



Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, the first of the Summer term! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. As always, it has been a very busy and exciting week at ABP as the children return to new topics and learning. Read on to find out more!

'Roman Invasion' in year 3! On Tuesday, year 3 started their new topic with a Roman themed 'Wow Day', which marked the beginning of "Emperors and Empires."

On this special day, our students arrived at school dressed in magnificent Roman attire, ready to embark on a journey back in time. The lower school buzzed with excitement as they immersed themselves in a variety of activities linked to the Roman era.

The joy and excitement throughout the day was incredible, and it's clear that our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Their eagerness to learn and their desire to broaden their knowledge are truly inspiring.

As year 3 continue their exploration of Emperors and Empires, we are excited to see our students delve even deeper into this captivating topic.



Reception 'Wow Day' – Animal Safari: On Wednesday, Reception embarked on a thrilling Animal Safari 'Wow Day' to launch our new topic. The children truly embraced the spirit of the day by dressing up as various animals, bringing the jungle to life within the school grounds. It was a joy to see their creativity and enthusiasm as they roamed around, exploring and discovering animal habitats hidden throughout the school. And imagine our surprise when they stumbled upon a "Zebra" peeking out from the bushes—none other than Mrs. Betts!

Adding to the excitement, we had some special visitors join us on our adventure. The class was captivated when they met Minion, the ball python, and Arthur the tortoise. Meeting these exotic creatures sparked curiosity and wonder among the children, as they had the opportunity to observe and learn about them up close.

As Reception continue their journey into the world of animals, I'm excited to see the curiosity and enthusiasm of our young explorers grow.



Year 2 School trip – Leeds Castle: On Thursday, our Year 2 students embarked on an unforgettable journey to Leeds Castle as a captivating introduction to their new 'Monarchs' topic. It was an incredible experience for all involved!



Witnessing the size of a real castle proved to be truly awe-inspiring for the children. Exploring the historical corridors and majestic grounds ignited their curiosity and enthusiasm for this term's theme on 'Monarchs'. The trip provided a tangible connection to the rich history they will be delving into over the coming weeks.

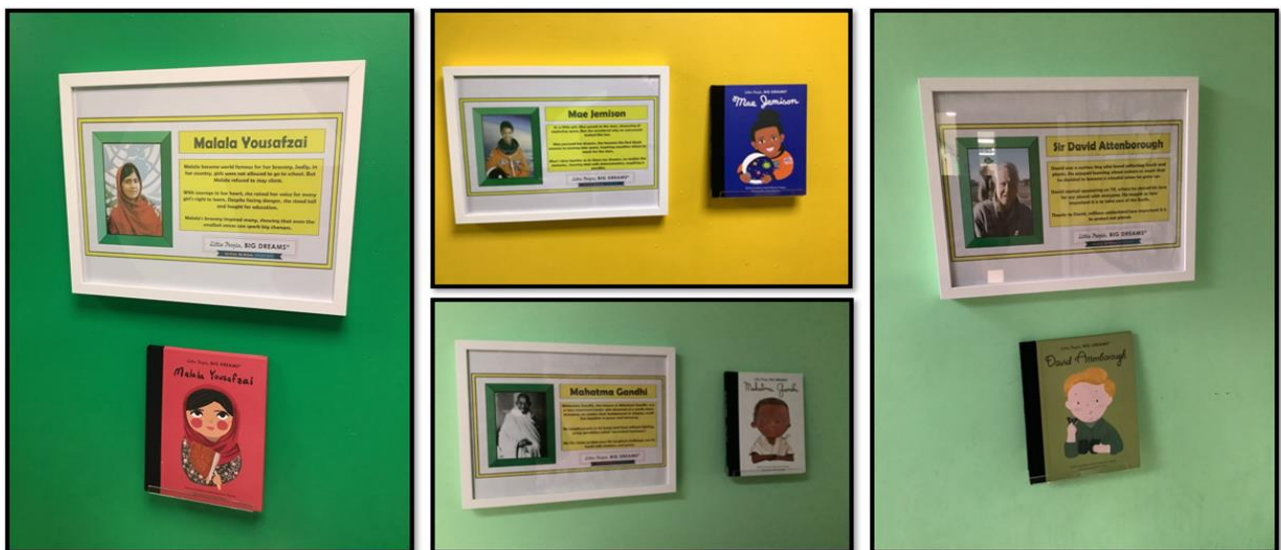
The trip served as an invaluable extension of our curriculum, enriching the children's understanding of monarchy and history in a hands-on and immersive way.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of our staff and helpers – thank you to all who made the trip a huge success!

