

# Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 10th March 2023



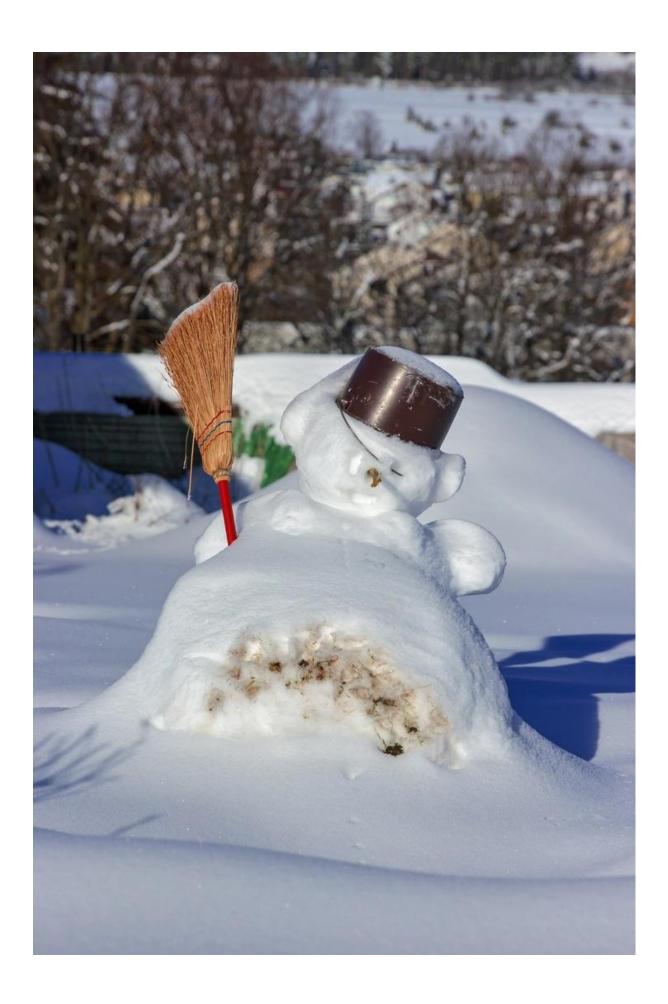
Dear Parents/Carers,

Winter's certainly come back with a bite this week! Whilst it is cold, please send your children to school with coats, hats and gloves. I'm sorry we had to delay the cinema night. I will get a new date out to you asap.

Next week we have library visits for F1, a SATS Parents' meeting on Monday, Red Nose Day on Friday with the chance for parents to come in and look at children's work at 3pm. Year 5/6 are also visiting Arnold Methodist Church on Friday.

Thank you for all the parent questionnaire forms. I have summarised the outcomes below.

# Snow Play

























# **Children's Work**

Here are a few examples of recent work from some of the children in school.



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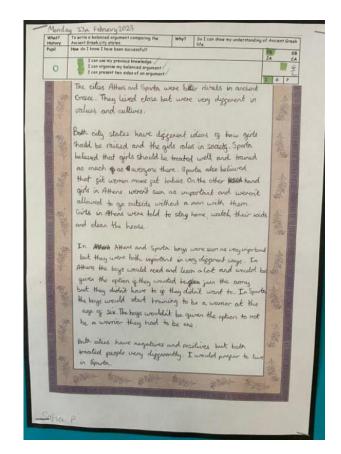
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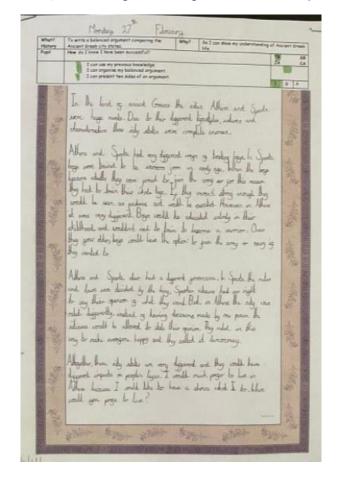
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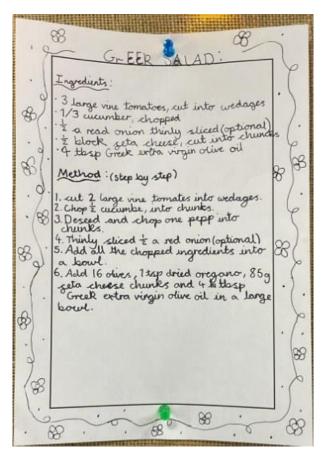
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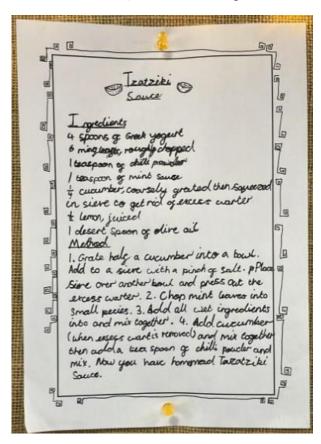


