

Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 20th January 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a chilly week but it's not stopped us from keeping the children busy, with class assemblies, library visits and drama workshops.

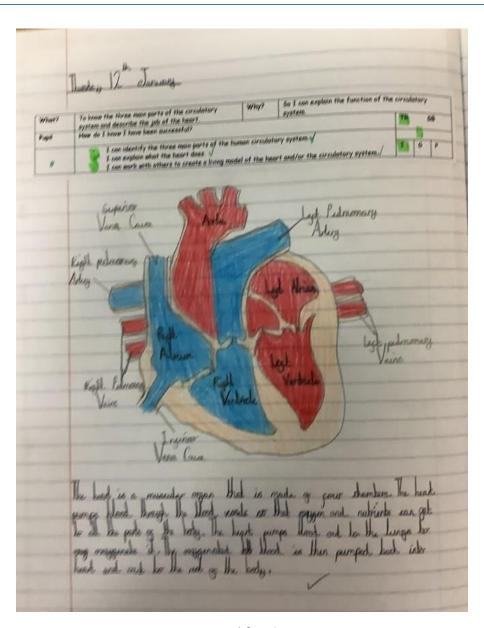
Just a quick reminder that children can go into their classrooms between 8.50am and 9.05am. The doors may be closed due to the cold weather, but they should still be able to open them.

Next week classes 2c and 2d visit the library, so don't forget to send them with their library cards.

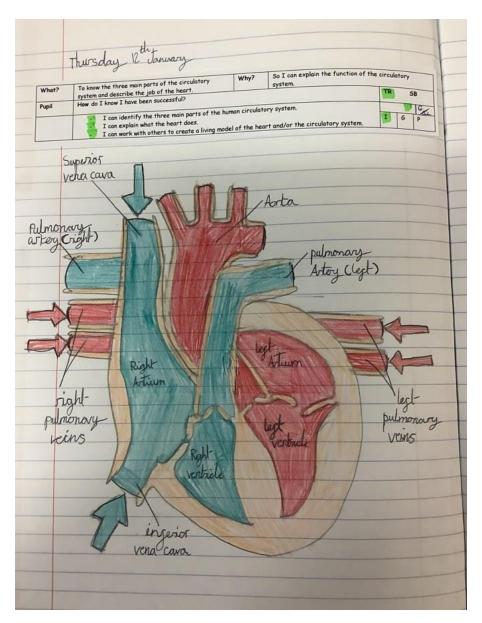
There's still time to get your nominations in to become a parent governor (see details below).

Children's Work

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



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2 - Work from 2e

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3 - Work from 2e



4 - Photo taken by a student in Photography Club



5 - A selection of work from year 5/6 Viking topic



6 - Land Art display from 2a



7 - Paintings of snakes from the Gruffalo by children in F1

Strike Action



Dear Families,

Following recent ballots by teacher unions, I am writing to inform you that the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The dates are:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

I wanted to get in touch with you promptly as the impact of the industrial action will mean that you may need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates.

At the moment, I am assessing the impact this may have on our school and will inform parents of this at the earliest opportunity. Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

I understand the frustrations of many teachers with the lack of school funding, demanding workloads and below inflation pay issues, something we have seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that staff make will not be taken lightly.

While trade unions have informed their members of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strikes may not take place. I will keep you informed as the situation develops before the first day of strike action on 1st February.

Tax-Free Childcare

You could save money on the cost of childcare!

You could save up to 25% on the cost of childcare by registering for Tax-Free Childcare. Please go to https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare for more information and to register.

This scheme can be used to pay for breakfast club or lunchtime supervision fees for 30-hour nursery children. All you do is register using the link above, select Arnold Mill Primary School as a provider, top up your childcare account and the government will add another 25% onto your balance. You can then make payments to school whenever you need to.

If you decide you want to take advantage of this resource, please email the office each time you make a payment in this way, so that we can make the relevant adjustment to your ParentPay balances.



Reminder - Please don't use the staff car park

We have noticed an increasing number of parents using the staff car park and driving quite fast. Just a quick reminder that the car park is for staff use only and should not be used by parents for dropping off or picking up, even for breakfast club or after school clubs when the gate may be open for staff entering/leaving. This is for the safety of the children.

Thank you for your cooperation



Deadline for Nominations for New Parent Governor - Monday 23rd January at 10.00am



We are currently looking for a new parent governor. We would particularly be interested in nominations from parents with finance experience. Please use this link to read the <u>letter to parents</u> and this link to view the <u>Eligibility Criteria</u>.

If you wish to nominate yourself, you can do so using this **Link to Nomination Form**

The deadline for nominations is **Monday 23rd January at 10.00am**. If we have more than one nomination, a parent election will take place.

Area SEND inspection for Nottinghamshire County Council by Ofsted/CQC

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are carrying out a visit to Nottinghamshire County Council to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). The inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get. You can tell us by filling in a survey below. Your answers are confidential. The surveys will close at 9am on 24 January 2023.

Link to survey



Inspiring Reading - Advice for Parents

Please see the poster below for advice on how to inspire your children to read.





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- 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!



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For more inspiration, visit https://ourfp.org/
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National School Attendance Award

We are very proud to say that we have received a National School Attendance award for the Autumn term. We would like to thank parents for all the effort they make to get their children to school on a regular basis.



National Storytelling Week - w/c 30th January 2023



To celebrate storytelling week, taking place from 30th January to 5th February 2023, we have some exciting reading activities throughout the week. This includes the chance to join a live storytelling event with professional storyteller and author, Wendy Shearer, on 30th January, suitable for KS1 and KS2.

If you would like to get involved with National Storytelling Week at home there are resources to help families enjoy the age-old tradition of storytelling and share their own stories, memories, and experiences. See the link below to access these:

Link to My Storytelling Scrapbook

Please feel free to send any pictures of your children reading for pleasure at home and taking part in National Storytelling Week!

Happy Reading **#**

KS1 Superhero Day - Tuesday 31st January (years 1 & 2 only)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our learning on Superheroes in KS1, we are very excited to be holding a Superhero Day! **On Tuesday 31st January** we would like to invite the children in 1a, 1b and 1c to come to school wearing something to represent a superhero.

Please don't feel you should go out and buy anything new. Something designed at home would be perfect and a whole outfit is not needed just a token mask, cape, top etc. would be super! Please also feel free to think outside the box and remember that there are plenty of real-life superheroes that could be thought about e.g. sporting heroes, key-worker superheroes like doctors, nurses, teachers(!), carers, fire fighters, armed forces etc. Of course, if the children prefer to wear their normal uniform, this is absolutely fine.

If you, or someone you, know are a real-life superhero (key worker) and may have time to share something about this role, please let your child's teacher know.

We will be spending the day doing lots of brilliant superhero-themed activities and are very excited about it!

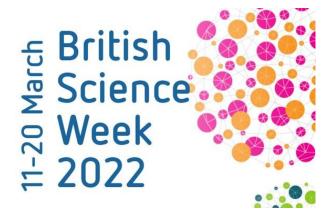
If you have any questions, please speak to one of the KS1 team.

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team



Calling all Scientists



As part of British Science Week, we are asking for parents/carers to get in touch if they work in a science related career.

Year 3/4 visit to Southwell Minster on Tuesday 28th February 2023

In support of our History topic on 'The Romans' we have arranged a visit to Southwell Minster. Southwell stands on the site of a Roman Villa - one of the largest in the country. Southwell Community Archaeology Group will be supporting us with our day and will be providing three hands-on sessions. These sessions will include archaeology, living history and a site walk.

The cost of the visit is £13.50 (payable on <u>ParentPay</u>) and includes the coach transport and the guided activities. The visit will take place within our normal school day (the coach will be leaving at 9.30am and returning at approximately 3.00pm). The children will need to wear school uniform and have a warm/waterproof coat, gloves, and hat please.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS - The children will need a packed lunch, including a drink (not fizzy or glass bottles please). This can either be home prepared or you can order a school packed lunch for £2.40 (payable on ParentPay [Dinner money account] unless your child is entitled to free school meals).

Look out for the peach coloured trip permission form, medical information form and your confirmation of packed lunch arrangement (including how to order a school prepared lunch) which will be sent home with your child either today or Monday. Please complete it and return it to school by 20th February.

Many thanks



'Including Parents' Conference - 7th March 2023



Please use the link below to see a leaflet about the **'Including Parents' Conference**.

This is a free conference for parents and carers of children and young people up to the age of 19 with additional needs, who are resident in Nottinghamshire or whose child attends a Nottinghamshire school.

Link to leaflet

Foundation 2 - Easter Craft Afternoon with parents

Tuesday 28th March 2023 - Save the date

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.



Year 4 Times Tables



The national times table check is a test for all year four pupils which takes place between the 5th and 16th of June 2022. It is an on-screen check consisting of twenty five times table questions. Your child will be able to answer three practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have six seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than five minutes to complete.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12; a skill which is essential for future success in mathematics.

Why are Times tables important?

Times tables are fundamental in supporting children and under pin everything within Maths. It is vital that all children know their multiplication facts up to 12×12 as it will give them the essential knowledge needed to be proficient with the curriculum in Year 5 and 6.

How can you support your child at home?

• Encourage children to play Times table Rockstars as often as possible (<u>link to Timetables</u>
<u>Rockstars</u>).

- Daily sessions (approximately five minutes) will help children to learn times tables more than one long session a week. The soundcheck is very similar to the multiplication check.
 - Quiz your child at home regularly. This could be when making dinner or on the journey to/from school.
 - Display a poster with all of the times tables facts on at home. Identify patterns within the multiplication tables.
- Create flash cards with your children and let them play with friends, siblings, grandparents.

 They could write the answer on the back and test themselves.
- Chanting their times table is an excellent way to learn them. They could do this each time they walk up the stairs.

Any times tables practise that the children can do at home will really support them to become proficient in their times tables and help them with their everyday maths learning.

Please see our website for other maths support suggestions - (link to our website).

Regards

Mr Booth, Miss Butler and Mrs Brumby

Lost Property

Please see the photos below for all lost property we currently have. If you believe something belongs to your child, please contact the office. All named items are returned to class once a week. Please remember to label all property so that it is easier to return to the rightful owner.



























School Clubs

School



School Clubs – Spring Term 2022/23

Day:	Club:	Organiser:		Year Group:		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	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- 4.30pm	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							

^{*}No need to book

Dinner Menu - w/c 23rd January (week 3)



Important Dates

January

Mon 23rd Jan - Deadline for Parent Governor nominations (10.00am)

Mon 23rd Jan - 2d Visit to Arnold Library

Tues 24th - F2 children going on a local walk

Thurs 26th Jan - 2c Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 30th Jan - Sun 5th Feb - National Storytelling Week

Mon 30th Jan - Live Storytelling Event with author Wendy Shearer

Mon 30th Jan & Tues 31st Jan Class 2D Bikeability

Tues 31st Jan - 2b Visit to Arnold Library

February

Wed 1st Feb & Thu 2nd Feb Class 2E Bikeability

Fri 3rd Feb - 1c Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 6th Feb & Tues 7th Feb Class 2F Bikeability

Tues 7th Feb - F2b Visit to Arnold library

Tues 7th & Weds 8th Feb - Parents' Evenings

Fri 10th Feb - 1a Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 13th-Fri 17th Feb - Half Term Holiday

Tues 28th Feb - Year 3/4 Visit to Southwell Minster

March

Tues 28th Feb - F2a Visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day

Fri 3rd Mar - 1b Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 10th Mar - 2a Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 13th Mar - F1am Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 14th Mar - F1pm Visit to Arnold Library

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

Tues 28th Mar - F2 Easter Craft Afternoon with parents

April

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th Apr - Easter Holidays

Thurs 27th Apr - 1b Assembly with parents (<u>Link to letter</u>)

May

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

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

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

Tues 8th-Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week

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

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>)

Thurs-29th-Fri 30th Jun - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp

July

Fri 21st Jul - Last Day in School For Children

Mon 24th & Tues 25th Jul - INSET Days



Useful info:



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
- Amazon Smile
- 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.



8 - Click here for information about free school meals and milk



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10 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



11 - Click here to see school policies



12 - Click link to visit ParentPay



13 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



Did you know there is a great way to give to Arnold Mill primary School when you shop on Amazon? And it doesn't cost you a single penny extra!

By signing up to Amazon Smile, you still get to browse the same wide selection of products as you do on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you do it through Amazon Smile, they give a donation to us based on a percentage (0.5%) of the value of your purchase. It may be a small amount, but if we all do our Amazon shopping on Amazon Smile, it soon adds up.

How to set it up:

How to use Amazon Smile on a web browser:

- Visit smile amazon.co.uk/
 Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.co.uk
 Select your charity Arnold Mill Primary School Fund
 Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile amazon.co.uk to generate donations for your chosen charity.
 Tip. Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile amazon.co.uk/

How to use Amazon Smile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

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 3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
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 5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for Arnold Mill Primary School.

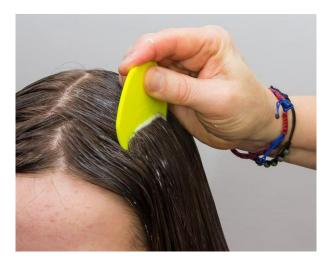
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14 - Click link to sign up to Amazon Smile



15 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet





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





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

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

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