



# Arnold Mill Primary School

*15th March 2024*



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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*It has been great to celebrate science week with our STEM event this week. Thank you to those who could make it to see what we were doing.*

*We are planning to offer a number of parent drop-in events so that you can see what happens inside school. We completely understand that parents have different commitments and can't make it to every event. Don't worry, we explain this to the children and always have something fun for them to do regardless of who can pop by.*

*The Opal College bingo is going well. Thank you to everyone who has donated something. I know the items may seem a little unusual, but we will be using things creatively.*

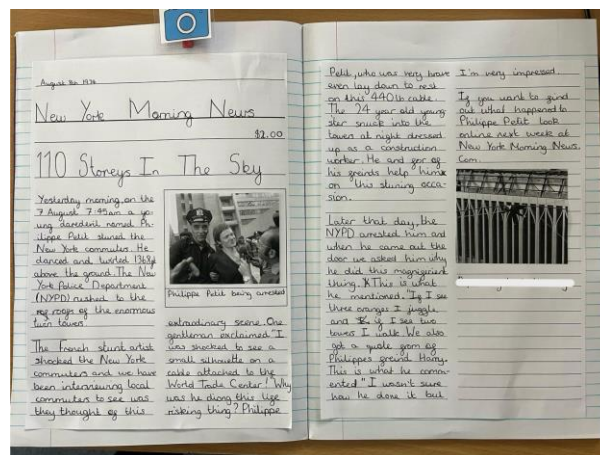
*I've added a link below to help you get a feel for how we might use some of the things we have asked for.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWz3-wjmbyY>

*Have a super weekend!*

**Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher**

## Children's Work:



New York Time's.

The day the chaos rose.

The figure in the sky.

If you want to find out more, visit the website or google it.

the New York times \$5

it a small black dot hovering in the sky. How magical." But on the other hand one cameraman, who wished to remain anonymous, exclaimed, "It was hostile, why it was why try to kill your side!" And he went Philippe Joffe, the star of the Show in Side, to be about his

The NYPD (New York Police Department) are justified, there's no story. So I was going round with my father but I saw him laughing. So I walked up there so angry and annoyed as ever before. I killed more cops over the time.



Mike crossing the two towers.

only questions filled their head  
who is he, what's he doing, ~~that~~  
did he get up? The police  
were like angry dogs and  
the crowd were patient birds  
waiting for food. Cars looked  
like big mice to Philippe.

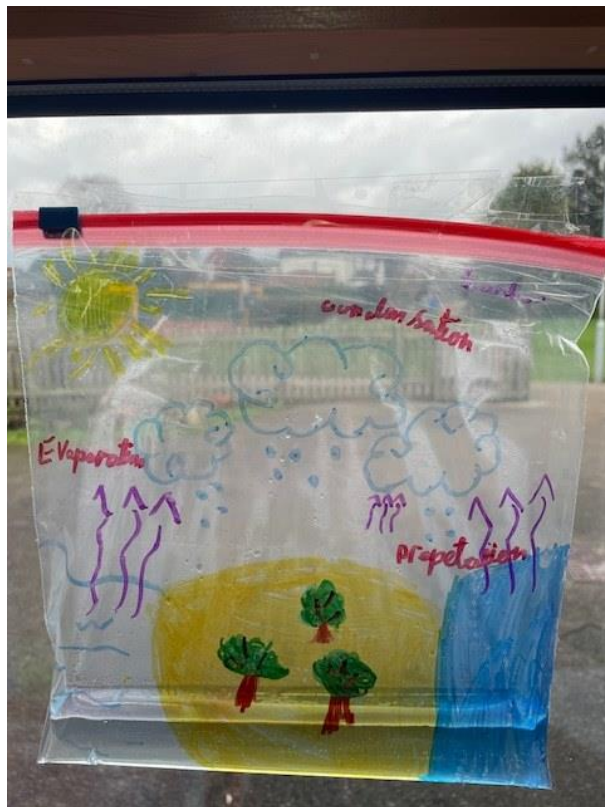
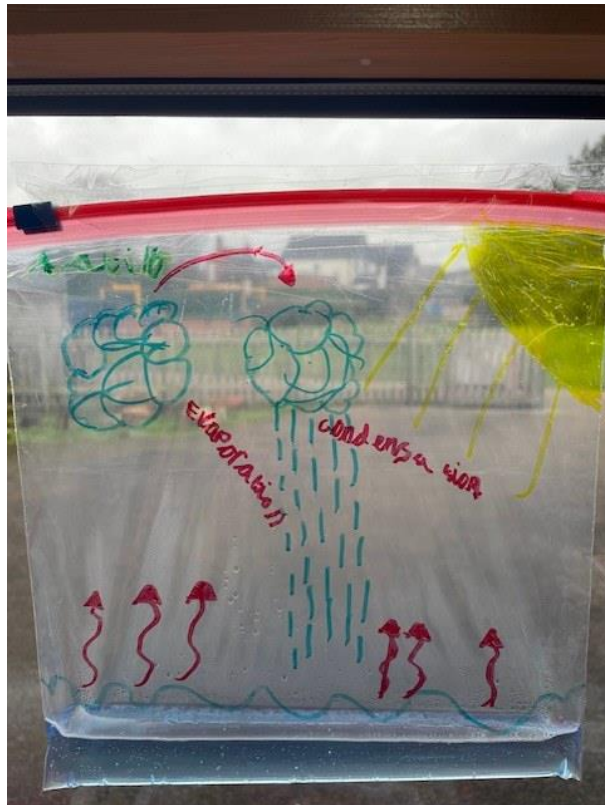
could speak. ~~But~~ Philippe will  
have not to wait  
to find out what sealant  
he would get. The moment  
of Philippe closing the  
doors might make a history.  
The clock would count  
and had to be these hours  
like wandering souls as they  
know are more than  
a heartless human. This  
could pass as a typical crowd  
but one we all are sure  
This is all we've got from  
New York Daily Morning  
and to find out more of  
Philippe then get more news  
from New York Daily  
New tomorrow!