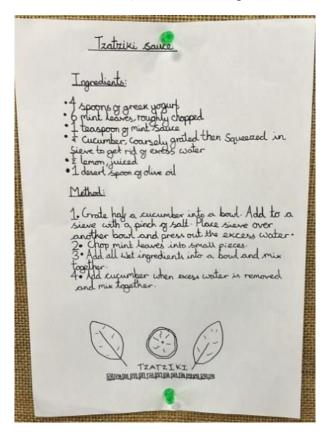
5 - Year 5/6 Balanced argument writing between Athens and Sparta



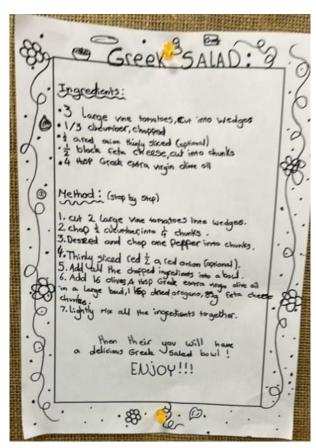


7 - Year 5/6 Greek Menu writing

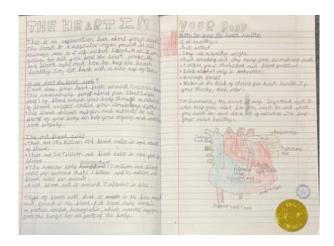




9 - Year 5/6 Greek Menu writing



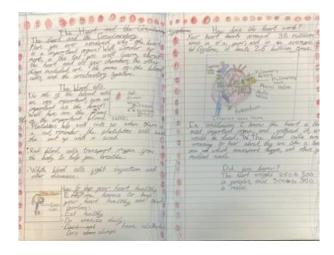
10 - Year 5/6 Greek Menu writing



11 - Year 5/6 Writing about the heart



12 - Year 5/6 Writing about the heart



13 - Year 5/6 Writing about the heart



14 - Year 5/6 Writing about the heart



We are so happy to be working closely with BÜK, our local book store, and Tim (the owner) has produced a magazine showing how great our writers are at Arnold Mill. You will be able to find a copy of the magazine in his shop on Calverton Road soon... But if you are unable to get down to his shop please have a look using this link. The fantastic writing has been produced over the last month at our school.

We hope you enjoy reading the edition and we will let you know when the next edition is ready to be released.

(2) Happy Reading!

### **General Notices:**

### 2B CLASS CLOSURE for strike action - ALL OTHER CLASSES ARE OPEN AS USUAL



Please note: Unions are in negotiations with the Government and so things may change at short notice. We will let you know if anything does change.

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the Unions and the Government over lack of school funding, teachers' pay and workload, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for **Wednesday**15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. Please be advised that children in class 2B will NOT be able

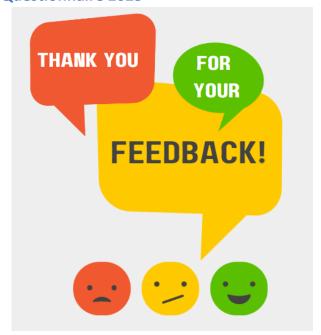
to attend school on this date. All other classes will be open as normal.

Children in 2B will have access to Literacy Shed, Times Tables Rock Stars and The Oak Academy if they are able to work at home. Children who are eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from school, please let us know you if require a packed lunch ordering by Friday 10th February 2023.

I'm sorry that some of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience further disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Arnold Mill remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions or concerns around childcare for this day, please contact me at joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

### **Parent Satisfaction Questionnaire 2023**



Thank you for the responses to our recent parent satisfaction questionnaire. We received 56 responses with a range of viewpoints. The actual results can be seen in the pie charts below and, as you will see, it has generally been a very positive exercise.

We have received some useful feedback on things that may be improved, such as continuing to find opportunities for parents to come into school and share the children's learning and limiting the number of fundraising events we have. We have also had one or two very specific responses regarding individual circumstances. If you have any concerns surrounding your child, please initially approach your child's class teacher so that issues can be dealt with quickly. I am more than happy to meet with parents, should you have ongoing concerns.

We were pleased to hear so many positive comments about things like our school ethos, friendly staff and happy children, the wide range of activities and clubs we offer and the bespoke support we offer for families. On the whole, the newsletter has also been warmly welcomed. Parents felt it was working well and allowing them to stay on top of all the things which are happening in school.

We are always trying to better ourselves and so welcome all of the feedback given.

 Are you satisfied with the welcome you receive when you come into school? (Please include office staff, approachability of teachers, TAs and head teacher)





Are you satisfied with the communication you receive about school life? (Including emails, texts, website, letters, home/school diaries, face to face conversations, Facebook)





3. Are you satisfied that your child is making the best possible progress in their learning from their starting point?





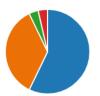
4. Are you satisfied that the school achieves high standards of behaviour?

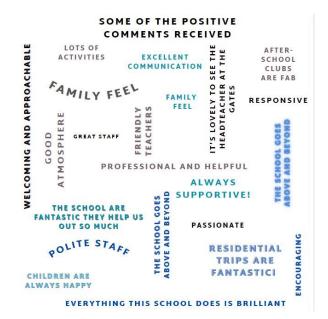




5. Are you satisfied that your child is happy coming to school most of the time?

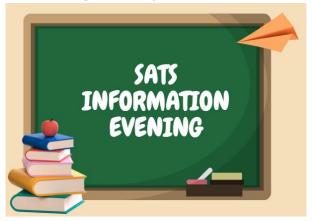






# **Upcoming events:**

**Year 6 SATS Information Evening: Monday 13th March** 



We would like to invite you to attend a meeting about the Year 6 SATS on Monday 13th March at 3.45pm in class 2e.

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 2E's door and a member of staff will be there to welcome you.

It would be helpful if you could complete  $\underline{\text{this form}}$  so we know how many people to expect. This meeting is aimed at parents only so, unless you are really struggling for childcare, we would ask that you don't bring children with you.

We will also record the meeting and make it available via Teams.

We hope to see you there,

The Year 6 Team

### **Red Nose Day: Friday 17th March**



This year for Red Nose Day we will be having a wacky non-uniform day. Come dressed as crazy as you can! You could wear your clothes inside out, back to front, pattern on pattern or just fancy dress. It's up to you.

We won't be taking cash donations this year but donations can be made online <u>Link to JustGiving</u> <u>page</u>.



'Look at Books' Event for Parents: 17th March



We would like to invite parents into school on Friday 17th March from 3.00-4.00pm to look at their children's work. You should enter via the outside classroom doors. If you have more than one child, you can then move around school internally to the next classroom.



### Easter Party Invite from Metro Schools Network UK: 25th March

Metro Schools Network come into school on a monthly basis to do an assembly and drama group and they would like to invite our pupils to a free event they're hosting in Arnold next month.

**Where?** Arnold Methodist Church, Arnold town centre, 54 Front Street, NG5 7EL (the circular one near the market)

When? 25th March, 10am-12pm

**What?** A fun filled party with games, craft, disco, mascots and the Easter story

Who For? children in school years F2 to Y6

Extra info: We will be providing lunch bags to take home at 12pm, plus an Easter egg gift.

Booking is essential! You can book your place here: <a href="https://forms.gle/BBFS81hn5HJUoXDZ7">https://forms.gle/BBFS81hn5HJUoXDZ7</a> or by scanning the QR code on the flyer.

