



Bulletin: 26th April 2024

Welcome to the end of another week. Last week I said that we would be issuing you with a parent questionnaire; this is an online form and can be accessed by following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ivZHf9JGjK>

The link to the questionnaire will be active until Friday, 10th May at 8.00pm. We will then analyse the results and publish them in a future bulletin.

We have a new school photographer, Star Vision, and they will be coming into school on Tuesday, 21st May to take whole class photos and sports team photos.

Our Class Ambassadors have been working on a project aimed at improving playtimes. They have come up with lots of really good ideas that we are in the process of implementing. One thing we'd like to set up is a free play area using small toys such as:

- *Plastic farmyard animals*
 - *Toy cars and vehicles*
 - *Small figures / dolls*
 - *Lego / Duplo / building blocks*
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If you have any of the above that you'd be willing to donate, please send them in with your child to give to Mr Baker.

If you are waiting in your vehicle whilst dropping off or picking up, please remember to turn your engine off. It has been noticed that a number of cars have been left with their engines running whilst parked either in the school car park or on Saville Road. Turning the engine off when not needed not only helps with air quality but also saves money, thank you.

Homework is a very contentious issue. Some love it, some hate it and all schools differ in their approach.

At Arno Vale, we currently set more formal homework in Y6 as part of the process to get children secondary ready. In the other year groups, it is about ensuring that children are secure in the basics so that valuable curriculum time isn't spent on revisiting those over and over again. There are also some ad hoc tasks set with the aim of promoting creativity. Recent examples of this include the art competitions posted on Dojo by Mrs Morley, the writing competition organised by Miss Oates and the Easter egg design activity.

Many of us in school are parents and as such, are fully aware of the potential issues (some linked to wellbeing) with homework. Some children spend long hours in school, including attending breakfast club and after school club, and are very tired by the time they get home. In addition, we know many children then have various clubs, hobbies and family activities outside of school that impacts on time available for homework. Time constraints linked to parental commitments around work also need to be considered with lockdown proving how many families struggled to balance the two. The last thing we want is to be partly responsible for battles between parents and children about getting homework done, which can sometimes result in a negative view on learning.

That said, we do always like to base our approaches on any research evidence available. Like many schools, we value the work conducted by the Education Endowment Foundation: a valuable resource

to help education professionals make the best use of research. Their research into homework highlighted:

The average impact of homework is positive across both primary and secondary school. There is, however variation behind this average with homework set in primary school having a smaller impact on average. The quality of the task set appears to be more important than the quantity of work required from the pupil. There is some evidence that the impact of homework diminishes as the amount of time pupils spend on it increases.

We would like your views on homework and have included a number of questions in the parent questionnaire. We will also be seeking the views of the children. What ever actions arise from our research into homework, one thing is sure, not everyone will agree!

We have a vacancy for guitar lessons for the rest of the summer term. This is a paid for service provided by Inspire. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

On Tuesday, 23rd April, the girls gootball team played Ernehale at home. They are our biggest competitors as both teams had won three out of three matches. It was a tough match for both teams and sadly Arno Vale went down 1 - 0 in the first half - our heads were held high and we were determined to get a goal. Many players had very close chances to score (the post was our best friend!). When Ernehale scored their second goal, our team was devastated. We really wanted to score. Within the last ten minutes they had scored three more goals. It was a very fair and even game but well done to Ernehale! Another well done to Elsie for being player of the game! Both teams have made it to the quarter finals because of our previous match scores.

The team was Harper, Esme, Amelia, Lara, Bea, Imogen, Georgie, Paige, Elsie, Billie and Rose.

Report written by Harper and Esme

Well done to Elsie and Helena. The girls baked and crafted items to sell and raised an impressive £75 for the Guide Dogs Association. On the day, the girls received support from friends Rose, Ella and Ivy who helped keep energy and footfall high. A huge well done to all.



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guidedogs.org.uk



Thank you, Elsie

**You're a life-changer!
Thank you for
fundraising £75.00.**

You're making an enormous difference to the lives of people with sight loss. Our ambition is a future where every person with sight loss has the confidence and support they need to live their lives to the full.



In Celebration Assembly today, we celebrated the following:

Birthdays:

Emily, Margaux, Ralph, Harry, Harry, Ruby and Harriet all celebrated their birthdays this week. Happy Birthday everybody!

Stars of the Week:

6Blue - Helena and Nico for independence

5Baker - Laila for determination

6Baker - Grace and Jacob for determination

4Yellow- Thomas, Betsey, Faris, Katie, Georgia and Adam for respect

5Green - Emily R for determination and Cira for respect

6Purple - As voted by their classmates: Harry and Freya H for kindness and determination

5Red - Layla for kindness and honesty and Joseph for independence

3Grey - Annabelle for determination and Chloe for respect

3White - Emily and Millie for respect

4Orange - Oliver and Eva for independence and Narai for curiosity

TTRS

Jake B, Bella R and Joe I got certificates for the most correct answers on TTRS this week. Great work. 5Green were the class who spent the most time on TTRS this week. ALL of the class spent time working on their timetables at home - amazing!

Our latest class challenge was about being good learners. The winners are:

1st place - 5Green

2nd place - 6Purple

3rd place - 3White

Out of school achievements:

Georgia shared her certificate for passing her dancing exams - well done! Iris L earned a medal for the doing lots of laps at go-karting. Alex G showed us her medal for a recent rugby tournament - congratulations! Annis has worked hard to earn her swimming certificates.

Mr Ward and Mr Lindley will be running their multi sports camp during the May half term. If you would like to book, please click on the link below to access the booking form. If you have any questions, please email multisportscamp@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Diary Dates 2023 to 2024 April 26th

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2023 to 2024	
Monday, 6 th May 24	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May 24	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday, 21 st May 24	Photographer in for class photos and sports teams
Wednesday, 22 nd May 24	Y3 Trip to Brackenhurst
Thursday, 23 rd May 24	Y3 Trip to Brackenhurst
Friday, 24 th May 24	English and maths open morning for parents
27 th May – 31 st May 24	Half Term week
Monday, 3 rd June 24	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 20 th June 24	School Games Afternoon
Tuesday, 25 th June 24	Back up School Games Afternoon
Tuesday, 2 nd July 24	Year 5 INSPIRE day at Arnold Hill
Wednesday, 3 rd July 24	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 1
Thursday, 4 th July 24	Transition Day
Thursday, 4 th July 24	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Thursday, 4 th July 24	Dukes Barn Meeting for Y3 parents 5.30pm
Thursday, 4 th July 24	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
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

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Thursday 25th April



Join Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE for an online session that explores this topic and challenges stereotypes.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

(7pm to 9pm) £24

Book now via the website

Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some
understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**

THURSDAY 2nd MAY 7-9PM £24

Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk



May Holiday Clubs

Westdale Junior School, Mapperley

Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Cost: £25 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit
www.rattleandrollperformance.com
or call 07722 014301

