



Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! This week, at ABP, we've been embracing the vibrant world of sign language as we celebrate National Sign Language Week! It's been an incredible journey, filled with learning, appreciation, and inclusion. Read on to find out more:

Sign Language Week: What an incredible week it has been at ABP as we celebrated Sign Language Week with enthusiasm and joy! From engaging in songs, to unleashing our creativity through artwork, and even participating in live online sessions, the energy and spirit of inclusion could be felt across the school.



We extend our thanks to Miss Cutter and Miss Edwards for spearheading our Sign Language Week celebrations. Their efforts have not only enriched our understanding of sign language but have also fostered a deeper sense of unity and appreciation for diverse forms of communication within our community.

Year 2 'Beach Bonanza': On Thursday, our large marquee transformed into a vibrant beach-themed market, complete with colorful stalls and exciting activities. The energy was infectious as students, teachers, and families came together to support our charity of the year, JDRF Diabetes charity.

The large marquee provided a bustling hub of excitement, with each stall offering something unique - from homemade crafts to delicious treats. Every purchase made contributed to our fundraising efforts, making a meaningful impact on the lives of those affected by diabetes.

We extend our thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this incredible event - whether through donations or simply by attending and showing support. Together, we've demonstrated the power of community and compassion.



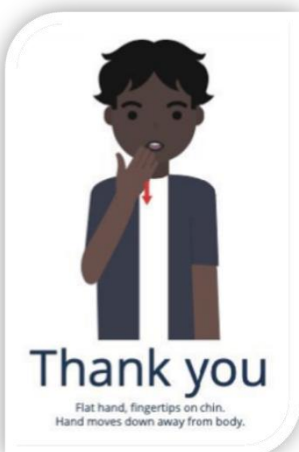
A message from the PTA! Get ready for some Easter joy!

Our fantastic PTA will be hosting Easter events on **Tuesday, March 26th**. Here are the details:

 Easter Bonnet Parade:

Students from Early Years (Reception), Year 1, and Year 2 are invited to participate in the traditional Easter Bonnet Parade. If your child would like to join in, they can decorate an Easter bonnet at home and bring them to school next Tuesday. The parade will take place on Tuesday, March 26th, at 2:30 pm on the lower school playground (weather permitting). Parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend and cheer on the participants! Two winners from each class will be chosen, and they will receive a delightful prize. (Children will be given the opportunity to create Easter hats at school ready for the parade!)

🧠 **'Get Your Craft On' for Older Children (Years 3-6):** This year, students from Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to unleash their creativity with Easter-themed crafts. They can create posters, pictures, or any Easter-themed artwork of their choice. Two winners per class will be selected to receive a prize. Year 4 students are kindly reminded to submit their entries in the morning before departing for their school trip.



PTA School Discos: Last week marked a fantastic occasion as we hosted the first school discos of the 2023/2024 academic year. It was a joyous event filled with laughter, music, and plenty of dancing, and we couldn't be happier to see the smiles on our students' faces as they enjoyed themselves with their friends.

A special thank you goes to Britvic Soft Drinks (Beckton) for their generous donation of Fruit Shoots for the school discos on Friday. Their contribution added an extra touch of refreshment to our discos, and we are truly grateful for their support. We also want to extend our appreciation to Chris, a parent who went above and beyond by arranging this donation with his employer. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of our event.

Events like these are a testament to the strength and resilience of our school community. Despite any challenges we may face, we continue to come together to create memorable experiences for our children.

Congratulations – Out of school achievements!



- Congratulations to Carter, a shining star in Reception, for achieving his green belt in kickboxing at his recent grading.

Carter's journey into kickboxing began at the tender age of 3 and a half, inspired by his older sister who was once a student of AB. Since then, Carter has shown remarkable dedication and passion for the sport. He started as a baby boxer and has now completed three gradings, mastering skills in close-quarter combat and basic first aid along the way.

It's truly remarkable to witness such determination and skill in someone so young. Carter's achievement is a testament to his hard work, discipline, and commitment to his goals. At just 5 years old, he has already accomplished so much, and we couldn't be prouder.

Over the weekend, our very own Matilda had the incredible opportunity to train alongside the London Pulse Netball Team at the Olympic Copper Box Arena.

Matilda's hard work and commitment have truly paid off, earning her a spot among these elite athletes. Training at such a prestigious venue alongside seasoned professionals is an experience that will undoubtedly inspire and propel her forward in her netball journey.



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!



Safeguarding Children During School Holidays: Important Contact Information:

As the Easter holidays draw near, it's crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of children outside of school hours. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare during this time, knowing who to reach out to is essential.

If you are worried about a child, please do not hesitate to contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). They are equipped to handle concerns and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of the child.

Thurrock MASH: 01375 652802

Thurrock Council Emergency Duty Team (out of hours): 01375 372468.

For further information, please visit the following link: <https://www.thurrocklscp.org.uk/p/worried-about-a-child>

Your vigilance and prompt action can make a significant difference in safeguarding children during the holidays. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the well-being of our community's children.

Lastly... Parking on site (end of school day): As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all students and members of our school community, we would like to remind you of our end-of-day procedures.

At the end of the school day, only individuals with blue disability badges or those who have obtained prearranged approval will be permitted to collect their children from the school premises. This measure has been implemented to manage traffic on-site and enhance the safety of our children and the broader community.


We kindly ask for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to prioritise the well-being of our students. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. .

Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our school environment safe for all.



Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 7	97.67 %
	Upper School	Class 10	96.67 %
	Whole School		95.46 %
Congratulations to all classes			



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.



LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

Year 4 – Trip 26.4.24 update
 PTA – Easter Challenge
 PTA – Summer Fete Poster
 New School Menu

Dates for your Diary

April 2024	
w/c 1 st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 18 th April	Year 2 – Leeds Castle Trip
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 - Isle of Wight Residential
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	Year 1 – Scooter Training
May 2024	
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 27 th May	Half term
June 2024	
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 25 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th - Friday 28 th 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