

# **Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter** 21st April 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great Easter.

We have enjoyed a lovely sunny start to the term. The children have all come back looking refreshed after their break, let's hope they are ready for a fun filled term.

We have got lots of lovely things planned so please keep an eye on the 'Upcoming events' section on our weekly newsletters. One important meeting is our PTA group on Monday 24th April at 3.40pm in the staffroom. We really do need as many helpers as possible so please come along or let me know if you can help in any way. Any help, ideas, prizes and support is always gratefully received, especially with the summer fair coming up soon. I hope to see you all there!

Have a super weekend!

# **Children's Work**

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







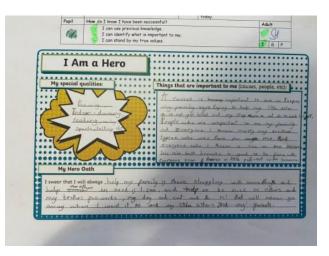


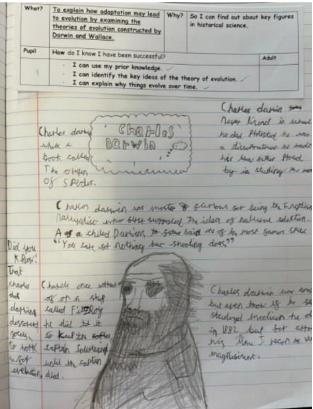


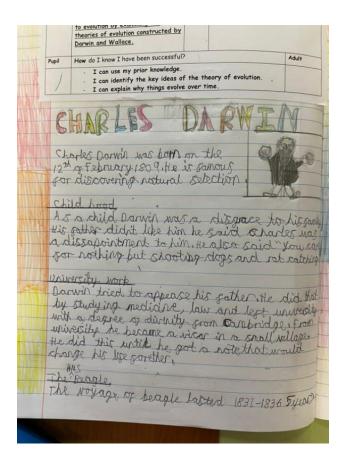


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# **Wraparound Care at Arnold Mill**

#### **Breakfast Club from 7.45am**



We run a daily breakfast club in the library area of the school (off the playground). The cost is £3.25 per sessions and you don't have to pre-book, just turn up and ensure your <a href="ParentPay">ParentPay</a> balance is kept up to date.

We serve food for anyone who arrives before 8.30am. There is an assortment of cereal, toast, tea cakes, crumpets, juice or milk available. Pancakes are served every Wednesday.

Breakfast club is led by school staff and children spend time socialising and playing with other children.

Children are then escorted to their classroom by a member of staff.

#### Millie's After School Club



Further to the announcement before Easter that Happy Munchkins was closing with immediate effect, we have welcomed our first children to our new in-house after school club this week. This is now held in the library area of the school (off the playground). We have decided to name the new club 'Millie's After School Club'.

If you would like your child to attend, places can be booked via ParentPay for £12 per session, which includes a light tea. Just go to 'Book meals and places' on the left hand side. Places should be booked by 12.00noon on the day at the very latest. You will be required to pay at the time of booking.

If you have any queries, please speak to the school office. The emergency contact number during after school club hours (3.30-6.00pm) is 07469 524024.

#### **Help with costs**



We accept payment for both Arnie's Breakfast Club and Millie's After School Club via the following schemes:

- Government funded tax-free childcare scheme (<u>Link to Childcare Choices website</u>) Our preferred scheme
  - Bravo Benefits
    - Edenred
  - Computershare (in the process of registering)

If you are registered for any other schemes, check to see if we are on their list of suppliers and, if not, let us know and we are happy to look at registering with them.

If paying via any of these schemes, just send us an email each time you make a payment and we will make a credit to your ParentPay account accordingly.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credits, you may be entitled to claim some of the costs back. If doing this you will need our registration number which is 122730 (Arnold Mill Primary School). You can find out more information here <u>Link to Universal Credits Childcare costs page</u>

#### **Donations of toys/games/activities**



As we have had to set up the after school club with such short notice, we are asking for any donations of unwanted toys/games/activities which are still in a good condition. If you have anything which you wish to donate, please bring it to the school office.

