



Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter

8th September 2023



Welcome Back!

We have had such a lot of fun over the last few days. It has been so nice to see all the children in their new school uniforms, looking so smart.

We have decided to work on improving our lunchtimes this year as they were getting a bit 'boring' (in the words of the children). Our first change is that the children will be able to play across different areas of school, the field and the playground. This will give them much more space to play in. We have also introduced some lunchtime equipment, which we will be adding to and developing over the year. Plus, whilst we get going with this, Teachers and TA's are also going to be outside playing and interacting with the children, encouraging positive and imaginative play. We have also bought some

class property boxes for coats, jumpers and other bits and bobs, for children to use at lunch so they don't lose their things as often.

We want Lunchtimes to be fun and enjoyable so are keen to get this in place. We may need some help from you, sourcing resources and thinking of new areas we can develop... more info will follow about this.

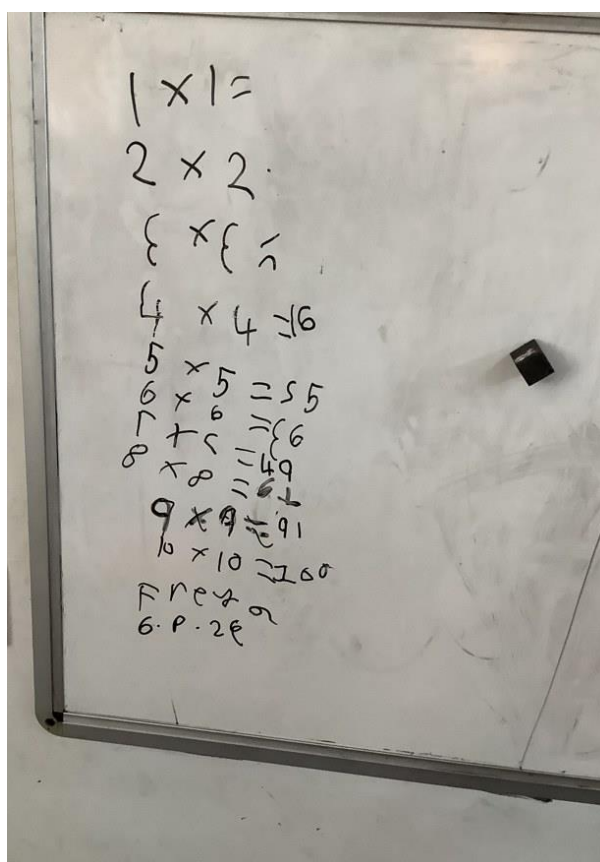
Our aim is to be outside whatever the weather, as indoor lunches are horrid! So, please can you make sure children have waterproof rain coats and wellies in school all of the time. I understand this won't be possible overnight, but we would like them to have these items in school by the start of next half term (6th November 2023).

This week the children have been learning all about why we are called Arnold Mill and why we have our Houses, so make sure you ask them what they've learnt. It's actually fascinating!

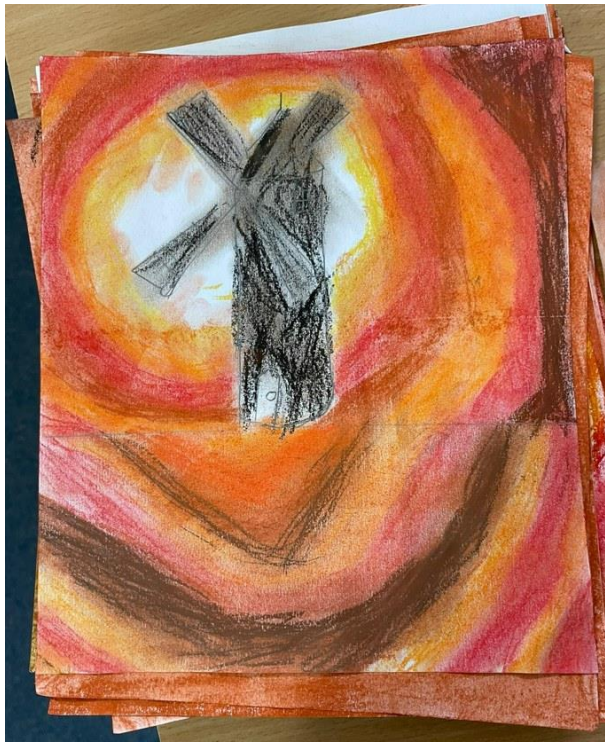
Have a super sunny weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work:







General Information:

Academic Calendar for 2023-24

(please note change of dates for inset days)

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24
August 2023 to July 2024

Nottinghamshire
County Council

2023/2024

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School Holidays Public Holidays Administration Day

Autumn Term
4 September - 20 October 7 weeks
6 November - 22 December 7 weeks

Spring Term
4 January - 9 February 5 weeks 2 days
19 February - 29 March 5 weeks 4 days

Summer Term
15 April - 24 May 5 weeks 4 days
3 June - 26 July 8 weeks

New Staff

We have had two new members of staff start with us this term.

