



# The Armfield Times

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This year, a number of Armfield's girls attended the International Womens' Day Festival at Blackpool Sixth Form College, including some of the school newsletter team. There, we began to build a friendship with Kate Shane, the manager of Merlin in Blackpool. As a thanks for attending the festival, Kate then gave us the fantastic opportunity to visit the Blackpool Tower and all the fantastic attractions it has to offer. It was an amazing experience for all involved. We got to have morning tea in the Tower Ballroom listening to a talk by Kate, watched the 4D cinema experience and then we braved our fears and went to the very top of the Blackpool Tower! After that, we went to explore all the SeaLife Centre had to offer and marvelled at the creatures. Some of us even held a Giant African Land Snail, which is one of the largest snails in the world! Finally, we visited Madam Tussauds where all the waxworks are and had a fantastic time photographing all the figures on display. It was an amazing day for all of us and we are extremely grateful to Kate for giving us this opportunity.

## A Day at the Beach

Armfield had its first field trip in June, when we all went to the coast to learn about the impact of erosion in Blackpool. We went in our houses, and enjoyed chatting to our friends and having fun on the way there. However, when we reached our base, the Solaris centre, it was time to do some work. We split off into teams and ventured off down the coastline of South Shore.



We also were able to use the Solaris centre's amazing facilities to have break and lunchtime there, for which we are very grateful. The sun shone down brightly and even the weather seemed to be eager to please. All the students were polite and well behaved, especially when talking to members of the public about whether or not they had seen erosion on the coast of South Shore, and represented Armfield well. We were also able to get up close to the sea when the tide was out and look at how many waves broke and how that would impact the coast. Sea defences were also studied in the Solaris classroom. It was a fantastic, educational trip for us all. Thank you to Mr Bentley and all of the other teachers who took time out of their schedule to plan this day for us!

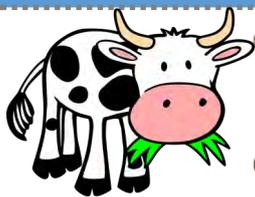
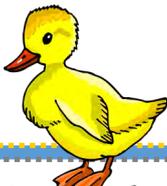
# Little ADVENTURES

## Duckling Time!

A few weeks ago, the students in Reception welcomed some new members into their midst – six unhatched duckling eggs! Many of these pupils were very much excited by this new arrival and spent a few days learning about the eggs and what would happen when they hatched. Eventually, after three days of anticipation, the big day arrived. The ducklings hatched! Unfortunately, only five out of the six ducklings hatched. At first, the ducklings were kept in an incubator for their own safety, but then when they were at the right temperature they could be transferred into a cage so the students could interact with them. They were able to understand why ducklings need fresh water each day and there was a viewing station where students with 'duckling passes' were allowed to look at the new creatures. This enabled students to draw out, discuss and write all about baby ducks. They were given the names Jeffrey and Squirt, and all the children were given the opportunity to bath and hold the ducklings if they wanted.

Sadly, the little ducks had to go back a couple of weeks ago, but it was a great learning opportunity that the students will remember for quite some time.

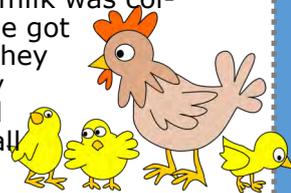
By Chloe



## FUN ON THE FARM!



At the end of the spring, Reception children paid a visit to Old Holly Farm, in Garstang near the River Wyre. The weather was fantastic and the sun shone down brightly all day long. The students saw lots of animals. They learnt what they ate, how and where they lived and even got to stroke rabbits, which was amazing! Whilst observing the chickens, students had the opportunity to feed them and even collect the eggs that had recently hatched! As well as that, children were able to see how milk was collected from the cows and the process used! Because the weather was so brilliant, everyone got to enjoy their lunch outside on the farm, and so the children and staff didn't get too hot, they were able to enjoy a lovely cold ice-cream. Holly Farm also came with a playbarn soft play area, where the children and teachers alike had a great time going down all the slides and on the zipline. Overall, the day was a great learning opportunity and was rated 10/10 by all involved.



By Chloe

## Fun in the Sun!

It's not only Year Seven and Reception who have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine Blackpool has experienced this summer; the nursery children have also taken advantage of it, using their play area to enjoy the days. They have a large grassy area adjacent to where Year Seven and Reception students enjoy their spare time, so everyone can have fun together. This has allowed all the nursery students to get to know us better and also appreciate the weather even more. Their garden comes with a tyre so nursery can experience climbing firsthand and learn about which materials are best for climbing! They have been out all the time wearing tiny sunhats and sun cream to protect themselves from the scorching heat. They love exploring their play area a lot!

