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Our children in year 6 can breathe a sigh of relief now...SATs week is over! We have been really impressed with their fantastic attitudes towards the tests and how well they have coped, they have made us very proud! Each day started off on the right foot with a breakfast of brioche, pain au chocolat, fruit and juice which the children enjoyed and helped to start the day in a calm manner. I was also very proud of the other children in school showing our school value of respect by moving (almost) silently around the building whilst the tests were on. Thanks to everyone for your support. Hopefully the children will all have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

We had a monitoring visit on Thursday from the Local Authority to see how we administer the SATs tests. Every year, a sample of schools are selected randomly for a visit. We were praised for our thorough, fair and robust way in which we manage the SATs process and the moderator also commented on how well the children were supported and how we considered the needs of those who find the tests tricky, praise indeed!

It was great to see the parents who came to the meeting held by White Hills Park Trust on Wednesday evening. People raised some interesting questions and the feedback I have had so far is how reassured parents feel. You still have an opportunity to raise any questions you may have by completing the link below which is part of the parent consultation. We will then publish a list of the Qs and As.

<https://forms.office.com/e/93KMd3aCH2>

We recently held a FOAV meeting where we discussed forthcoming events and how we can spend the money. We are grateful to you all for your support and we wanted to update you with how the money is being spent. Some of you will know that in the past, the FOAV have raised money towards the large climbing equipment and the trim trail. These have been really popular with the children and weather

permitting, get lots of use. However, regular use also means wear and tear! The trim trail is out of action as some parts of it are wearing away and need replacing and repairing, the cost of which amounts to over £3000! The FOAV have kindly agreed to pay for this meaning the trim trail will soon be back in use for all the children to enjoy. The FOAV are looking for projects to fund that enhance the experiences of the children outside of the classroom. We will keep you informed of the forthcoming projects.

It was a treat to see the children in year 4 getting creative this week. Without giving too much away, they all worked extremely hard at their paper and Mod Roc (a form of plaster of paris) models. I am excited to see what the finished articles look like and I know that Mrs Morley and Miss Fallon will be posting pictures of the finished projects on ClassDojo.



Year 5 have started their work on myths linked to their Ancient Greek history topic.



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They have been practising using figurative language in order to create their own myth over the next few weeks.

With Wimbledon just around the corner, I am wondering which of our year 3 tennis stars will be featuring there in the next few years. We have a coach from Woodthorpe Tennis Club in on a Friday afternoon teaching the children in 3 White and 3 Grey and teachers have been very impressed with the skills the children are developing.



There are some school trips coming up over the next few weeks and months (into the next academic year). If you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5, we ask that you log onto your ParentPay account in order to give consent. The trips are Brackenhurst for year 3 and the tennis centre and Willersley Castle for year 5. Thank you.

You will remember a number of weeks ago a parent survey was sent out for you to complete electronically. You will be receiving a letter next week with the results and actions.

Community News

We have had a message from a former parent of the school to say that the local council has asked us to show that there is local demand for improvements to Arno Vale Road's helicopter park. There is a short petition which can be accessed by clicking on the link below to help secure funding allocated towards this essential community play.

https://www.change.org/p/improve-the-play-equipment-at-arno-vale-rec-helicopter-park?recruiter=1307310463&recruited_by_id

[=4aa2c0d0-eea8-11ed-8024-0f09b3539c25&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=share_for_starters_page&utm_medium=copylink](https://www.change.org/p/improve-the-play-equipment-at-arno-vale-rec-helicopter-park?recruiter=1307310463&recruited_by_id)

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Mr Ward and Mr Lindley still have places for their multi sports camp that they will be holding at school during the May half term. For more information and the booking form, please click below:

<https://www.arnovale.co.uk/community-news/>



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29 th May – 2 nd June 23	Half Term week
Monday, 5 th June 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 15 th June 23	Y3 trip to Brackenhurst
Thursday, 22 nd June 23	School Games afternoon (sports day)
Thursday, 29 th June 23	Transition Day (Arnold Hill Transition Day 1)
Thursday, 29 th June 23	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Friday, 30 th June 23	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
Friday, 7 th July 23	Summer Fayre
Friday, 14 th July 23	Year 5 Inspire Day at Arnold Hill
Tuesday, 25 th July 23	Last Day of the Summer Term

