

Arnold Mill Primary School

3rd May 2024



The weather is starting to perk up, finally! Of course, this means children should always have sun hats, suncream and water bottles in school (please make sure these are labelled with their names). The children have loved getting outside and using their Opal College equipment this week. I've seen dens and role play, cars and the hokey cokey. The children are having such good fun thanks to all your wonderful donations.

Our PTA meeting on Tuesday was a great success. We are very blessed to have a fantastic group of parents who are keen to do fun things for your children and our school. They are also keen for more members to join, so if you fancy it, why not talk to Melanie Haslam or Chloe Walker who are both parents and governors. If you don't know how to contact them, just ask at the office.

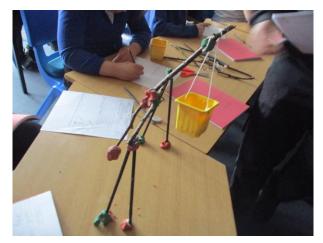
Have a good weekend!

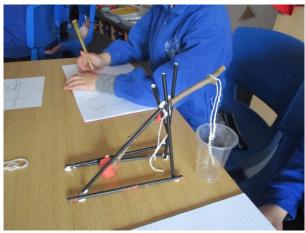
Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work:



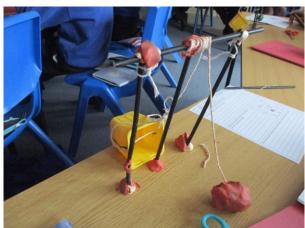




















Calendar



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 17th - Year 6 Teat day to St Mary's Park and Ice Cream Treat (Details to follow)

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

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

June

Mon 10th - PTA Meeting 9.00 - 10.00am

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

Fri 14th - Year 3 Trip to the Royal Concert Hall to see 'Now Hear This!) (see letter)

Tues 18th June - Music Assembly (provisional - Details to follow)

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

Tues 25th - *Dogs Trust whole school assembly and workshops with 2a, 2b, 2c* (children only - more details to follow)

Weds 26th - FS/KS1 Summer Disco (Details to follow)

Weds 3rd - Ice-Cream Wednesday (Details to follow)

Fri 21st June - Non Uniform Day (donation of a bottle or chocolate for the Summer Fair)

Fri 28th - Summer Fair (Details to follow)

July

Weds 3rd - KS2 Summer Disco (Details to follow)

Weds 3rd - Ice-Cream Wednesday (Details to follow)

Thurs 4th-Fri 5th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp (see letter)

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

Weds 10th - French morning with parents (Details to follow)

Thurs 11th - School reports /details of new classes sent out

Thurs 11th - Year 1 trip to Wollaton Hall (provisional - Details to follow)

Fri 12th- Inset Day

Mon 15th - Transition morning - Children visit new classes

Mon 15th - Meet the teacher evening for parents

Weds 17th & Thurs 18th - Year 6 Production

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

Fri 26th - Gold Star and Handy Helpers Assembly (9.10am)

Fri 26th - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.45pm

Fri 26th - *Last day of term*

Latest News



Fundraising



Due to popular demand this week, Mrs Hussain is continuing her rundraising efforts next week to raise money for an upcoming year 1 trip. She is again selling samosas and doing henna tattoos (details of trip to follow, once we know how much money has been raised).

Samosas - £1.50

Samosas can be ordered on your child's ParentPay account up until 3.00pm on Tuesday 7th May. If you place an order, just turn up at the office from 8am on Thursday to collect your samosas.

Henna Tattoo - £1.00

Next week children are also invited to have a henna tattoo on their hand. We will be using readymade henna which can take up to 10 days to fade away. For this reason, we are asking for parents to give permission for their child to be involved.

If you are happy for your child to take part, there will be a £1 charge payable on your child's ParentPay account.

By making the payment you confirm that:

- you give permission for your child to have a hand henna tattoo that may last a few days.
 - your child is not allergic to henna.

They will receive their tattoo any day between Monday and Thursday. Children that do not receive permission will not be able to take part in this activity.

Year 3 - Now Hear This! Trip - 14th June 2024



On Friday 14th June Year 3 pupils have the opportunity to visit the Royal Concert Hall to watch NOW HEAR THIS!, an interactive performance by the famous Hallé orchestra.

The performance is a fun-packed, fast-paced introduction to classical music and instruments of the orchestra - with the chance to join the orchestra in making a sensational sound, along with some singing!.

The cost of the trip is £11.30, which includes a ticket for the event and travel to/from the event. Please make payment via ParentPay by 9th June.

Useful Information

- The children must wear their school uniform.
- If your child needs to take any medication with them on this trip (such as inhalers, hayfever medicine and travel sickness tablets) you will need to fill out a separate form for each medicine and hand the completed form and the medication in on the day in a clear sandwich bag with your child's name on it.
 - The children will eat lunch in school before travelling to the venue.
 - Pupils will travel to and from the Concert Hall by coach (accompanied by school staff).
- Please pick your child up at the normal time from their classroom, we will be returning to school during the early afternoon, depending on traffic, so should be back in plenty of time.
- A hard copy of the necessary permission form and medication forms have been sent out with the children.