By Ellie



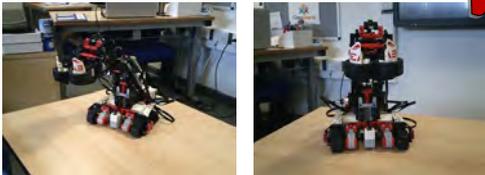
# A Bug's Home



Although the Reception children are giving their best effort in all they do, they also work very hard on the wildlife and outdoors. The children love to explore and have something called a 'Bug Hotel', for all the bugs and insects to live in their play area. It consists of about five floors all with different materials for each different bug to be comfy in. Some of the children are so intrigued by it that, at break, they will take a sneak peek at how all of the creatures crawl around. As well as their bug hotel, the children have flower pots on the railings of their playground for the bees and butterflies to feed off and they have spent a lot of time studying how bugs can move, live and survive in all weather conditions. All in all, our Reception learners at Armfield are very eco-friendly and love learning about the planet and how it works. They are all great scientists in the making!

By Ellie

## code Club 2nd Place Victory!



Members of Armfield's coding club stormed their way through a series of tasks to emerge victorious as second place winners with a £750 cheque to fund further equipment for Computer Science! They worked together to assemble and code a real robot using complex wiring systems and technology. At the competition, the students did very well showing off their creation's capabilities during a round of six tasks. The representatives of the school were able to make the robot use colour coding to stack blocks, movement systems to place balls in pots and even move perfectly along a straight line! The students worked extremely hard, even giving up their free time, and it paid off as they came second overall and did Armfield proud.



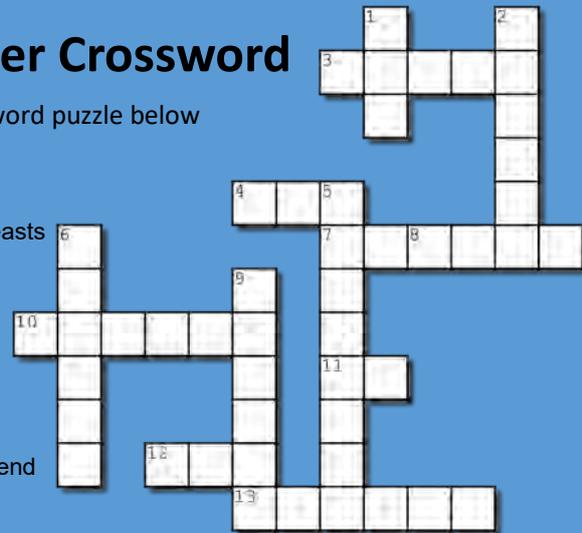
By Ellie

## Keane's Summer Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below

### Across

3. What animal has the largest breasts
4. Did you like this?
7.  $234 \div (21) =$  please input answer
10. What did I make this on?
11. What does this stand for....!..
12. In Despicable Me3, who is the end villain?
13. What does the head of Amethyst house do?



### Down

1. Who starts the minion revolution?
2. Who shot Mr. Burns?
5. Who won sports day?
6. What has two hands and a face?
8. Finish the sequence ne\_w
9. Who is the head of Sapphire house?



Answers on the back pages.





All members of Year Seven at Armfield Academy wish for a bully-free school. They also like cake. This was combined together earlier in the year to form an Anti-Bullying Cake-Off. The turnout was incredible with students from all different houses bringing in icing masterpieces to repel bullies. These included rainbows, peace signs and even mini cupcakes, with every student putting in their best effort as 127 entries were counted and laid out in the hall. These were then sold by the charity representatives of each house to raise money, with a huge sum being raised altogether through the promotion of such a good cause. The event raised awareness as well as money, that Armfield will not tolerate bullying of any form, which came across in a powerful (and tasty) way. The remaining cake that wasn't sold was taken by the Head Boy and Head Girl to a local care home, much to the appreciation of staff and residents alike.

By Chloe



As Armfield's first year comes to a close, school trips arrive! One of the trips being the planetarium at Unity Academy. The trip was 3 hours long and all about stars and planets. We went into a big dome full of wonders, where we were able to watch 3D videos of the real moon landing 50 years ago. It was an amazing experience to see what it was like and discuss the ins and outs of many conspiracy theories. After that, we went to a mini science workshop including make-shift solar systems, what it would sound like with alien life and even a model of mars' surface with a small robot! It was an interesting, action-packed morning for everyone who involved - even the supervising teachers got involved with the workshops!

By Ellie



Right at the very start of the year after the house system had been introduced in January, many students braved their fears of strange foods to try some French cuisine. Some of the things on offer were mealworms, crickets and cheese, among others. As each student stepped up to the table to receive their tasty food, they recoiled in absolute horror at the brown crinkly things and stinky cheese they were presented with to enjoy. However, nearly all of the students who queued up ate some of the items, albeit reluctantly. Miss Linney and Mr Moon served the snacks under a French flag, much to students' delight at seeing the teachers handling such disgusting items. Even staff got involved, with some being seen in the line to eat mealworms and crickets! Therefore, this event was a huge success and we hope it can happen again in the future!

By Chloe

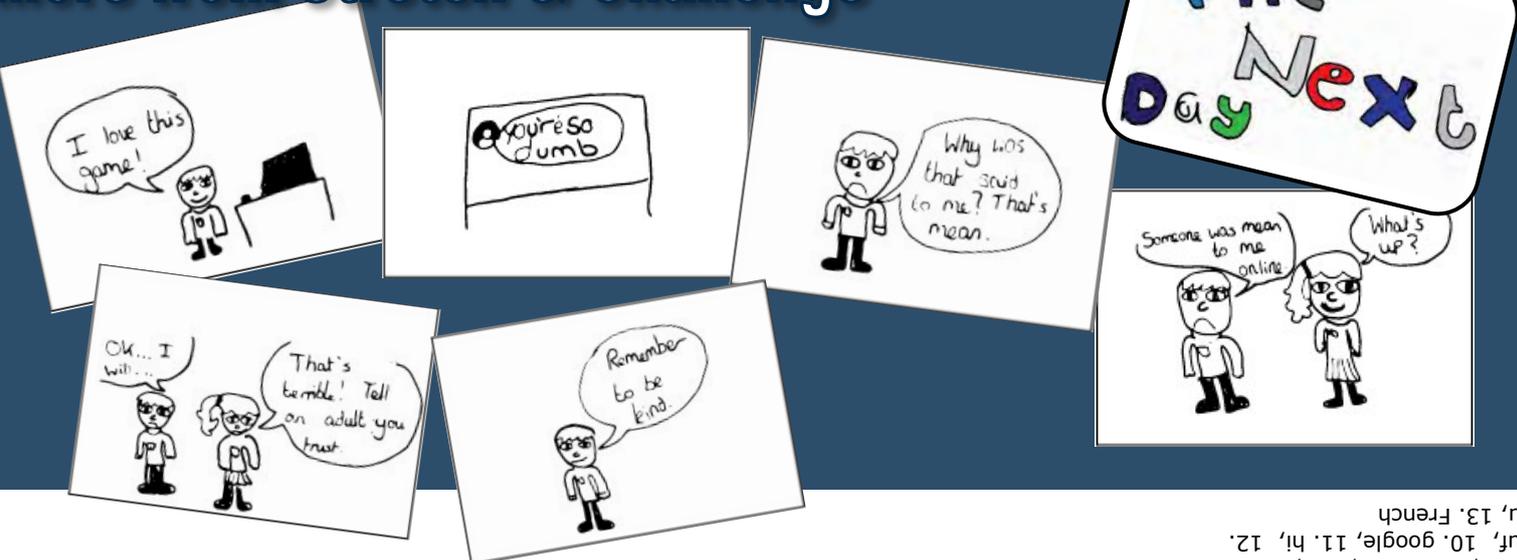
## A Day to Remember!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2019 was a day to go down in Armfield's history. It was our first ever Sports Day, a momentous occasion for a new school marking the end of an academic year of sporting events. The Reception Sports Day was held in the morning and many parents were eager to make the day special by supporting their child's team. It was a fierce competition which all could get involved with, which was faced with one hundred percent effort from all staff and students. They skipped, hopped and ran through the event, with Ruby House storming to victory with Sapphire hot on their heels in second place. Whilst Reception were out enjoying their time to shine in the school's sporting events, Year Seven were still working hard with their lessons. However, it was soon time for them too to take to the field at the bottom of Arnold Avenue. We wore our house colours with pride, the badge visible on the shoulder of our P.E tops and face paint and gems of our colours adorning our faces. The race was on to find the best house. Throwing events javelin, discus and shotput were for certain students to enjoy who had been chosen to take part. However, the school-wide competition was soon underway, starting with the 800m and long jump. Each house put up a good fight in each of these events. Then it was time for the triple jump. Each student had to hop, skip and jump their way to success for their house. Lunch was a fun time for students to discuss the morning's events and redo supportive make-up. Then it was back out to the field for tug of war, 400m, 100m and 300m races. Before long, the fight was over for each house and all they could do was wait for their place overall. In fifth place, but still having taken part extremely well, was Amethyst. Next, again putting up a good fight against the opposition but finishing fourth, was Emerald. Third place went to Ruby, who also put in one hundred percent effort. Penultimately, coming so close to the Sports Day trophy yet finishing a strong second place was Citrine. This left Sapphire to enjoy their victory as the first ever Armfield Academy Sports Day champions, lifting the trophy with pride and flying their flag back to school joyously. Well done to Sapphire, but well done to everyone else who took part. Thanks to all the staff, parents and students who made such a day possible, and especially thanks to Mr Moon, Mr Height, Ms Parkinson and Ms Cairns for arranging most of the day for us.

# Stretch & Challenge



# More from Stretch & Challenge



Answers: 1. Mel, 2. Maggie, 3. Zebra, 4. Yes, 5. Sapphire, 6. Clocks, 7. answer, 8. 's, 9. re-nour, 10. google, 11. hi, 12. Dru, 13. French

### Cross Word Answers

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