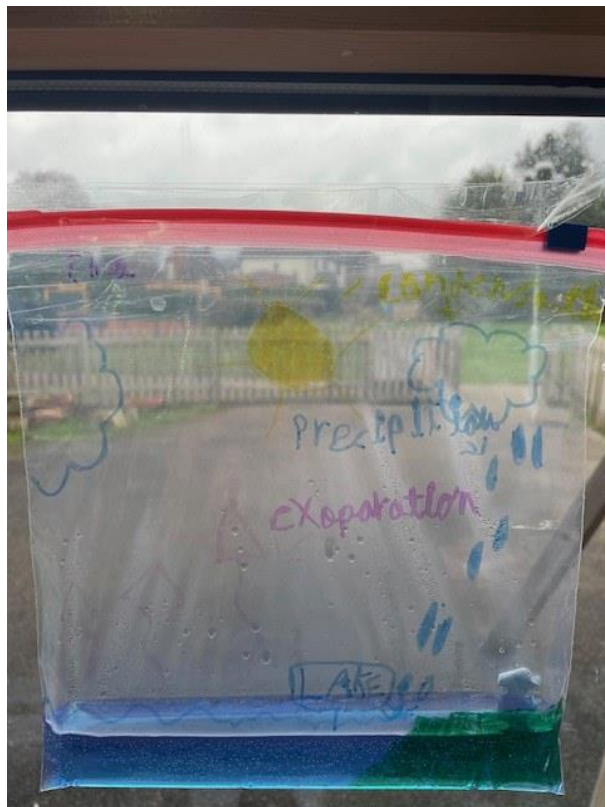
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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> August 1974













Local commuter, Lindsay exclaimed, "He was dancing, prancing and twirling on a small rope up high in the sky, it was amazing."

The 24 year old Philippe Petit dressed up as a builder and snuck into the World Trade Centre at night, him and his four other friends helped shoot the cable across to the other side of the building.

It has been confirmed that all police officers raced up the towers to arrest him but he wasn't satisfied, so he carried on dancing, swirling and twirling on the 440 lb cable. Police Officer Gary, who has been part of the NYPD for 25 years, declared, "He was crossing an approximate 200 feet void between

the towers without any safety harness! In all my 25 years police experience I have never seen anything like it."

Philippe was rushed off to court by many police officers, where he was sentenced by a young judge to perform for the children of New York City at central park.

If you want to find out more visit @NewYorkNews.com.

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Thursday 14th March 2024

August 8th 1974

## NEW YORK NEWS

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### TOWERS OF MADNESS!

Yesterday morning, at around 7:45am, a young, French dare devil named Philippe Petit drew all of New York City's eyes up a quarter of a mile high as he carried a death-defying feat across the giant Twin Towers on a two hundred pound taut reel of cable. The NYPD (New York police department) rushed up to the top of the World Trade Centre as the amazing, young Frenchman saluted upon the wire!

The breathtaking acrobatic stunts shocked the whole city with



Philippe Petit walking between the Twin Towers.

his incredible stunts (he even layed clown) with only a balancing pole. A source who wishes not to be named, commented, "I was just on my way to work until I saw a tiny silhouette dancing in the sky!"



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## NEW YORK NEWS

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### The Man Beyond The Clouds

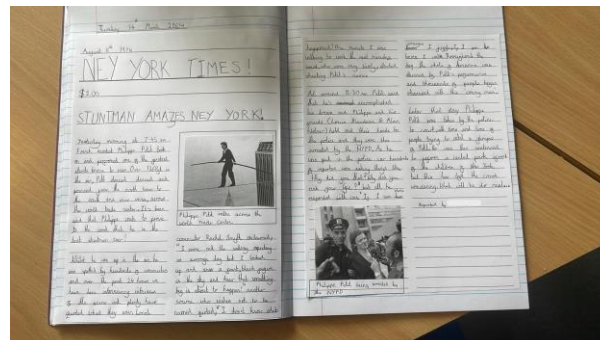
Yesterday morning, when everyone was just getting off to work, when suddenly all eyes were drawn up into the sky. 110 stories high, was a young man, holding a metal stick walking on a wire between the twin towers, it was 1362 feet up in the sky, his name was, Philippe Petit.

A local reporter exclaimed, "You can see a man from a quarter of a mile high in the sky. He's not only walking but he is dancing, running, twirling and he even knelt on his knees to lay down!" He was crazy! No harness, no safety, just balance and skill.



Philippe Petit walking on the wire between the Twin towers.

Everyone was amazed at the incredible performance apart from the New York Police Department, (known as NYPD). They yelled for him to come down, except Philippe refused. He carried on his performance for another 45 minutes.



## Calendar



March

Weds 20th - F2 & KS1 Disco ([see poster](#))

Thurs 21st - Year 5/6 Visit to National Justice Museum ([see letter](#))

Mon 25th - Easter assembly given by vicar from St Paul's Church

Tues 26th - Year 1 & 2 "Reading for Pleasure" Session 3.00-3.30pm ([see letter](#))

Weds 27th - F2 parents invited to do Easter crafts with children (invites are being sent home in the post)

Weds 27th - KS2 Disco ([see poster](#))

Thurs 28th - Easter Competition - Parents invited to see Easter entries from 3pm. Refreshments and raffle will be in the library area ([see poster](#)).

**Fri 29th - Good Friday - School Closed**

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holiday**

### ***April***

Thurs 18th - Year 6 SATS Information Evening ([Link to letter](#)) ([link to Standards Agency Doc](#))

Fri 24th - Y5 DAaRT Graduation Assembly 9.10am ([link to form](#))

### ***May***

Mon 6th - May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

Thurs 9th - Fri 10th - Year 4 Residential visit to Rand Farm

Mon 13th - Thurs 16th - Year 6 SATS Week

Fri 24th - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 9.00-9.30am ([see letter](#))

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term**

### ***June***

Weds 12th - Sponsored Sports Day - Parents Invited (more details to follow)

Weds 19th - School photographer in school for class/group photos

Tues 24th - Dogs Trust whole school assembly and workshops with 2a, 2b, 2c (more details to follow)

### **July**

Tues 9th - Year 3/4 Egyptian Day (Details to follow)

Fri 12th - Inset Day - School Closed (**change of date**)

Tues 23rd - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 3.00-3.30pm ([see letter](#))

Fri 26th - Last day of term

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## **Latest News**



### **OPAL Programme: A Message from the Chair of Governors**



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*I wanted to write to you regarding the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme that has been launched this week. As Mrs Oldfield mentioned in her letter last week, playtimes are a huge part of primary school, and it is important that this time is beneficial for the children.*

*As parents I think most of us look back fondly on our primary school playtimes, how we used the skipping ropes not only for skipping but to create outlines of houses or make shapes in the playground for dobby off ground – I think the modern-day name for this is 'floor is lava'! - hula hoops weren't just for hula hooping but for creating hopscotch and the freshly cut grass was perfect for bug houses or pretend campfires. Times have changed and technology has become so enticing and addictive that imaginative play has dwindled.*

*As Chair of Governors part of my role is to look at the strategic vision of the school and ensure that it benefits all of the children at Arnold Mill. The main aims of OPAL are to improve wellbeing, improve*

