



Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It's been another bustling week here at ABP. So, without further ado, let's explore what's been happening at ABP!

Safer Internet Day 2024: This past Tuesday, we joined the nation in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to emphasise the importance of online safety for our children. Throughout the day, many classes engaged in dedicated internet safety lessons, equipping our students with valuable knowledge and skills to navigate the online world responsibly.

The momentum from Safer Internet Day couldn't have come at a better time as we gear up for next week's 'Safety Week' at ABP! This upcoming week will be dedicated to further enhancing our focus on safety. We have an array of engaging activities planned to ensure that safety remains a top priority within our school community.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to continue the conversation about safety with your children at home. Together, we can empower them to make informed decisions and stay safe both online and offline.



Royal Opera House – Online digital opera: I am thrilled to share some exciting news about an unforgettable experience our Year 4 & 5 students had yesterday. They were introduced to the enchanting world of opera in a fun and accessible manner through an interactive, digital live lesson.

During this captivating session, our students embarked on a virtual tour around the Opera house, immersing themselves in the grandeur and beauty of this art form. Additionally, they had the opportunity to watch a live opera performance, experiencing the magic of opera music firsthand.

For many of our students, this was their first encounter with opera, making it a truly unique and memorable experience. We believe that exposing our children to diverse forms of art and culture is essential for their holistic development and we're thrilled to have provided them with this opportunity.

Happy Chinese New Year (February 10th): A wonderful celebration took place today as our Reception children marked the arrival of the Chinese New Year in style! Our Reception students led a vibrant and lively celebration by parading two magnificent dragons around the school. Accompanied by the rhythmic beats of musical instruments, the children immersed themselves in the spirit of the occasion, bringing joy and excitement to all who witnessed their procession. Additionally, some of the children proudly carried their own handmade Chinese lantern, adding a touch of tradition and creativity to the festivities.

The celebration not only provided our students with an opportunity to learn about and embrace Chinese culture but also encouraged collaboration and creativity. Well done and thank you to all in reception for the fantastic procession through the school.





Author Visit – Jenny Bailey (Virtual): I am excited to share the wonderful news of a recent virtual author visit that ignited the imaginations of our Year 2 students! Jenny Bailey, the talented author behind captivating children's books including "Stanley and the Water Vole," graced us with her presence online, providing a delightful and inspiring experience for our young readers.

During the virtual session, Jenny shared insights into her creative process, her inspirations, and of course, her awesome books! We extend our thanks to McLaughlin and Harvey for

making this incredible opportunity possible for our Year 2 students. Their support has allowed us to connect with Jenny Bailey and enrich the literacy journey of our students in such a meaningful way.



Science: As we continue to move closer to Science Week (week beginning 11th March 2024), Mrs. Seshie has set another weekly challenge...

This Week's Science Challenge: 'Animal comparison'

Choose 5 animals and compare their life span.

Congratulations to Emily & Lucas! As the winter season comes to a close, we are excited to share some thrilling updates from the Eastern Regional Cyclocross League! Over the past few months, riders from across Essex, Cambridge, Norfolk, and Suffolk have been battling it out on the cyclocross circuit, showcasing their skills and determination.



We're delighted to announce that Emily and Lucas have been among the standout performers this season. Competing in various rounds against tough competition, they have truly exemplified the spirit of cyclocross.

Emily's dedication and skill have propelled her to an incredible achievement - finishing 1st and earning the prestigious title of under 10 girl regional champion. Her performances and unwavering determination have rightly earned her this well-deserved recognition.

Meanwhile, in his debut season as an under 8 boy, Lucas has made an impressive mark by securing 3rd place overall in the league standings. His talent and commitment to the sport have been evident in every race, and his podium finish is a testament to his hard work.

Please join us in congratulating Emily and Lucas on their remarkable achievements!

If you would like your child's accomplishments outside of school celebrated, please send an email to the school office at admin.abp@osborne.coop, and we will do our best to include them in future newsletters!

Arthur Bugler PTA: I wanted to take a moment to express our thanks for the continued support of the PTA. This year has been incredibly challenging and this resulted in numerous events being cancelled due to our current RAAC situation – frustrating for both the PTA and the school.



However, at the beginning of this academic year (September 2023), the PTA generously allocated £50 for each class to enhance our students' learning experiences. We are delighted to share with you how these funds have been put to good use (so far!):

- Class 10 opted for outdoor reading pillows, providing our students with a cozy and comfortable space to engage in literature.
- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) class invested in art accessories, fostering creativity and self-expression among our youngest learners.
- Class 8 chose to bolster their stationary supplies.

This week, Class 7 made an exciting purchase of new games such as Uno and Jenga, adding an element of fun and competition to their classroom environment. We are truly grateful for the PTA's dedication and commitment to enhancing the educational experience of our students.




A special mention to the Cast Family: The PTA and I would like to express our immense thanks to the Cast family for their outstanding efforts in fundraising over the Christmas period. Their incredible light display not only illuminated our neighborhood but also warmed the hearts of everyone who witnessed it.


Thanks to their dedication and generosity, I'm thrilled to announce that they successfully raised over £1,000 for our school. Their commitment to our school and the local community truly embodies the spirit of giving and solidarity.


ABP will be Cashless as of Monday, 12th February 2024: I wanted to bring to your attention an important change that will be taking place at Arthur Bugler Primary School. Effective from Monday, February 12th, ABP will transition to a cashless payment system. This decision comes as a result of the unfortunate closure of Lloyds bank in Corringham town centre, which has prompted us to adapt our payment methods accordingly.

What does this mean for you? From Monday onwards, all payments to the school will need to be made online via our school online payment system. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in embracing this change. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for assistance.

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 8	98.66 %
	Upper School	Class 10	98.67 %
	Whole School		93.77 %
Congratulations to all classes			

	<p>Safeguarding Concerns</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK</p> <p>MTC Workshop Letter – Year 4 Scarlet Fever Letter – All Year Groups Lion King – Change to lunch details – Year 5</p> <p>Please note that the Premier Sports Re-Booking Letter will be sent out next week for booking next terms Clubs & Activities.</p>
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Dates for your Diary

February 2024	
w/c 12th February	Safety week
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term
w/c 19th February	Half term
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school
March 2024	
w/c 4 th March	Reading and writing week

w/c 4 th March	Sponsored read
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 th March	Early Years Mother's Day celebration 1.30pm
w/c 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
<u>April 2024</u>	
w/c 1st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
<u>May 2024</u>	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
<u>June 2024</u>	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father's Day celebration (time tbc)
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th June	Year 6 Mersea residential
<u>July 2024</u>	
w/c 1 st July	Transition week (tbc)
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents