

Arnold Mill Primary School

28th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support this term. It's been lots of fun in school. It's been great to have so many of you come into school for various recent events, including today's Easter craft competition viewing.

There's some photos of the amazing entries below.

We drew the winners of the Easter Raffle earlier today. We have informed all winners and handed out all the prizes. We raised £283 from ticket sales. The two recent discos raised an amazing £583. All of the money raised will go back into providing equipment for your children to benefit from. Thank you to everyone who has supported these recent events.

Have a lovely Easter break 🍄 🥰 🗂

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher



















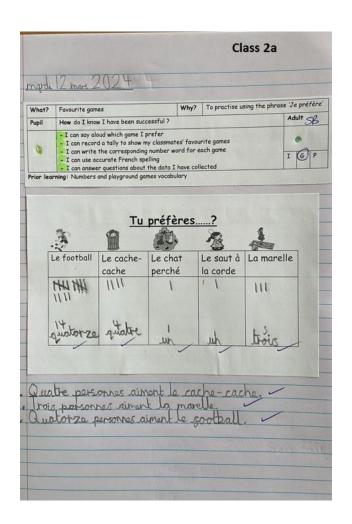




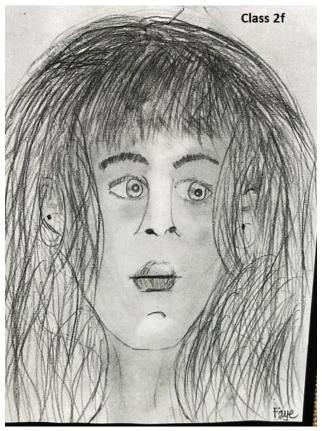


Children's Work:

























Calendar



March

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)

Tue 23rd - Class 1B Assembly with parents (*Link to letter*)

Wed 24th - Y5 DAaRT Graduation Assembly 9.10am (link to form)

Tues 30th - *PTA Meeting 9.00 - 10.00am*

Tues 30th - Class 2C Assembly with parents (Link to letter)

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

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

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

Latest News



Dinner Menus w/c 15th April 2024



Following feedback from parents, we have reviewed our school meal offering and are happy to announce that after Easter we are able to offer two options most days. The children can choose between these items each morning when the teacher takes the register. It would help if the children had already decided before coming into school in order to speed the registration process up. The new menus can be seen below.





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.

The cost of Millie's afterschool club will remain the same - £5.00 for stay and play session and £12.00 for full session with light tea. Details of our wraparound care can be seen below.



Here's some Easter posters recently done by the children at Millie's.







Year 6 SATS meeting with parents 18th April 2024



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:

- 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

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.

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



Class 1b Assembly - Tuesday 23rd April 2024 (booking essential)

We would like to invite Class 1b parents/carers to join us for the above assembly.

Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we have to limit the number of guests for the assembly to two per child. To ensure that we set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Monday 22nd April via this link 1B Assembly form

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the quest list.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

- On the morning of the assembly we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.
- Doors open for guests at approx. 9.05am and the assembly is due to start at 9.10am
- Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remained locked until 3.15pm.
- The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park remain closed during the day, if the vehicle gate happens to be open please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in (the gates will remain locked between 8.30 and 9.10am). REMINDER in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.

Class 2C Assembly – Tuesday 30th April 2024 (booking essential)

We would like to invite Class 2c parents/carers to join us for the above assembly.

Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we have to limit the number of guests for the assembly to two per child. To ensure that we set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Monday 29th April via this link 2C Assembly Form

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

- On the morning of the assembly, we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.
 - Doors open for guests at approx. 9.05am and the assembly is due to start at 9.10am

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REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.

Y5 DAaRT Graduation Assembly: Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 9.10am



Year 5 have now completed their 10-week DAaRT (previously known as DARE) programme. All of the staff are extremely proud of them and on Wednesday 24th April at 9.10am we will be having a DAaRT graduation where the children will showcase some of their learning and celebrate their achievements.

Please arrive promptly for this so we can start on time.

There are two guest tickets (in total) available for each year 5 child (booking essential), to book your seats please complete the electronic form (link to form) by 23rd April 2024.

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list for us to check on the day. We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

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A reminder that, in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the production. We will have staff members taking pictures and videos of children which we will then share via Teams. These should not be shared any further via social media platforms. Please indicate on the form if you wish your child not to appear on Teams photos/videos.

Mr Phillips and the Year 5 Team





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:

- Raffle and Tombolas
 - Games
 - Cream Teas
 - 'Wine to Water'

- Lucky Tubs?
- 'Spin to Win'

We really want the Summer Fair to be a success and are seeking donations of:

- 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

Keep an eye out for more information.

Free entry, all welcome! - SAVE THE DATE

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for Easter Holidays



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 <u>link to Nottinghamshire County Council HAF page</u> for more information.

If you are unsure what your unique HAF code is, please email office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk and they will be able to assist.





Papplewick Pumping Station



With: Professor Pumpernickle and RIKA
Spring Fair & Model Submarines
Steam Event 31st March & 1st April, 10am - 4pm
@ Papplewick Pumping Station, NG15 9AJ





Get in Touch: 07398 215354 | 07354 032261 | Email: bookings.nextlevelsports@gmail.com











Previously Published Articles

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</u> 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!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO Pinecones/ acorns Adult clothing for Fabric Plastic crates Nets dressing up **Action Figures** Hats Dinosaurs Frying pans Seashells - ---Tree stumps Balls Buggy Corrugated pipes Tarpaulin Beach spades Trowels **Laundry Basket Baking trays** PPP 11111111 Guttering Wooden planks Colanders **Plastic Pipes** Plastic vehicles

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 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**.

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for the use of <u>staff only</u> 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)

2F: Tuesday and Thursday (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 - <u>Link to Cost of Living Factsheet</u>





Inspiring Reading



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

- $l.\ Talk$ about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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/
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We've signed up for



HM Government

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

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



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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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