*behaviour and develop skills, all of these changes align with the school's strategic vision. Over the past couple of months, the school has been working hard behind the scenes to bring OPAL to life. I know at the moment it might seem a little unusual when your children come home saying things like "we need to take in old pots and pans!" but the saying 'One person's trash is another person's treasure' feels very fitting when setting out on an OPAL adventure! So please consider the school before putting anything in the bin or doing a charity shop run. If you haven't already, please check out the Bingo Cards that have been emailed out and put on the schools Facebook page.*

*This week I went into school to watch the OPAL launch assembly. It was lovely to see all of the children engaged and excited about their new playtimes. I hope you will join me in being fully supportive of the introduction of OPAL at Arnold Mill. I am looking forward to all of our children enjoying the outdoors and fulfilling their playtime potential – whether that is making mud kitchens, building dens, learning to walk on cable reels and much, much more.*

*'The imagination is the golden pathway to everywhere' (Terence McKenna) and that is where we want the children of Arnold Mill to go – wherever their imagination takes them.*

*Melanie Haslam - Chair of Governors*

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### Turn on the subtitles: A message from Jack Black



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*Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading? Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple. Please visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.*

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### School Discos: Wednesday 20th March (F2 & KS1) and Wednesday 27th March (KS2)

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*We are holding discos for children from F2-Y6 over the next 2 Wednesdays. You can sign your child up via ParentPay. Children should bring their disco clothes to school with them to change into.*

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## KS2 DISCO

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024  
3.30-4.30PM

ADVANCE TICKETS - £2.50  
UP UNTIL 3.00PM ON THE DAY VIA PARENTPAY

AT THE DOOR - £3.50  
BY CASH OR CARD AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

ADMISSION PRICE INCLUDES A BISCUIT AND  
UNLIMITED WATER OR JUICE

CHILDREN SHOULD BE COLLECTED FROM THEIR  
NORMAL CLASSROOMS AFTER THE DISCO



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## Summer Fair: *Friday 28th June 2024*



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*As the end of the school year approaches the PTA is beginning to plan and prepare for the annual Summer Fair, this year it will be held on **Friday 28th June 2024 (3.40–5.30pm)***

*We have lots planned, including:*

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- *Raffle and Tombolas*
  - *Games*
  - *Cream Teas*
  - *‘Wine to Water’*
  - *Lucky Tubs?*
  - *‘Spin to Win’*
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*We really want the Summer Fair to be a success and are seeking donations of:*

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- *small prizes suitable for tombola/lucky dip/lucky tubs*

- a raffle prize or two
  - chocolates (no nuts please) or wine for the tombola's
    - soft toys
    - books
  - table clothes
  - bunting
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*Keep an eye out for more information.*

***Free entry, all welcome! – SAVE THE DATE***

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### **Talent Assembly – Thursday 18th April 2024**



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***The deadline for nominations is Friday 22nd March***

*As a school, we value nurturing the whole child, not just those who excel in school-based activities and therefore, we would like to know about your children's achievements outside of school.*

*We are holding an Arnold Mill Talent Assembly as we want to celebrate some of the amazing talents, achievements or contributions to society that your children have accomplished away from school.*

*If you feel that your child does something outside of school that is worth celebrating, we would like you to nominate them for a mention during this assembly.*

*In the past we have celebrated musical talents, dancers, community volunteers and children who take part in dramatic productions. We don't mind what their talent is, we just like to celebrate what they have been doing.*

*If you would like to nominate your child, please send a brief description, with a photo if possible, by Friday 22nd March to [joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk) We won't be able to include any nominations received after this date.*

*There will be an additional talent assembly later in the summer term, so if you can't nominate this time, there will be another opportunity.*

*Looking forward to celebrating with you!*

## Easter Competition



This year Arnold Mill are hosting an Easter competition. Children can decorate an egg, design an Easter bonnet or construct an Easter garden. The children can be as creative as they like. Every class will have an Easter competition winner and the winner in each class will receive a prize.

Entries will be displayed so the children can see each other's creations and parents are invited in from 3.00pm to see the entries along with refreshments and a raffle.

If your child would like to enter, they will need to bring their egg, bonnet or garden to their classroom on Thursday 28th March. Please don't bring them before as they will be tricky to store.

I have added some ideas below to get you thinking, but please feel free to use your child's original ideas- let them have some fun!

Good Luck!  
& Happy Easter!



## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for Easter Holidays





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*If you are entitled to free school meals, you are also entitled to take part in the Holiday Activities and Food scheme (HAF) for the Easter holidays. Please use [link to Nottinghamshire County Council HAF page](#) for more information.*

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*If you are unsure what your unique HAF code is, please email [office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk) and they will be able to assist.*

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### **Year 6 SATS meeting with parents 18th April 2024**



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*We would like to invite you to attend a meeting about the Year 6 SATS on Thursday 18th April at 3.45pm in class 2F. We will be covering:*

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- *The timetable for SATS week*
    - *Breakfast Club*
  - *How the tests will be administered*
    - *How the tests are assessed*
      - *Revision*
  - *How you can support at home*
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*There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions. Please arrive via 2F's outside door and a member of staff will be there to welcome you. It would be helpful if you could complete this form ([click here for form](#)) so we know how many people to expect.*

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*This meeting is aimed at parents only so, we will have a member of staff to help support with childcare for this meeting. We will also record the meeting and make it available via the website if you cannot make it. Please find more information about SATs week from the standards and testing agency ([link to document](#)).*

*We hope to see you there.*

*The Year 6 Team*

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Copy of STEM Poster



## Weekly Online Safety Briefing



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*In today's online safety guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game purchases, addiction and chatting with strangers in Minecraft*

*Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.*

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

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**AGE RATING**  
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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a 'server') lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

### GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying. It intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too unworldly in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as rattle moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unsettle young ones.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

### ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### Meet Our Expert

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Sports News

# SPORT NEWS





The girls football team put in a great effort in Tuesday's match against Richard Bonington but lost 6-0. However, they did show the Arnold Mill spirit and enjoyed themselves.

## Dinner Menus w/c 18th March 2024

**AUTUMN/WINTER 2023/24**  
**WEEK 3**  
WEEK COMMENCING  
September 11, October 2, October 23, November 13, December 4, December 25, January 15, February 5, February 26, Mar 18

**MY SCHOOL MENU**

**TASTE 100%**  
**NATURE**

**Vegetarian meals are available upon request**

	MAIN MEAL	DESSERT
<b>MONDAY</b> Vegan roll & gravy baby roast potatoes, garden peas, fresh carrots <i>Gluten</i>	Chocolate muffin OR Fruit <i>Gluten Egg</i>	Chocolate muffin
<b>TUESDAY</b> Meatballs in tomato sauce with pitta bread, Tilda rice, crunchy vegetables <i>Gluten Egg Milk Soya</i> <b>Meat free balls</b>	Fruit yoghurt OR Fruit <i>Milk</i>	Fruit yoghurt
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Pasta Neapolitan garlic bread sweetcorn coblette <i>Milk Gluten Soya</i>	Honey cake & custard OR Fruit <i>Milk Egg Gluten</i>	Honey cake & custard
<b>THURSDAY</b> Roast Gammon & gravy Yorkshire pudding, roasted OR mashed potatoes, carrots & broccoli <i>Milk Egg Gluten</i> <b>Quorn roast</b>	Butterscotch tart OR Fruit <i>Gluten Milk</i>	Butterscotch tart
<b>FRIDAY</b> MSC breaded fish portion oven chips, garden peas & sweetcorn tomato ketchup <i>Gluten Fish</i> <b>Quorn vegan nuggets</b>	Ginger cookie OR Fruit	Ginger cookie

**ALSO SERVED DAILY:** Best of both bread *gluten and soya* Seasonal vegetables available daily, Colelaw egg when served.

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

**Nottinghamshire County Council**



**Stringwise 2024**  
WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE DAY OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PLAYERS AGED 8 – 21

**BIG YOUTH**  
**MUSIC EXPERIENCE**



Playing workshop: Sunday 21st April  
South Nottinghamshire Academy, Radcliffe on Trent  
Concert: Sunday 28th April – Albert Hall, Nottingham



*Music*  
for everyone

[www.music-for-everyone.org](http://www.music-for-everyone.org)  
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# Bandwise 2024

WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE DAY OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PLAYERS AGED 8 – 21

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## Family Easter Trail

**Free!**

From 10am - noon on Good Friday  
Follow the clues, find the eggs!