Gary Poulet is our new Site Manager and Hilary Carter is a new teacher in 1a, working alongside Mrs Lloyd. If you see them around school, say hello.



A big 'Thank you'!



Mr Knight and Ms Ward have both asked us to pass on their thanks for all the kind wishes, cards and presents for their retirement.

PE Timetable



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)

Use of play equipment



Could we ask that parents do not allow their children to play on any of the outdoor play equipment, such as the trim trail, before or after school. Children should always be supervised by a member of staff on the equipment, as they have received training in this regard, and our insurance policy only covers accidents which happen when a trained member of staff is supervising.

School Clubs



We are asking parents to register their children for the clubs which will run in the Autumn term. These clubs are detailed on the next page and will run in 2 separate 4 week blocks as follows:

Autumn 1: w/c 25th September – w/c 16th October

Autumn 2: w/c 13th November – w/c 4th December

*Please register your child's interest by completing the form ([Link to application form](#)) by **Sunday 17th September at the very latest**. We are asking you to choose clubs in the order of preference and we will then try to accommodate everyone, as best we can, onto their preferred club. Children may be offered places in more than one club if spaces are available.*

We will inform you by Wednesday 20th September whether your child has been successful.

We would emphasise that if you sign your child up to a club, they should attend every week unless there are exceptional circumstances. Regular non-attendance may mean we offer the place to someone else. We always have children dropping out of the clubs which is very disappointing when other children have missed out. If your child can't make it for any reason, you should let the office know. If, for any reason, the school needs to cancel a club, e.g. staff absence, we will email and text the relevant parents.

School Clubs – Autumn Term 2023/24

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Recorder Club	Mr Phillips and Mrs Bennett	3.30-4.15pm	3/4 by invite	15	2d
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree and Mrs Stones	3:30pm-4:30pm	5/6	20	Reception
	Gardening (Foundation garden)	Mrs Broniewska and Miss Rose	3.30pm-4.15pm	1/2	8	Foundation
Tuesday	Football Club	Mr Robinson/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	5/6	40	2e
	Board Games	Mrs Rathore/Mrs Nicholls	3.30pm-4.15pm	2/3	15	2c
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield	3.30pm- 4.15pm	All year groups	30	2f
	Gardening	Mrs Humphry, Miss Joynt, Mrs Hopewell	3.30-4.30pm	3-6	15	Foundation
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3:30pm-4:30pm	3/4	By Invitation	Reception
Wednesday	Boccia	Mrs Greentree	3:30pm-4:15pm	KS2	By Invitation	Reception
Thursday	Book Club	Mr Hewlett/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	F2-Y6	20	2f
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3:30pm-4:30pm	5/6	By Invitation	Reception
Friday	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					



Please use the link below for more information about the wraparound care we offer at Arnold Mill.

[Link to Wraparound Care Information](#)

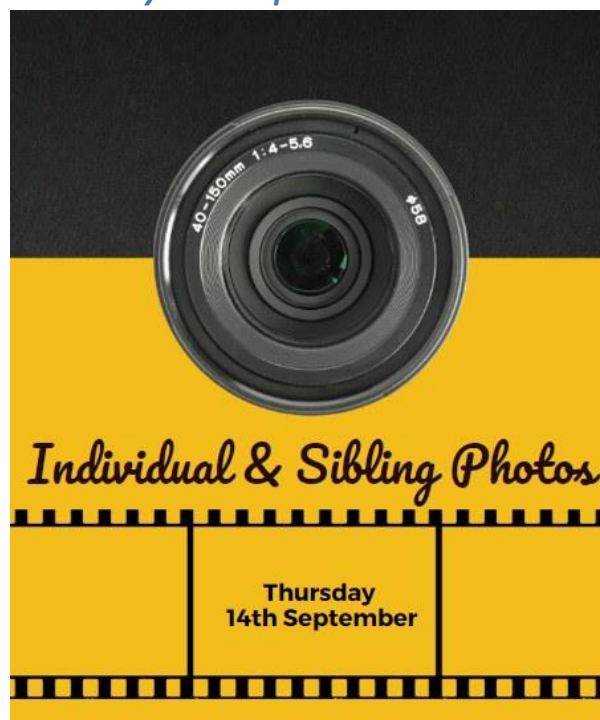
Upcoming events:

Year 5/6 Evacuation Day: Monday 11th September

*The Year 5/6 our topic is based around World War II and we would like to have a day where children have lots of different experiences, therefore **we would like the children to dress in typical 1940s clothes** (there are pictures attached to this letter for ideas) to add to the fun of the day.*



School Photographer: *Thursday 14th September*



*The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 14th September**. All children in school will automatically have an individual photo taken during their normal school hours as well as one with any siblings who also attend the school. Could you please ensure that children come to school looking smart, ideally wearing a royal blue cardigan or jumper.*

If you would like a photograph to include siblings who do not attend Arnold Mill please bring them to school between 8.00 & 8.50am to have these taken.

