

AVJS Bulletin: 1st April 2022

It was so great seeing so many of you in school yesterday evening; I hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work. If you weren't able to make it, there will be another opportunity on 6th July. This half term has felt much more 'normal' than before and I am looking forward to resuming many of the activities we used to enjoy in the summer term. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter Break and we will see you on Tuesday, 19th April.

Our Friends of Arno Vale team are already busy planning for forthcoming events such as the summer fayre. These events raise lots of money that is spent on the children but can only happen with the help and support of our community. If you can spare any time to help (especially on the afternoon of Friday, 8th July when we set the summer fayre up) then we would love to hear from you. Please drop us a line at foarnovale@gmail.com and we will get back to you, thank you.

Once again, I need to remind some of you about considerate parking on Saville Road. One of our neighbours has had her drive blocked on a number of occasions which has delayed her from fetching her own child. Not only is this sort of behaviour inconsiderate, it can also be dangerous making it very difficult for pedestrians to safely cross the road.

If you have a child currently in year 5, I would like to remind you that the next instalment of £50 is due by April 22nd for the residential to Willersley Castle in November.

Josh in year 5 has been so moved by the plight of the Ukrainian people that he has pledged to walk or run 250 miles over the period of a month (measured by his Fitbit) in order to raise funds. If you would like to support Josh, you can donate at the link below. Well done Josh.

https://www.facebook.com/donate/269569285338614/?fundraiser_source=external_url

If you have a child in year 6, this is a reminder that the height and weight checks are scheduled for 25th April.

Just a reminder that if your child is having ukulele lessons, payment is due for this term if you haven't already paid.

Congratulations to our year 5 and 6 girls' football team who enjoyed an away win against Mapperley Plains on Wednesday night. Their determination and sportsmanship shone through and made us all feel very proud. Well done to Verity, Maisy, Anya, Scarlett, Caitlin, Naomi, Roisin, Millie, Eleanor and Cassia.

Please find attached with this bulletin the school lunch menus for next term. Due to delivery arrangements for the start of the term, the lunch on the first day back will be pizza.

Next term we will be re-instating our tuck shop at morning break. Your child will be able to have a piece of toast and a milkshake once per week. If you would like your child to have this, you can make your payment of £6 for the half term on ParentPay. The deadline for this is midnight on Sunday, 17th April thank you.

On Thursday, Mrs Pennant led a group of children from Arno Vale on a community litterpick along Saville Road, Arno Vale Road and the helicopter park. This was supported by Gedling Borough Council who provided high visibility vests, gloves, litterpickers and bin bags. The children collected a considerable amount of rubbish, mainly from the helicopter park, making our community even better! They were congratulated by Sim from the council who said that we were the best school she has worked with. The children certainly made us proud with their questions, engagement and efforts, so very well done to Toby, Natalie, Chloe, Eva, Iman, Brodie, Maya, Harry, Emily, Alex, Ella, Martha, Doris, Lily and Amelia. Toby and Natalie have written their own report of the event which you will find below:



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We had only just finished our first lesson when Mrs Pennant came and told us to get ready for the litter pick, then meet her in Mr Baker's classroom. We went to the cloakroom and put on our walking boots and coats, ready for the pick. When we walked down the corridor to Mr Baker's classroom where, all the other eco rangers were there too, putting on hi-vis jackets and gloves. We were introduced to Sim, a person from the Gedling Borough council who came to help us with our pick. She then gave us our litter pickers and bags. And then we set off.

We went around our school car park, finding lots of wrappers and small plastics. When we walked down Saville Road, we found a massive McDonald's cup lying by the main entrance path. Nearing the corner of the road, we found a lightbulb next to the green box. Walking down Arno Vale Road, we were surprised by how little rubbish there was until, we entered the helicopter park.

As we walked into the helicopter park, we immediately saw lots of wrappers in the stream and around the basketball court. We then walked up the right side of the park, finding a million shards of glass and clear plastic. As we continued walking up the side of the park, we found a black plastic bag stuck in a fence near a bin. We were shocked they couldn't have just put it in the recycling. As we neared the top right corner of the park, we found the remnants of some cardboard packaging and sheets of plastic gems. We then carried on around the top of the park and saw some more eco rangers who told us, that they had found a car part made of plastic in the trees. As we searched around the bushes; we only found some wrappers that were stuck in the thorns of a ghost bramble bush, we then had to crawl into the bush to get them.

We were then called by Mrs Pennant and Sim to come back to the entrance of the park so we could take some pictures and continue the pick. As we went up the Woodthorpe Infants School driveway, we barely found any litter. We were then let onto our school field to find some more rubbish. As we walked down the edge of the field, we found all the tubes that protect the trees destroyed and strewn all over the grass.

Then Sim called us to meet at the top of the field. She asked us to show her what we had found during the litter pick. Then we put all of our rubbish into one bag, filling it to the brim with discarded litter that we had found.

As we walked inside, we took off our coats and boots and gave our equipment back to Sim before returning to class.

Made by Toby S and Natalie B, from 6 Grey.



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Community News



Mapperley Churches

Easter Sheep Trail

4th April – 16th April

This Easter Holiday a whole bunch of woolly pals have wandered off across Mapperley Top.
Can you help find them?



Look in front windows of businesses and in shops along Mapperley Top. Each knitted sheep has a name, if you can find all the names (12 in total), there's a prize for you!



For more information find a sheep in a shop and ask for a trail sheet, which has all the details you need to know.



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*Make new friends!
Be part of a team!*



*Coaches are FA trained
and DBS Checked.*

New Teams and Players

With the new season (22/23) fast approaching and along with the Womens Euro's, and the Qatar World Cup, WCFC believe it will be a busy time for grass-roots football. Is your child looking to start their football journey, join another team or looking for a new team. Football School 3 - 6 year olds. Teams from under 7's playing in the YEL and Nottinghamshire Girls and Ladies League. We are looking for girls and boys to add to the clubs 6 teams. We also require extra players for our under 10's (mixed), under 11's (mixed) and under 12's (boys). We are also looking at new teams from under 7's upwards should we get enough enquiries from parents. Also looking for volunteers for the club.

Message David 07966 449663 or Nik 07930 842358, or email info@woodthorpecommunityfc.co.uk with your childs details to for more information.

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