### St Paul's Church

Corner of Church Drive  
& Mansfield Road,  
Daybrook

    **spd.church**  
stpaulsdaybrook [hello@stpaulsdaybrook.co.uk](mailto:hello@stpaulsdaybrook.co.uk)

## Previously Published Articles

### Opal Launch



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*As you may have heard we are teaming up with OPAL College to improve your children's playtimes ([link to letter which explains more](#)). In order to do this, we need to gather some 'bits and pieces' to get our site mapped out for fun playtime experiences.*

*We thought it would be fun if we did this by playing a huge, whole-school Bingo game. Each class will have a bingo board (see below). The aim is for every class to collect all the items as a team.*

*The first class to collect an item from all four corners will get 10 mins extra play. The first class to get a full row of items will get 15 mins extra play. Then the first class to get a full board will be able to play outside for the whole of a Friday assembly.*

*We hope you can help us! Second-hand goods are very welcome!*

### ***Let's Play Bingo!***

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Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
<b>Pinecones/ acorns</b> 	<b>Adult clothing for dressing up</b> 	<b>Nets</b> 	<b>Fabric</b> 	<b>Plastic crates</b> 
<b>Action Figures</b> 	<b>Hats</b> 	<b>Dinosaurs</b> 	<b>Frying pans</b> 	<b>Seashells</b> 
<b>Tree stumps</b> 	<b>Balls</b> 	<b>Buggy</b> 	<b>Corrugated pipes</b> 	<b>Tarpaulin</b> 
<b>Beach spades</b> 	<b>Buckets</b> 	<b>Trowels</b> 	<b>Laundry Basket</b> 	<b>Baking trays</b> 
<b>Guttering</b> 	<b>Wooden planks</b> 	<b>Colanders</b> 	<b>Plastic Pipes</b> 	<b>Plastic vehicles</b> 



## Feedback from Parents' Questionnaires



*Every year we like to gather feedback from all of our stakeholders. We use this to help us make improvements to the day-to-day running of the school and to help children get the best deal from their education setting.*

### ***This year's findings were as follows:***

- 96% of responses stated you are at least 'Satisfied' with the welcome you receive when you come to school. (62% were very satisfied)
- 97% of responses stated you are at least 'Satisfied' with the communication you receive about school life. (57% were very satisfied)
- 95% of responses stated you are at least 'Satisfied' that your child is making the best possible progress from their starting points. (55% were very satisfied)
- 94% of responses felt that the school achieves high standards of behaviour.
- 98% of responses felt your children are happy coming to school.

### ***We had some lovely positive comments about the best features of our school, including:***

- Good communication, welcome, and atmosphere.

- *Great teachers, extra-curricular clubs, and engagement with parents*
    - *A close-knit feel where children feel safe*
      - *Inclusive, tidy, approachable*
    - *Staff really want the best for the children*
    - *Three people all said 'Everything!'*
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***We also had some valuable points raised in aspects we could improve, including:***

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- *More parental involvement*
  - *Better playground facilities*
  - *Changes to the reading scheme to encourage reading for pleasure*
  - *More choice over school dinners*
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***In light of these points, we are planning to do the following:***

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- *We will offer more activities for parents to attend. On top of our termly book looks, class assemblies and curriculum activities, we are also planning a sponsored sports day for parents to come along to, and even join in if you want to. We will continue to communicate these events via email, on our webpage and Facebook page, alongside our newsletter, so that you can easily find out more about what is happening in school.*
    - *We are linking with OPAL College to offer better playtimes.*
  - *We are investing in more books to add to our reading scheme. We understand that children like to read books of their choosing, but we also know they need to have books they can read and understand independently- this is where the real learning happens. We are working on improving the quality of books in each book band, so that children will find more pleasure, reading the books they can learn from.*
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*The kitchen have agreed to trial two options at lunchtime. This way children should have more choice over the meals they eat. We will send out more information once a menu is finalised. As a school we are always looking for ways we can improve and so if you are unhappy about something, please drop me an email. Likewise, we love to hear when we have done something well, so please email when you are happy too.*

*Thank you to the 53 parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire.*

*I will leave you with a lovely comment sent to me recently.*

*Jackie Oldfield - Head Teacher*

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'Hi

I just wanted to say what a lovely time we had at 'Book Look'.

Both our children were very eager to show us their books, they were incredibly proud of all their hard work. They have every reason to be proud as it was outstanding.

Our children are thriving this year, I feel that is down to the continued support, encouragement and nurturing care given to them. I cannot praise the efforts of the staff enough.

Thank you, we are both so proud of them and how they work and behave at school.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.'