You can find more info about their schools and community events here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamMetroSchools">https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamMetroSchools</a>

### Talent Assembly: 27th March 2023 (Get your nominations in by 6th 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 6th March to joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk Any nominations received after this date, will be put forward for the Summer assembly.

There will be additional talent assemblies during the year, so if you can't nominate this time, there will be other opportunities.

Looking forward to celebrating with you!

### Foundation 2 - Easter Craft Afternoon with parents: Tuesday 28th March



We are inviting parents of children in Foundation 2 to come into school for a craft afternoon on Tuesday 28th March. It will give you the opportunity to create some lovely Easter crafts with the children. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

**Easter Competition: 31st March** 



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 both the children can see each other's creations and parents can come along from 3pm onwards. Entry will be through the main entrance and into the hall. Please leave via the library doors. You may then collect your child early, if you wish.

If your child would like to enter, they will need to bring their egg, bonnet or garden to their classroom on Friday 31st March 2023. 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!

















### F2 Trip to Sherwood Pines: 20th June



We have arranged to take the children from F2 on a visit to Sherwood Pines on Tuesday 20th June 2023. We will be making woodland art, learning about minibeasts and pond dipping. The trip will take place during normal school hours.

The cost of the visit is £12.20 per child payable via ParentPay by 5th June 2023 (we recognise that finances may be stretched, so we have tried to give you as much notice as possible, we have also tried to be flexible by way of offering the option to pay the full amount either in small increments to suit, or in one lump sum). The cost includes the organised activities at Sherwood Pines, hiring a bus and a free packed-lunch (as your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals).

We will send hard copy trip permission forms and medical information forms for completion nearer the time.

On the day, children will be expected to wear school uniform but can wear trainers or similar comfy shoes, they will also need a drink and a morning snack. If it is very hot they will need a sun hat and have sunscreen applied.

Many thanks

The Foundation 2 team

### Year 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip: 29th-30th June 2023



We have arranged to take Year 2 children on a residential visit to Robin Hood Activity Centre in Mansfield on Thursday 29th to Friday 30th June 2022. The children will have a full two-day learning experience and a night stop over. The aim of the visit is for the children to experience the outdoors whilst team building, developing independence and above all having lots of fun!

The cost of the trip will be approximately £42, depending on the number of children participating but we will be able to confirm this closer to the date when numbers are confirmed.

We are really hopeful that all of our Year 2 children will take part in the trip as it is a memorable and fantastic trip.

There was a meeting for all parents/carers of Year 2 children at school on **Tuesday 28th February**. At this meeting we gave lots of information about the visit. If you missed it you can use this link to their website to find out a bit more (**Link to Robin Hood Activity Centre Website**)

You can start making payments straight away if you know you want your child to take part. You do not need to pay the full balance all at once, you can pay in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 16th June 2023.

If you require any further information, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to come in or email us.

Yours sincerely

The Key Stage 1 Team

# **Sports News**

### **Future Fixtures:**

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged. Please feel free to come along and show your support.

Monday 13th Mar Girls' Football vs Sir John Sherbrooke (home)

Tues 14th Mar Girls' Football vs Richard Bonington (away)

Thurs 16th Mar Boys' Football vs Robert Mellors (home)

Tues 21st Mar Boys' Football vs Killisick (home)

Thurs 23rd Mar Girls' Football vs Robert Mellors (away)

Tues 18th Apr Girls' Football vs St Wilfrid's (home)

# **School Clubs**



School Clubs - Spring Term 2022/23 Spring 1: w/c 9th January - w/c 30th January & Spring 2: w/c 27th February - w/c 20th March)

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm -1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Photography Club	Mr Hewlett	3.30pm-4.15pm	Y1-Y6	15	2F
	Dodgeball Club	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y3/4/6	20	Main entrance
	Gardening (from after February half term because of dark nights)	Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Humphrey, Miss Joynt and Ms Rose	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	15	School Library (off the playground)
	Netball (from after February half term because of dark nights)	Mrs Keeton	3:30-4:15pm	Y5/6	15	Main entrance
Tuesday	SATs Booster Y6 Reading*	Mr Hewlett	8.15am-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	Board Games Club	Mrs Rathore	3.30-4.15pm	Y1/2	12	2C
	TTRS*	Mr Booth	12.30 - 1.00pm	Y4	N/A	2E
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield & Mrs Monaghan	3.30pm- 4.15pm	Y3-6	30	2E
	French Club	Mrs Bennett & Mrs Nicholls	3.30pm-4.15pm	Y3/4	12	2F
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree & Mrs Stones	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	25	Main entrance
Wednesday	TTRS*	Miss Dibley	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Y3	N/A	N/A
	Boccia	Mr Knight and Mrs Greentree	3.30pm - 4.15pm	By invitation		Main entrance
Thursday	SATs Booster Y6 Maths*	Mr Hewlett & Mrs Nicholls	8.15am-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm -1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Book club	Mrs Oldfield & Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	20	2f
	Kapla Club	Mr Phillips	3.30pm- 4.15pm	Y1/2	12	2E
	Dodgeball	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	20	Main entrance
Friday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm -1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

<sup>\*</sup>No need to book

# Dinner Menu: w/c 13th March (week 1)



### **Calendar**



# **Useful Info:**



### March

Mon 13th Mar - F1am Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 13th Mar - SATS Parents' Information Meeting 3.45pm (<u>Link to letter</u>)

Mon 14th Mar - F1pm Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 17th Mar - Red Nose Day - non-uniform day

Fri 17th Mar - Parents' session to look at children's work

Fri 17th Mar - Year 5/6 visit to Arnold Methodist Church

Mon 20th Mar - Y5/6 Greek Workshop (Link to letter)

Weds 22nd Mar - 1c Parents' Evening

Tues 28th Mar - F2 Easter Craft Afternoon with parents

Weds 29th Mar - 1c Parents' Evening

### **April**

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th Apr - Easter Holidays

Mon 24th Apr - PTA Meeting

Wed 26th Apr - Eid Fair (more details to follow)

Thurs 27th Apr - 1b Assembly with parents (Link to letter)

### May

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

Tues 2nd May - King's Coronation Themed Day (more details to follow)

Weds 3rd-Fri 5th May - Y3/4 Rand Farm Residential

Mon 8th May - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

Tues 9th-Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week

Thurs 25th May - Class 2b Assembly with parents (Link to letter)

### June

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun - Half Term Holiday

Mon 5th - Fri 16th Jun - Year 4 national times table check (<u>Link to letter</u>)

Fri 23rd Jun - Summer Fair (more details to follow)

Thurs-29th-Fri 30th Jun - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp (more details to follow)

### July

Tue 4th Jul - DART Graduation Assembly (Year 5& 6) (more details to follow)

Weds 12 & Thurs 13th Jul - Year 6 Production (more details to follow)

Thurs 20th Jul - Year 6 Treat Day (more details to follow)

Fri 21st Jul - Last Day in School For Children

### Fri 21st Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents

### Fri 21st Jul - Gold Star Assembly

### Mon 24th & Tues 25th Jul - INSET Days

Click through the sheets below for information about:

- 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!



### 15 - Click here for information about free school meals and milk



16 - Click for important information about Strep A

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2022-23

Nottinghamshire County Council September 2022 to July 2023

Autumn Term
Schools Open - morning Wiednesday 31 August 2022
Schools Open - morning Tuesday 17 April 2023
Half Term - Morday 17 October 2022 - Priday 28 October
May Day Bash Holisty - Morday 11 May 2023
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Section Terms
Schools Ober - evening Tuesday 25 Aug 2023

Spring Term Schools Open - moming Wednesday 4 January 2023 Half Term - Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023 Spring Break - Monday 3 April 2023 - Friday 14 April 2023

Administration Day Inset day

### 17 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



18 - Click here to see school policies



19 - <u>Click link to visit ParentPay</u>



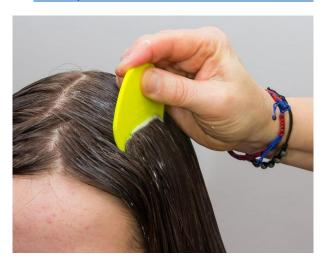
20 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



21 - <u>Link to Cost of Living Factsheet</u>



22 - <u>Link to information about the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme</u>



23 - <u>Link to information about how to deal with head lice</u>





### 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 texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
- Think about why reading is good for them focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
  - 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).

    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





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



Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk