



Bulletin: 9th February 2024

We have already reached the end of this half term and it has been a short, but busy one! Our year 4 children enjoyed their residential at Dukes Barn, all children have received first aid training, our children in year 6 have benefited from the GREAT project which has supported their PSHE learning, we have had a number of children attending sporting events, a Chinese New Year themed lunch and a variety of lunchtime and after school clubs!

*We hope you all have a fantastic half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday, 19th February. **Please don't forget that Monday, 26th February is an INSET day (not the first day back) and so the school will be closed to children.***

You will have received a letter this week about the Bricks4Kidz Lego Technics Club which starts on Friday, 23rd February. It costs £30 for a five week block, is open to all year groups and you can book by clicking on the link below:

[Bricks4Kidz](#)

Earlier in the week we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Because the internet is such a powerful tool and we all rely on it so much these days, it is important that we all learn how to use it safely. You will find below a picture of the children in year 3 taking part in some of their safer internet learning.



In computing, this half term Year 3 have been learning how to make stop frame animations!

The children have used the Stop Motion Studio app on the Chromebooks to create a simple animation. We've been working on moving the objects a small amount and keeping the background and the Chromebooks very still to ensure our animations are successful.

We have been so impressed with the children's work and have enjoyed viewing some of the videos that have been sent in from home too. Here are two animations that the children have gone on to create at home.

[Annabelle's video](#)

[Elsie's video](#)

The FOAV have set up a book drop off point in the main reception in school. If you have any unwanted age appropriate books that are in good condition, you can send them in to school. On Friday, 8th March, we will be holding a book sale for the children - there will be more information after half term.



Here are a few reminders for you for the beginning of the next half term:

Club Vale needs to be booked before midnight on Thursday 15th February. Please send any booking forms to clubvale@arnovale.notts.sch.uk

School dinners need to be booked before midnight on Sunday 18th February. Please note there have been some changes to the menu for next half term. You can have a look at the menu on our website.

Please clear any outstanding debts before the start of the new term on ParentPay, thank you.

For parents of children in year 5, the Willersley Castle first installment is due today 9th February.

If you would like your child to start Ukulele lessons in the Summer term 2024 please follow the link on the email sent earlier this week (Yrs 3/4/5) and complete the form.

Please note, the lessons will only go ahead if we have enough interest and Instrumental Teaching can provide us with a teacher.

If you haven't done so already, please remember to book your parent consultation meeting.



1 - Congratulations to Charlie and Jacob who were invested in the 3rd Woodthorpe cubs this week.

It was lovely to see so many reading challenges returned. Well done to those children who took part in January's reading challenge: Evie M, Edith, Isaac H., Emily R., Adrian, Imogen, Eva, Ella, Ava, Jonah, Sum Yau, Elliott, Caitlin, Sofia, Georgia, Matilda, Betsey, Eliza, Olivia S., Eleanor, Freya, Isaac L, Layla, Elizabeth, James A, James W, Sienna, Milana, Harry, Lara.

There is a new reading challenge for February. Feel free to colour the sheet in as well. Please complete this and return to Mrs Blakemore by Wednesday 28th February. Participation will be celebrated during Celebration assembly on Friday 1st March.

World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 7th March. More information will follow but there is no need to worry about costumes as we are not asking the children to dress up.

The children in year 3 have been enjoying their art and music learning this week.







We are committed to working with parents and carers to provide the best possible opportunities for children to learn. To achieve this, we expect good attendance from all of the pupils. Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children can access their education by having good attendance and being punctual. Good attendance has been shown to promote successful learning. It sets a foundation for the positive habits needed in the next phases of education and later in the workplace.

If you feel it is necessary for your child to take leave during term time, an application form must be completed (these can be collected from the office or printed from our attendance policy). Unless it is deemed an exceptional circumstance, the absence will be unauthorised. We have a statutory duty to monitor attendance and we will inform you if it falls below 90%. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

Note: We absolutely understand that children get genuinely ill from time to time.

**Since September 2023*

If your child's attendance is 90%, that means they have been absent for 10%. That equates to 47.5 hours of missed learning time.

If your child's attendance is 85%, that means they have been absent for 15%. That equates to 71 hours of missed learning time.