## Parking



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*We have had a request from a resident on Mill Crescent to inform our parents that it is a private road and therefore parents should not park on it.*

*As a private road, any repairs needed to the road surface are the cost of the residents themselves. Whilst writing, I would ask that you always park considerately around school and would remind you that the school car park is for staff only and should not be used by parents unless collecting a child from Millie's After School Club **after 5pm**.*

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We would like to remind parents that the car park is for the use of **staff only** and should not be used for dropping off and picking up. This includes at breakfast club and after school clubs.  
Thank you



**Some prescription medication now available directly through a pharmacist without the need for a doctor's appointment**



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*We all know how difficult it can be to get a doctor's appointment. However, it has recently been announced that pharmacists can now prescribe medication for the following conditions as well as give you advice on a range of conditions and suggest medicines you can buy that can help.*

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- *sore throat*
- *earache*
- *sinusitis*
- *impetigo*
- *shingles*
- *infected insect bites*



- *uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women*
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*Patients can access the new service by walking straight into a chemist. They can also be referred by NHS 111, urgent treatment centres, emergency departments or their GP. Those who are not registered with a GP can still access the service.*

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*If one of the seven conditions is diagnosed, pharmacists can give medicines to patients rather than sending them back to their GP. Patients who need more specialist or follow-up care will be referred onwards.*

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### **Pre-loved uniform for sale**



*We have some pre-loved logo uniform for sale via ParentPay. We will continue to put items on for sale as we receive donations. If you wish to donate old uniform (logo and non-logo), please drop it off at the school office.*

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### **Year 5 & 6 visit to The National Justice Museum: Thursday 21st March 2024**



**NATIONAL  
JUSTICE  
MUSEUM**

*In support of our topic for the summer term on 'Crime & Punishment', we have arranged a visit to the **National Justice Museum in Nottingham**. This visit is always a favourite and provides the children*

*with the opportunity to visit a Victorian gaol (jail), courtroom and more modern police station and cells. This year, the children will have the opportunity to be Victorian CSI agents as well as learning about the history of the gaol and of Nottingham itself!*

***The cost of the visit is £12.74 per child (payable via your child's ParentPay account by 14th March please)*** and this includes return coach transport and entry to the museum, including three one-hour, guided activities. The visit will take place within our normal school day leaving at 9.15am and returning before 3.30pm. The children will need to wear school uniform.

*The children will need to be provided with a drink (not fizzy or glass bottles please) and a packed lunch for the trip (please confirm whether you will send a home prepared or ordering one from school) one can be ordered from school – please select the relevant option on the Trip Permission Form). Please complete the Trip Permission Form, which was sent home this week, and return it to the school office by 7th March 2024.*

*Many thanks*

*Mr Hewlett, Miss Dibley and Mr Phillips*

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## **Late Collection Policy**



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*We have recently reviewed our Late Collection Policy and I just wanted to share it with parents to make sure everyone is aware of our expectations and any charges which will apply if a child is collected from school late.*

*The main thing to note is that if a child is not collected by 3.45pm, they will be taken to Millie's After School Club and a charge will be made to the parent.*

*You can read the policy by clicking [this link](#).*

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## Useful information



Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Wraparound Care
- PE Timetable
- Free school meals and milk
- Information Leaflet about Strep A
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Cost of Living Helpsheet
- Minor Ailment Scheme - help with cost towards medication
- Headlice - how to detect and treat
- Inspiring Reading - Advice for Parents
- Tax Free Childcare (help towards the cost of Breakfast Club and 30 hour lunchtime supervision fees)

Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.

## WRAPAROUND CARE AT ARNOLD MILL



**ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB**  
DAILY FROM 7.45AM

£3.25 per session - food included

No need to book - just turn up (please ensure you keep your ParentPay account up to date\*)

Is included as part of our nursery 30 hour childcare provision.



**MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

DAILY FROM 3.30-6.00PM

£12 per session - light tea provided

Must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay\*. Cut off time for booking 12noon on the day.

\*Payment accepted for both clubs via Government Tax Free Childcare along with other schemes (Please inform us if you wish to pay via any of these schemes)

☎ 0115 966 7930 during school hours

☎ 07\*\*\* during school hours

✉ office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk



### Here are the PE slots for each class:

F1 (am): *Tuesday (please come in PE kit)*

F1 (pm): *Friday (please come in PE kit)*

F2a: *Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

F2b: *Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1A: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1B: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

1C: *Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)*

2A: *Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2B: *Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*

2C: *Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)*



2D: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2E: Tuesday and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2F: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

## GEDLING BOROUGH AIR NEEDS YOUR CARE



### What are the health impacts

Air pollution from idling cars can lead to:

- Increased chance of developing lung cancer
- Increased risk of heart disease
- Increase in asthma, coughs and bronchitis

### Children

Children are the most at risk because they:

- Have smaller lungs and breathe more rapidly
- Spend more time outdoors
- Tend to be more active and breathe more deeply

### How it affects you and others

Excessive idling is a waste of fuel and money, resulting in an unnecessary negative environmental impact.

