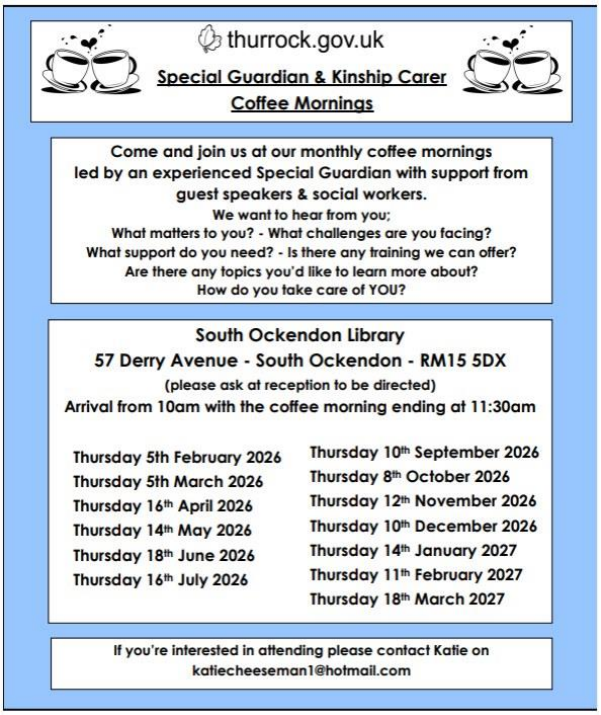
Please either bring entries into school (printed on paper) or email photos to Admin.abp@osborne.coop. Please ensure names and class numbers are clearly labelled on all entries.

Congratulations - out of school achievements

1 - Frankie raised £355 for MacMillan cancer support by running a mile in Stanford le hope on Sunday 12th April. He did this sponsored run in Memory of his Nanny Sharon who passed away in 2022 after a tough battle with Cancer.

Community News and Events

Please see the community page on our website with information about free and low cost physical activities taking place around Thurrock. [Community events and information]



Co-operative Values

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Co-operative Academy Trust

- **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:

W/C 20.04.26 - Year 5 - IOW residential

W/C 20.04.26 - Reception hearing and vision checks

20.04.26 - Year 1 - Scooter safety

17.04.26 - Netball rally (identified children)

01.05.26 - Year 5/6 girls - Cricket competition (identified children)

04.05.26 - Bank holiday

W/C 11.05.26 - Year 6 - SATS week

21.05.26 - Year 6 - 3.15pm parents information sessions for residential

W/C 18.05.26 - Year 6 - Bikeability

22.05.26 - Last day of half term

W/C 25.05.26 - Half term

01.06.26 - Children return to school