'Little People, BIG DREAMS' books : As we return to school, we're thrilled to announce an exciting addition to our learning environment. Over the Easter break, we've installed 14 captivating 'Little People, BIG DREAMS' books on permanent display throughout the school. These books showcase the life stories of inspirational individuals from around the world and across various fields of interest. From the groundbreaking discoveries of Charles Darwin to the trailblazing activism of Malala Yousafzai, there's something for everyone to explore.

During shared reading time, these books will serve as a valuable resource for our students, offering insights into the lives of remarkable figures who have made a lasting impact on society. We believe that by immersing ourselves in these stories, we can inspire curiosity, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the world around us.

We invite all members of our school community to take advantage of this enriching opportunity. Whether you're a student, parent, or teacher, we encourage you to seek out these books, pick them up, and delve into the extraordinary lives they depict. Who knows what new passions or perspectives you might discover along the way? So, next time you're inside the school building, be sure to keep an eye out for these captivating reads. Let's embark on a journey of exploration and inspiration together!



Congratulations – Out of school achievements!



Sadie – for completing her 11th park run. This is the equivalent to running a half marathon! Sadie's love for running shines through, and her commitment is truly admirable.



Rose - for achieving the top mark of a distinction in her recent ballet exam.



Bella – for securing first place in Vault and Bar in the Essex district gymnastics competition, earning two trophies and two gold medals.



Lois – for emerging victorious in different categories at the recent BDO Championships 2024.



Lily-Rose – for attaining distinctions in both modern and tap in her recent dance exams.



Matilda – for winning two different medals in football and netball.

Each of these children has demonstrated outstanding dedication and perseverance in their respective endeavours, inspiring us all with their achievements. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to witnessing their continued success and growth in the future.

As always, 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 – 'Brighter futures' – Thurrock Family Hub Network: Before Easter. I had the pleasure of attending an event hosted by Brighter Futures - Family Hub Network, and I was truly impressed by the array of incredible services they offer to support families across Thurrock.



Brighter Futures is dedicated to enhancing the well-being and development of families within our community. Whether you're seeking assistance with childcare, education, or simply looking for a supportive network, they have something valuable to offer.


To learn more about the remarkable services provided by Brighter Futures - Family Hub Network, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available. You can easily scan the QR code included in this newsletter or reach out to the school office to arrange an appointment with the pastoral team. They will be more than happy to provide you with further information and assistance.





Lastly... Next week, the majority of year 5 will be attending their first residential school trip, and I have the privilege of attending this year. I will endeavour to send daily updates to the parents/carers of the children attending via SchoolComms (email).

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner

Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 7	99.33 %
	Upper School	Class 13	98.97 %
	Whole School		96.98 %
Congratulations to all classes			

	Safeguarding Concerns <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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	LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK Year 5 – Wow Day ‘Ground Breaking Greeks’ Year 4 – Wow Day ‘Egyptians’ RAAC Update R Turner
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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
Tuesday 16 th April	Year 5 – Learn to Ride (Thurrock Council)
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
<u>May 2024</u>	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday, 17 th May	Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
Monday 20 th May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Tuesday 21 st May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
Friday 24 th May 2024	Bikeability Year 6 am & pm
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
Saturday, 8 th June	PTA Summer Fete 11am to 3pm
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/carers meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 25 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carers meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th - Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Mersea residential
<u>July 2024</u>	
w/c 1st July	Transition week (tbc)

Friday 12th July

Summer Term Reports to parents