People inside cars are exposed to high levels of air pollution, with children especially at risk of harmful effects.

Nottinghamshire's air pollution contributes to hundreds of premature deaths each year.

### Don't sit there idle

Keeping the engine running while stuck in traffic or waiting to collect someone pollutes the air we breathe.

### It's up to all of us

Drivers in Gedling Borough can make some simple changes to improve air quality in the Borough.

Most pollution comes from vehicles and idling produces unnecessary air pollution and wastes fuel.

Schools, hospitals and bus stops in particular are hot spots, as:

- Idling is more likely to happen in these locations
- They have sensitive age groups, such as children and older people.

### Switch off when waiting or stuck in a jam.

### Switch to cycling or walking for local trips.

### Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

You can find out more about air quality by visiting Gedling Borough's air quality webpage below:  
[www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/environmentalhealth/airpollutionmonitoringandreporting/](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/environmentalhealth/airpollutionmonitoringandreporting/)

**Gedling**  
Borough Council



**Greet your child  
with a smile  
and  
not a mobile!**





1 - [Click here for information about free school meals and milk](#)



2 - [Click for important information about Strep A](#)

A cartoon illustration of four diverse children holding a banner that reads "Our School Policies". The children are drawn in a simple, friendly style with large heads and small bodies. From left to right: a girl with blonde hair in a green dress, a boy with spiky blonde hair in a red shirt, a boy with spiky brown hair in a yellow shirt, and a boy with spiky brown hair in a green shirt. They are all smiling and holding hands, with the two outer children also holding the banner. The banner is white with a black border and the text "Our School Policies" in a black, sans-serif font.

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

**Pay online....**  
for peace of mind

Trips, School Meals,  
Breakfast Club, Tuck

**A convenient way to pay**


Paying online gives you peace of mind that comes with knowing your money reaches school safely.

Step 1 - Have your activation letter ready, these will be sent via email


Step 2 - Login at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Step 3 - Follow the instructions in your activation letter to activate your account

Step 4 - Select 'Pay for items'



4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay](http://www.parentpay.com)



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- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them












































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5 - [Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)





6 - [Link to Cost of Living Factsheet](#)



## Inspiring Reading

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

1. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations - find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
2. Think about why reading is good for them - focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
3. Capitalise on opportunities to share reading thoughts and interests with others - encourage them to notice preference and choice.
4. Find regular opportunities to visit your local/ school library.
5. Make reading time relaxed and interactive - chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
6. Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
7. Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts - empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.
8. Invite others into the reading space - share the love of reading together in your reading community!

In collaboration with Book Week NI 2022



For more inspiration, visit

<https://ourfp.org/>

[@OpenUni\\_RfP](#)



# Childcare Choices

We've signed up for  
Tax-Free  
Childcare:  
Have you?



Find out more at  
[childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

The next  
**BIG SCHOOL  
ESSENTIALS**  
Saturday 21  
October  
(10am-noon)

## ESSENTIALS Café



**VEOLIA**  
Supported by grant funding  
from Veolia's Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycling Fund.

**St Tim's Community Centre**  
Swinburne Way (off Byron Street) NG5 6BX

**SCHOOL ESSENTIALS** now available  
during term time too! Come for a  
hot drink & light lunch – free.  
Donations of uniforms and other  
school items gratefully received.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS** in  
term-time (see dates below) with  
larger events for all **SCHOOL  
ESSENTIALS** during school holidays.

**12.30-2.00PM ON WEDNESDAYS**  
27 SEPTEMBER; 11 OCTOBER; 8 & 22 NOVEMBER; 6 DECEMBER

**ST PAUL'S AND ST TIM'S  
DAYBROOK** A community initiative of  
St Paul's Church, Daybrook

contact Jackie Fuller:  
[jackief.spd@gmail.com](mailto:jackief.spd@gmail.com)  
07557 123 238




8 - The School Essentials program give away uniform and other school items to local parents. The new Essentials Cafe will be offering a free drink and light lunch as well as having uniform available for people who need things mid term. This is not a referral scheme and so is open for everyone to help with the cost of living and hoping to help ensure all children are equipped with all they need for school life.



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 [office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk)

 **0115 9667930** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

 <https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk>

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