If your child's attendance is 80%, that means they have been absent for 20%. That equates to 95 hours of missed learning time.

Stars of the week:

6Purple - Georgie and Harry for independence, and Emmett for determination.

6Blue - Leo for independence and Amelia for curiosity.

5Green - Harry K and Isabella for determination.

4Yellow - Shanzay for determination and Thomas for kindness (he used his birthday money to buy a book for the class that he knew they would enjoy).

3Grey - Annabelle for curiosity and Hunter for independence.

6Baker - Hannah and William J for determination, and Georgie for independence.

5Baker - Lennon for determination and Kitty for independence.

5Red - Lennon for independence and Alfie for curiosity.

4Orange - Narai for curiosity, and Rowan and Isla for determination.

3White - Eva and Finlay for independence

TTRS:

Faris, Noah F, Ruben and Joe I received certificates for the most correct answers.4Yellow was the winning class for the most effort.Well done!

Birthdays:

Sonny, Poyraz, Phia, Jack and Phoebe celebrated their birthday either this week or next week. Happy Birthday everyone!

Out of school achievements:

Emily R shared her art work.Milana shared a Taekwondo certificate.Georgia shared a swimming certificate. Annabelle shared achievements from a dance show.

Those children who participated in January's reading challenge were celebrated - thank you for your efforts.



We have had some more fantastic sporting success over the last week:

Cross-country county final:

Congratulations to Esme, Billie, Lewis and Joe who qualified and took part in the cross-country county final at Worksop College on Saturday morning! It is a massive achievement to qualify and compete against other children across the county and they did amazingly! Well done to them!

Athletics:

Congratulations to our athletics team: Amelia, Olivia, Esme, Ella, Iris, Imogen, Jacob, Joey, Alex, Seb, William and Deniz who took part in the first athletics competition at Carlton Le Willows Academy yesterday evening. The team showed fantastic determination, teamwork and respect towards each other which Mr Ward and I agreed was so lovely to see. The results came in at lunchtime today letting us know the team came 1st out of all the local schools that entered qualifying themselves for the next round! Well done to the athletics team!



Diary Dates 2023 to 2024

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2023 to 2024	
Friday, 23 rd Feb	FOAV activity TBC
Monday, 26 th February 24	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday, 5 th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 6 th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 7 th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 7 th March 24	World Book Day
Friday, 8 th March 24	Book Sale for World Book Day
Tuesday, 12 th March 24	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Wednesday, 13 th March 24	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Friday, 22 nd March 24	Film night
Thursday, 28th March 24	End of day open session for parents
Thursday, 28 th March 24	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday, 15 th April 24	First Day of the Summer Term
Wednesday, 24th April 24	Curriculum evening for parents
Monday, 6 th May 24	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May 24	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday, 22 nd May 24	Y3 Trip to Brackenhurst
Thursday, 23 rd May 24	Y3 Trip to Brackenhurst
Friday, 24th 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, 3rd July 24	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 1
Thursday, 4th July 24	Transition Day
Thursday, 4th July 24	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Thursday, 4th July 24	Dukes Barn Meeting for Y3 parents 5.30pm
Thursday, 4th July 24	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
Friday, 12th July 2024	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday, 16 th July 24	Y6 Performance
Wednesday, 17 th July 24	Y6 Performance
Friday, 19th July 24 (TBC)	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



March 2024

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**Sale of good quality pre-owned children's
(0-14 years) clothing, toys and equipment.**

**Come along and find a bargain or two and
help support local causes at the same time.**

Bring a bag for your bargains!

Friday 1 March 2024

7.30pm - 9pm

Saturday 2 March 2024

10am - 11.30am

Entrance: £1 per adult, children free

**Complimentary tea or coffee & cake on sale
on Saturday!**

St. Mark's Church

De Vere Gardens, Woodthorpe NG5 4PH

Cash sales only.



Reloved Sale



stmarksreloved@gmail.com

SENIOR SCHOOL TASTER DAY

Friday 15 March 2024
9.00am - 3.30pm

Experience a day at our Senior School to discover
the unique NGHS atmosphere and what makes it
the perfect place for girls to learn.

If your daughter is currently in Year 5 and you're
looking for a school that offers exceptional teaching
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Fri 16th Feb - tailored for SEND families



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