



Bulletin: May 3rd 2024

Welcome to the end of another week and thank you to those who have completed the parent questionnaire. If you have not yet done so, the link is still open until Friday, 10th May at 8.00pm.

You can access the questionnaire by clicking the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ivZHf9JGjK?oriqin=lprLink>

So far, we have had some very constructive comments which we welcome. Unfortunately, we have also had a very small number of abusive comments and these will not be considered in our analysis. If there are any issues that you would like to discuss with us, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Once again there has been much to celebrate in assembly today:

Birthdays:

Emily, Ella, Caitlin, Elizabeth, Amen and Maryam all celebrated their birthday this week. Happy birthday everyone!

Stars of the week:

4Yellow- Ivy for kindness and Livvy for determination.

4Orange - Joseph for determination and Iris for independence.

3White - Annabelle for independence and Toby for determination.

6Purple - Freddie for respect and Bella and Billie for independence.

5Red - Elizabeth for determination and Paige for independence.

3Grey - Sum Yau and Oliver for determination.

6Blue - Elliott and Bea for respect and kindness.

5Green (delivered through the art of poetry) - Oliver and Ralph.

5Baker - Gabe for independence.

6Baker - Edward and Mia for independence.

Ivy, Eli, Amen, Laila B, Joe I and Freya G won the first ever gold Dojo awards - what an achievement!

TTRS: Joe I won the most correct answers this week. The winning class for 100% effort are 5Green.

Out of school achievements:

Jessie achieved the highest grading she could in a street dance exam. Ava shared her swimming certificate - well done! Georgia worked hard to gain a swimming certificate. Alex competed in a gymnastics competition and shared her certificates and medals. Finn gained a distinction in his grade 2 drumming exam. He has also had a song shortlisted in a young songwriters competition. Wow!



Last half term we set the Class Ambassadors a task to gain some 'pupil voice' about playtimes from members of their class. A meeting was held where the ambassadors were able to share the feedback they gained with Mr Baker. The common feedback we got from the children was that they wanted:

- *A dedicated football area with pitches set up to play football matches.*
- *Opportunities to spend some time indoors.*

- *More use of the climbing frame and trim trail.*

Mr Baker teamed up with Miss Fallon and Miss Elliott and new playground zones and lunchtime clubs have been set up in response to the pupils' feedback. Our new 5 different zones of play are:

- *The playground zone which contains an area for skipping, king square, basketball, free play games and a chilled-out area. In the chill out area children have benches to sit and chat, read. Further to our request last week, if you have any spare, small toys such as plastic animals, toy vehicles, small figures or dolls and lego or duplo, please send them in and they will be gratefully received.*
 - *The climbing zone.*
 - *The trim trail zone.*
 - *The free play zone on the field where the children can enjoy the grass area to play small games, practice gymnastics and chill out too!*
 - *The football zone with set up goals/ pitches for formal matches. As this zone has replaced the former club zone area, lunchtime football clubs for each year group will not run over the summer period.*
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The new lunchtime clubs that have been launched this week based on the feedback are:

	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	• Drawing club with Mrs Baker	• Y6 Netball club with Miss Fallon • Y3/4 Cricket club with Miss Elliott
Tuesday	• Singing club with Miss Iremonger • Y5/6 Cricket club with Mr Ward	
Wednesday	• Board games club with Miss Oates	• Y5/6 Basketball club with Miss Elliott
Thursday	• Subbuteo club with Mr Baker	
Friday	• Chess club with Miss Fallon	

Our school ambassadors will soon be embarking on their next piece of work. Their summer project is to find out from the children what they think of the school dinners and the dining experience. They

are also doing some really good ongoing work at promoting the class challenges and helping to collect scores, setting a good example and being excellent role models to the other children.

We know that from time to time the children get poorly and need to be away from school. However, good attendance is vital to ensure that the children participate in all their learning activities and make good progress. We have recently reviewed our attendance policy which can be found by following the link below:

[Policies | Arno Vale Junior School](#)

As a reminder, the table below illustrates the impact of attendance on a child's learning.

Attendance	Missed learning	Impact
Above 97%	Less than 6 days of absence a year and minimal lost learning time. Excellent attendance!	Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best outcomes they can.
95%	Less than 10 days of absence in a year.	
90%	Approximately 20 days of absence over the year. This equates to around 110 hours of missed learning.	This is classed as persistent absence. Pupils with this level of absence will fall behind in all curriculum areas. It will be very difficult for them to catch up and achieve their intended outcomes.
85%	Approximately 30 days of absence in a year. This equates to around 165 hours of missed learning.	
80%	Approximately 40 days of absence in a year. This equates to around 220 hours of missed learning.	

A reminder from the office that we have a space available for guitar lessons on a Thursday afternoon. If you think your child may be interested, please contact the school office.

If you have a child in either year 3 or year 5 and you haven't yet paid for the Brackenhurst or Willersley Castle trips, please do so via your ParentPay account. The forthcoming year 5 trip to Nottingham Tennis Centre is can now be paid for on ParentPay, thank you.

The children in year 3 have been really busy in their art lessons this week creating their clay birds this week.







Year 3 have also been practising for the school games afternoon in PE



A reminder from Mr Ward and Mr Lindley that they will be running their multi sports camp during May half term break.

They have changed their booking in system to an online form. If you are booking in more than one child, you will need to fill out 2 forms.

Any questions please email multisportscamp@hotmail.com <https://forms.office.com/e/PFqDTeFTMt>

There have been a couple of amendments to the diary for the summer term.

Unfortunately, the year 5 STEM day at Arnold Hill has been cancelled. The meeting for our current year 3 parents regarding Dukes Barn will now be on Wednesday, 3rd July instead of Thursday 4th and we are holding a music concert on the evening of Thursday, 27th June. More details will follow.

Diary Dates 2023 to 2024 May 3rd 2024

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
Thursday, 27 th June 24	After school music concert: Time tbc
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, 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