

AVJS Bulletin: 5th May 2023

Talk about cakes fit for a king! Thank you to everyone who submitted entries for the decorated cake competition. We had a wide variety of designs and styles and the standard was so high – it was incredibly difficult for the judges. In the end, we have chosen six winners and there are thirty runners up. Well done to the winners who are Josh T, Charlie and Harry M, Bea, Iman and Verity, Betsey and Freya G. We hope that you enjoyed sampling them when they came home on Thursday evening.



You can see pictures of all the entries on our website by following the link below:

<https://www.arnovale.co.uk/gallery/>

We were so lucky with the weather on Thursday for the Coronation picnic. The children looked great in their red, white and blue clothes and many were wearing their hand-made crowns. I am sure Charles and Camilla would have been proud of them!



If you have a child who attends Club Vale after school club, you will know that we have a new door entry system to school and a camera. In the hall, we have a monitor so we can see who has come to collect the children. We would like to ask that when you come to collect your child, after you have pressed the buzzer that you stand in the porch in view of the camera so the staff can see you. This means they can get your child ready for you and bring them to you at the front door, thank you.

If you are a parent of a child in year 6 and you have credit on your ParentPay Club Vale account that was not accrued using vouchers and you would like a refund, please email sburton@arnovale.notts.sch.uk before the end of June. Likewise, if you have any dinner money credit that you don't think you will use, please email for a refund, thank you.

We are now heading into formal assessment season with the children in year 6 sitting their SATs next week and soon the children in year 4 will be sitting their times tables check. If you have any questions about what information is shared by the school to the Department for Education and the testing agencies, you can read our privacy notice on our website by clicking here:

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We have been informed by a parent that some children have been seen walking to school using their mobile phones whilst attempting to cross a road. We have spoken to the children about being safe whilst using their phones and ask that you reinforce this with them at home, thank you.

I would like to apologise for giving you the wrong date for the presentation by White Hills Park Academy Trust. I can confirm that it is next Wednesday, 10th May at 6.30pm in the school hall. We hope that you can attend.

Online Safety

Wearable tech is increasingly big business. More than 170 million smartwatches were sold globally in 2022, for example, with Apple biting off the largest chunk of the market (26% - some distance ahead of Samsung, in second with 9%). That's partly because they have more than 21,000 apps available for their devices, allowing users to customise their smartwatch experience. Both Apple and Samsung's products, of course, lean towards the higher spec end of the market – usually with price tags to match. Sourcing a less expensive alternative, however, often also means inferior safety features to protect young wearers. That's just one of the potential hazards highlighted in our #WakeUpWednesday guide to smartwatches. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.



Community News



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Monday, 8 th May 23	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May to Friday, 12 th May 23	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday, 10 th May 23	White Hills Park presentation to parents
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

