



Bulletin: 24th May 2024

We are now at the end of yet another half term and I am hoping that we have some better weather next week! Due to a variety of reasons, we had to re-schedule this today's open morning; we have almost finalised alternative dates, these will be communicated to you after the half term break.

The next half term looks like it will be as busy as this one and please don't forget, the children's first day back in school will be Tuesday, 4th June as we have an Inset day on Monday, 3rd June.

Tiktok, Whatsapp, Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube....and these are only a few of the social media platforms that are available today. Although they can be really useful and provide us with some great information, they can also be the source of some very inappropriate content.

Many schools, including Arno Vale, are frequently being made aware of issues that are happening outside of school hours between children who are using some of these platforms.

We have had reports of some sexualised conversations being held between children and behaviours that are not only unpleasant, but if unchecked and allowed to continue, would be classed as bullying and can be very damaging.

Recently, we have also been notified of unpleasant messages being sent on Snapchat; the issue with this is that once the message has been read, it can automatically delete itself.

In our PSHE (personal, social and health education) lessons, we teach the children how to stay safe online and what to do if they are worried.

*We urge you to check what apps your children are accessing on their devices and apply parental controls. It is also vital that you regularly monitor your child's online activity. Many of the apps (including **all** of the above named ones) have a lower age limit of 13, this is due to some of the content and because younger children do not generally have the emotional maturity to cope with them.*

We are still analysing your constructive feedback from our recent parent questionnaire and there are some common threads. We are also looking at how we can implement some of your suggestions, for example, a review of the Club Vale booking procedures and a revision of our homework policy. We will publish our findings after half term. In the meantime, our class ambassadors are working on a project to gather the children's opinion on school meals. So far, we have had some very constructive feedback from them. Their last project resulted in some key improvements to playtimes which has proven to be successful.

If your child has drumming lessons with Dan Piper, he is planning for the children to do a performance for you! He will be contacting you directly to let you know the specifics, but it will be on the afternoon of June 12th for years 3 and 4 and the afternoon of June 13th for years 5 and 6.

Please remember to check your ParentPay account for any outstanding items which may include:

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- guitar and ukulele lessons
 - Year 5 tennis centre trip (by Sunday, 2nd June)
 - Willersley Castle (the next instalment is due today)
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School meals need to be booked and paid for by midnight on Sunday, 2nd June and any debts should be cleared. Please remember to book your Club Vale requirements by Thursday, 30th May on

ParentPay or send your booking forms in (if you pay by voucher) to clubvale@arnovale.notts.sch.uk, thank you.

We are hoping to host a school careers fair in mid July. If you would like to be involved, we would ask that you have a table set up with a few pictures, pieces of information about your careers and perhaps some equipment if relevant. We would like you to discuss:

- The qualifications needed*
- The best parts of the job*
- What you do day to day*
- Answering a few questions*

The children will be rotating around different stations so will only be on each one for a few minutes. This will take place during the school day. Please send Miss Iremonger a Dojo message by Friday 7th June if you would like to be involved or know somebody who is interested.

I know that some of you have been asking and wondering about what is happening with regards to Arno Vale joining the White Hills Park trust. As you will already know, the academy order has been signed which means it is going to happen. We initially hoped that we would be joining last November. We then thought it would be this spring. We finally had notification from the county council that it is scheduled to be in November 2024. However, the trust (who have had experience of these things) thinks that it is more than likely not going to be before January 2025. This is very frustrating for everyone involved and I have tried to find out from the county council why this is but we are unable to get a clear explanation from them. However, this has not prevented close work between the school and the trust. We already feel as though we are part of White Hills Park and receive the same levels of support as the schools who are already within the trust. If things change and we get a firm date for conversion, I will let you know.

As part of their art lessons, the children in year 4 have made a mouth watering picnic as you will see below. However, as good as the food items look, I would not recommend actually eating them as they are made from paper, tape and Modroc. I think you will agree, the children have done a fantastic job!



Huge congratulations to the Y5/6 girls football team for winning their semi-final match v Lambley last night. A tense game ended with a 1-0 victory to Arno Vale with Billie scoring the only goal of the game from a well worked corner. We will now play against Sacred Heart or Mapperley Plains in the final next month. Well done for showing so much determination!

A group of our boys also had the opportunity to play a series of matches against some local schools on Thursday; they won three and drew one of their four games. A wonderful result!

The children in year 3 had a great time at Brackenhurst this week despite the bad weather. They were learning about the stoneage in a very practical way. Here are some photos but there are lots more on the year 3 ClassDojo pages.





Some of the year 5 girls (and some of their siblings) are taking part in a 5k mud run on the 1st June to raise money for cancer research - representing their football team, Woodthorpe Warriors.

This is a great cause and if you would like to support them, you can do so by clicking on the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/woodthorpe-warriors>

In assembly today, we celebrated the following:

Birthdays:

Nuala, Alfie, Layla, Esme and Ruben have all celebrated their birthdays this week. Happy birthday everyone!

Stars of the week:

4Yellow - Ivy for respect and Penelope for determination

4Orange - Alex and Ruby for determination in their art work and Dylan for determination in his maths work

3White - Isaac for independence and Raife for determination

6Purple - Lewis for kindness and Billie for respect

5Red - Iris for independence and Ryan for determination

3Grey - Ava and Oliver for respect

5Green - Louis for curiosity and Isabella for determination

6Blue - Amelia and Harper for determination

5Baker - Lennon for determination

TTRS:

Joe, Adrian and Eli have certificates for the most correct answers this week. 5Baker are the winning class for their efforts on TTRS this week.

Year group competition for behaviour in the dining hall winners:

4th place year 4, 3rd place year 6, 2nd place year 3 and 1st place year 5!

Walk to Paris weekly winners:

The class with the most participation was 5Green

Distance:

3rd place 6Blue, 2nd place 4Yellow, 1st place 5Green

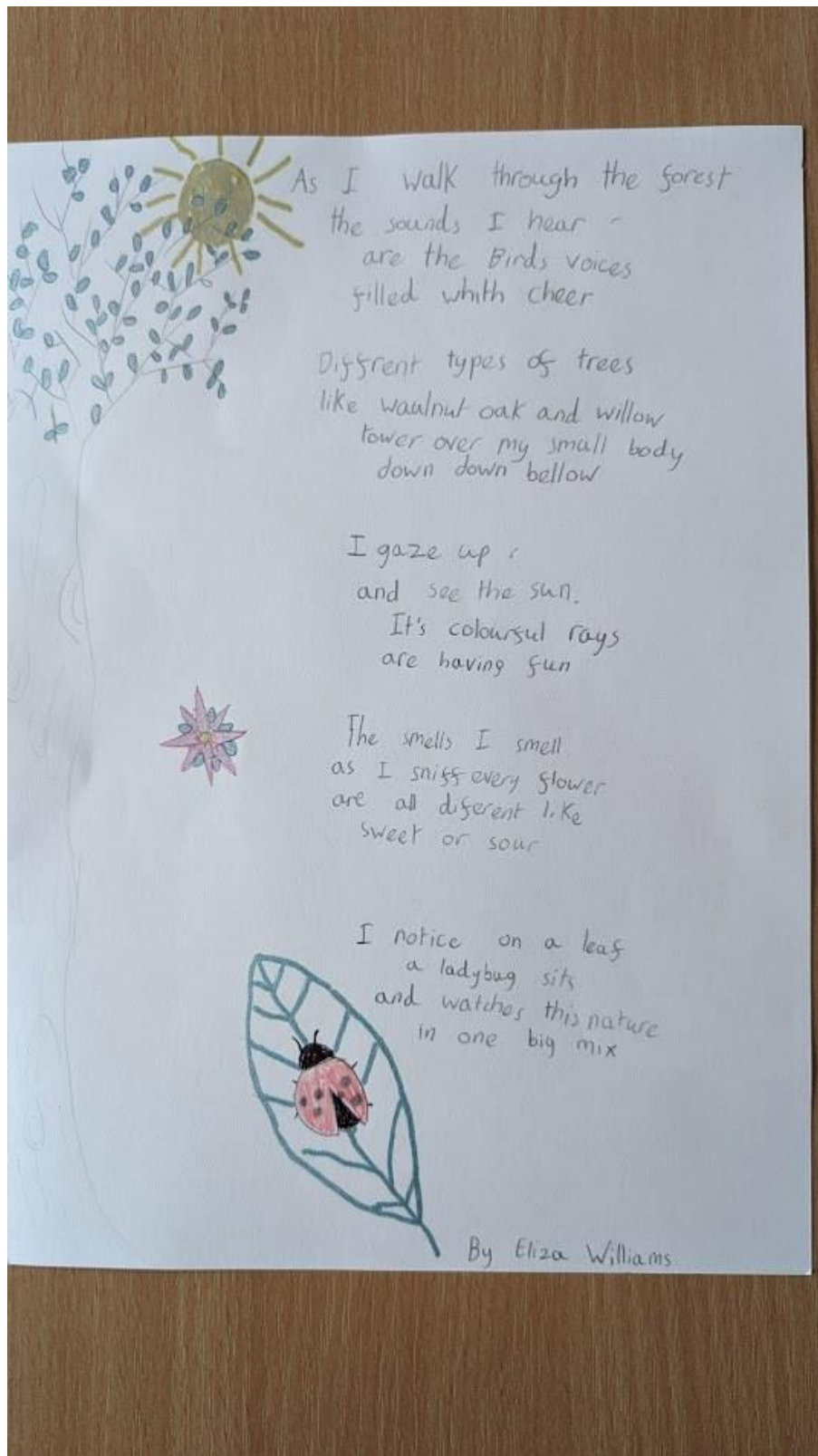
Out of school achievements:

Lots of children have shown huge efforts out of school this week. Well done everyone for all your hard work. Adrian has earned a new swimming certificate. Eleanor has earned a swimming award. Georgia shared her Brownie certificate and 2 swimming certificates. Ava has earned a swimming certificate and a gymnastics trophy. Milana has earned a Taekwondo medal. Alex showed her rugby medal. Grayson told us about a golf competition he took part in. Annis and Eliza told us about a Brownie fundraiser they are helping to organise.



It won't be long before the summer fair is upon us and the FOAV are busy working behind the scenes now. They have set up a bin in the entrance to the school for you to donate any good quality fidget toys. If you have any lying around at home that are not used anymore, you can simply deposit them in the bin the next time you are at school. Below you will see a picture of the bin and some examples of the kind of toys we mean, thank you.





There have been a number of additions and alterations to the calendar dates below; the amendments are in bold.

You may remember that back in the autumn term we held a maths curriculum evening which was well attended and parents reported how useful it was. We will be holding another curriculum evening focusing on how we teach art, geography, PSHE and reading on June 12th from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. There is no need to book in, but it would be great to see you there. More information will follow.

On Monday, 24th June, we have arranged for a theatre group to come into school to perform The Hobbit. Many thanks to the FOAV who have agreed to fund this.

Diary Dates 2023 to 2024 May 24th 2024

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2023 to 2024	
27 th May – 31 st May 24	Half Term week
Monday, 3 rd June 24	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday, 12th June 24	Curriculum evening (5.30pm to 6.30pm)
Wednesday, 12th June 24	Y3 and Y4 drumming performance
Thursday, 13th June 24	Y5 and Y6 drumming performance
Thursday, 20 th June 24	School Games Afternoon
Monday, 24th June 24	The Hobbit theatre production in school (courtesy of FOAV)
Tuesday, 25 th June 24	Back up School Games Afternoon
Wednesday, 3 rd July 24	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 1
Wednesday, 3 rd July 24	Transition Day
Wednesday, 3 rd July 24	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Wednesday, 3 rd July 24	Dukes Barn Meeting for Y3 parents 5.30pm
Thursday, 4 th July 24	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
Friday, 5th July 24	Year 5 Greek day
Thursday, 11th July 24	Evening music concert
Friday, 12 th July 2024	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday, 16 th July 24	Y6 Performance
Wednesday, 17 th July 24	Y6 Performance
Friday, 19 th July 24	FOAV Summer Fair 3.35-5.00pm
Tuesday, 23 rd July 24	Y6 Leavers' Festival
Friday, 26 th July 24	Last Day of the Summer Term