If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

Mr Phillips - Music Coordinator

Summer Fair: Friday 28th June 2024 - Call for Stallholders



If you know of any external stallholders that may be interested in having a stall at our Summer Fair (consisting of up to 2 tables provided by school at a charge of £20 – payable in advance) please invite them to apply via this link. https://forms.office.com/e/CdrnddaJZW

A massive thank you to:

- everyone that has donated a prize or items for the Summer Fair so far (a special thank you to Mr Landa from DSL Group for the generous donation),
- to the PTA team for all of their hard work behind the scenes planning and preparing for the Summer Fair.

We would welcome donations of:

- Raffle prizes please can you ask your employers if they might like to donate a prize to the school too)
 - Tombola prizes
 - Any small 'pocket money' toys
 - Cuddly toys (for name the teddy and the teddy tombola

- Bottles of wine, beers, spirits
- Unused perfumes, soaps, bubble baths, gift sets etc
 - jars (with lids) for the Jar Hoop La
 - Children's toys/games (in a good condition)
 - bunting
 - table cloths
- unwanted Yale lock type keys (for a future treasure chest challenge)
 - wrapped sweets
 - wrapping paper

Nearer the date of the summer fair, we would also appreciate any donations towards our jam jar hoopla. We ask that each child fills a jar with child appropriate goodies i.e sweets, lollies, small toys etc. and brings it back into school before the fair. Please let us know if you need a jar.

Thank you very much for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

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In the past we have received lots of invaluable help from parents and other helpers. Whether it was sourcing, donating or collecting amazing raffle/tombola prizes, wrapping gifts, labelling tombola items, helping to set up in the afternoon or helping on a stall during the fair.

If you, or someone you know, is able to help this year, either:

• got an idea for a stall and are happy to prepare it, set it up and run it on the day, please mail office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

- sticking tombola tickets onto tombola prizes (during school hours 26th or 27th June)
 - help setting up on the day (in the afternoon of Friday 28th June from 1.30pm)
 - help on a stall during the fair (between 3.30pm -5.00pm)
 - making tea for our volunteer stallholders
 - or any other help would be appreciated.

If you have access to a gazebo which you would be willing to loan to us, or even better if you know of anyone who could help us with a marquee, please talk to Karen in the office.

Join us at the PTA meeting on 30th April and/or 10th June 2024 (staff room 9.00am – 10.00am). If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in supporting the PTA in either a big or small way please email the school office and ask to be added to the PTA mailing list.

Dinner Menu: w/c 6th May 2024



Previously Published Articles

Arnie's Breakfast Club - Price Increase



The price of breakfast club will be increasing by 25p to £3.50 per session after Easter. The price of breakfast club has not risen since 2017, however our costs have increased significantly, meaning we now need to pass some of this on to parents.

Year 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip



We held a parents' meeting a little while ago regarding Robin Hood camp which was well attended. The Powerpoint slides are available on your child's Teams account if you weren't able to make it to the parents' meeting.

The cost of the trip to **Robin Hood Activity Centre on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July** is expected to be around £42.00. The final amount will depend on the cost of the Centre as well as the number of children wanting to attend.

Some parents have already made payments on ParentPay but if you haven't, and you do want your child to attend, please pay a minimum of £10 by Wednesday 27th March to confirm a place. You can then pay any remaining balance in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 21st June 2023. We will confirm the final amount after 27th March, once we know the actual numbers attending.

You will be sent a medical form nearer the time and when you return this to school you will receive an information booklet which includes a kit list.

It would be fantastic if every child could attend this trip but if you are concerned for any reason about your child attending, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage 1 Team

Turn on the subtitles: A message from Jack Black



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.

OPAL Programme: A Message from the Chair of Governors



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

Opal Launch



As you may have heard we are teaming up with OPAL College to improve your children's playtimes (<u>link to letter which explains more</u>). 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!

A massive thank you to:

* everyone that has donated items to Opal College so far (a special thank you to Formost Air-Conditioning Limited for their very generous donations).



Calendar for 2024/25 Finalised (including inset days)



Parking



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

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



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.

Useful information



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)

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.









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

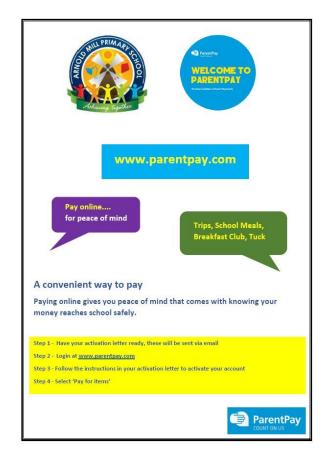
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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?

- I. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected
- 2. Think about the reducer's interests and infilinations that 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,

 - Make reading time relaxed and interactive chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
 Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
 Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.
 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





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

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - <u>Link to Tax Free Childcare website</u>



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

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