If you do not wish for your child to have their photo taken, please let the school office know.

As new nursery children will still be transitioning into the unit, they will have their photos taken in November – we will send a letter out nearer the time.



The Redhill Academy

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 14 September 2023 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

We invite you to attend our Open Evening from 6:30pm on Thursday 14 September 2023.

There will be presentations in the Main Hall at 6:30pm and 7:30pm, you are welcome to attend either.

This will also be an ideal opportunity for parents and students to have a tour around the academy.

The Redhill Academy, Redhill Road, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8GX
www.theredhillacademy.org.uk Tel: 0115 9261481
email: admin@theredhillacademy.org.uk

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RAINBOW

Parents Carers Forum

Who are we?

Rainbow PCF is a support group and independent voice for families with children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) Nottingham and surrounding areas.



JOIN US

Parent 2 Parent Cuppa & Catch Up

The meeting includes a presentation on sensory processing from Children's Sensory Therapy Ltd.

Date: Wednesday September 20
Time: 9:30 – 11:30
Where: Arnold Library, Front Street, NG5 7EE

PLEASE BOOK FOR REFRESHMENT PURPOSES

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Dinner Menus: Week 3

Next week is week 3 but there is a special Roald Dahl Day menu on Wednesday 13th September. Please note that we have been informed by Schools' Catering that they may need to make some

permanent amendments to the menus due to availability of certain ingredients. We will send out fresh copies once this has happened.

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023/24

MY SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 3

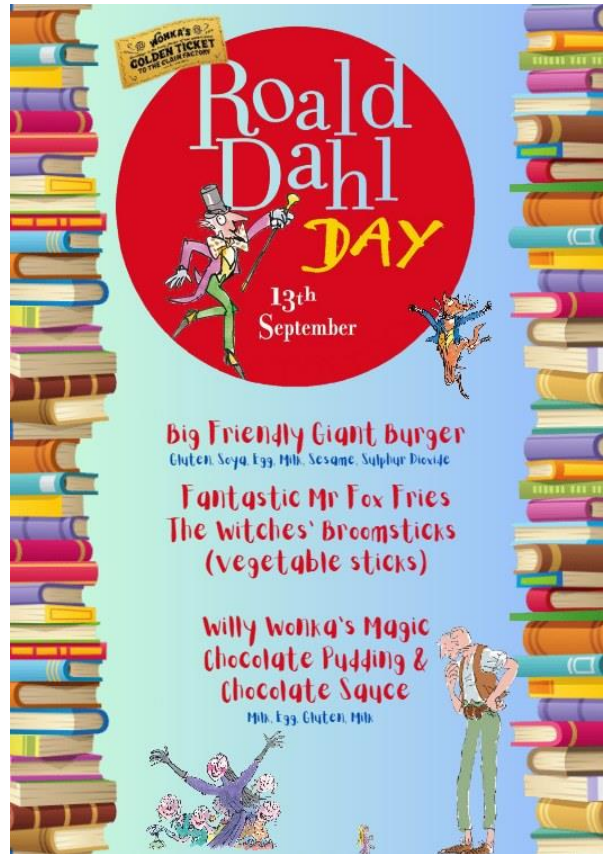
WEEK COMMENCING
 September 11, October 2,
 October 23, November 13
 December 4, December 25,
 January 15, February 5

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

ALSO SERVED DAILY: Best of both bread *Gluten* and *Soya* Seasonal vegetables available daily, Celeriac *Egg* when served.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Nottinghamshire County Council



Calendar



September

Mon 11th - Evacuation themed day for year 5/6 ([see letter](#))

Weds 13th - Roald Dahl Day Lunch ([see menu](#))

Thurs 14th - School photographs (individual and siblings) (new nursery children will have their photos in November) ([see letter](#))

Sun 17th - Deadline for applying for school clubs ([see letter](#))

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd - *Year 5/6 Kingswood Residential* ([see info booklet](#))

October

Tues 10th & Thurs 12th - *Parents' Evenings*

Mon 23rd-Fri 3rd Nov - Half Term

November

Weds 22nd - *Year 5 Trip to the National Holocaust Centre*

Tues 28th Nov-Tues 5th Dec *Book fair*

December

Fri 1st - *Christmas Fair*

Monday 25th December - Wednesday 3rd January - Christmas holidays

January

Thurs 4th - *Inset day*

Fri 5th - *Inset day*

Mon 8th - *Children return to school*

Useful information



Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Wraparound Care
- 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



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/





**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](#)

2023/2024

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3 - [Click here to see school policies](#)

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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


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



7 - [Link to information about the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme](#)



8 - [Link to information about how to deal with head lice](#)

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/>
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Childcare Choices

We've signed up for
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Have you?





 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)

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