#### **General Notices:**

#### **Strike Action**



CLASS CLOSURES for strike action – PLEASE CHECK BELOW FOR WHICH CLASSES ARE CLOSED

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 Government have offered a pay deal to teachers which was rejected by all unions. In light of the pressure this would place on the school's budget and the impact this would have on children, all unions are balloting for strike action again and the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023**. The situation is still ongoing and so further classes might be affected in the future. We can only close classes when they are affected by strike action and can't move teachers around. I apologise for any distress this causes and hope the situation will be resolved soon.

Please see the table below that shows which classes are closing.

All children should attend school if their class is open, even if their sibling is absent.

Children in the affected classes 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**21st April 2023.

# If you have any questions or concerns around childcare for this day, please contact me at <a href="mailto:joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk">joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk</a>

#### Kind regards,

### Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 2nd May			
F1	Open as usual	Closed due to strike actio			
F2a	Open as usual	Open as usual			
F2b	Closed due to strike action	Closed due to strike action			
1a	Open as usual	Open as usual			
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1c	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2a	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2Ь	Closed due to strike action	Closed due to strike action			
2c	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2d	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2e	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2f	Open as usual	Open as usual			

# **Library Visits for the Summer Term**



During the Summer Term your child's class will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. As this is your child's third visit to the library this academic year the visit will be slightly more informal and is known as a 'Book Exchange Visit'. Your child will be given the opportunity to browse, borrow books and even share a story or two. Library staff will not lead the visit this time, although they are on hand at the Help Desk to support.

We would like all children to be able to choose a book on their visit to Arnold library. For this to happen please send in your child's library card or get signed up beforehand. If they don't have a library card, they can ask their teacher for a form to complete and return to school before the date of your child's class visit so that the library has time to process them. If your child already has a library card, could you please send it into school on the day of your child's class visit. Your child will then bring their card home along with their new book after their class has visited the library.

Please see the table below for the dates for when your child's class will visit the library.

#### Thanks for your support

#### Shaun Hewlett, Deputy Head Teacher

Class	When	Time
2B	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	1.30pm-2.30pm
2D	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm-2.30pm
2F	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm-2.30pm
2E	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm-2.30pm
1C	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1.30pm-2.30pm
1B	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm-2.30pm
1A	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm-2.30pm
F2A	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm-2.30pm
2A	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm-2.30pm
F1	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.30am-10.30am
F1	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm-2.30pm
F2B	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm-2.30pm
2C	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm-2.30pm

#### **Change in PE arrangements for Key Stage 1**



We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the term ahead!

We just want to let you know that, effective immediately, we will no longer be keeping the children's PE kits in school. On their PE days (Wednesday and Thursday) the children must come to school in their PE kits but with their blue school jumpers on please. Please check the weather forecast and make sure they are in appropriate bottoms i.e. shorts or leggings/joggers.

Please continue to work on your child's skills when getting themselves dressed as the reason we are having to do this is because some children are taking up to 30 minutes each lesson to get changed, which is nearly 2 hours of lost learning in the week, which we simply cannot afford to lose within the school day. Whilst this is not the case for most of the children, it is delaying us beginning lessons when some children are still not ready and it is causing lateness home in the afternoons.

If your child has forest school, please send them in their normal uniform on their forest school day with their forest school kit as before and we will get them changed after lunch.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for all you do to support your child in their learning.

The KS1 Team.

Life Skills Primary Programme (former known as DARE): Year 5/6 only



We are writing to let you know about the Life Skills Primary Programme that will be taking place in school during the next term and to outline the content of the course (you may know this course from when it was called the DARE Programme).

The class will be involved in discussion, activities and will watch video clips during which they will meet the DART Crew. These young people often get into risky situations, and the class will help them make informed decisions and keep safe and healthy.

During the programme, the children will have a workbook to bring home and share with you. The children will learn about responsibility, pressure, peer pressure, confident communication, bullying and cyberbullying, risks and consequences, stress, and recognising their support networks. We will also be discussing helpful and harmful drugs, including alcohol and Nicotine and the effects that these have on the body. The programme includes a discussion on knife safety and will also explore the differences between various groups in society.

This programme has been running in the East Midlands and beyond for over 25 years, has more than 400,000 graduates and has been proven to make a difference in young people's lives. For more information, please visit <a href="www.lifeskills-education.co.uk">www.lifeskills-education.co.uk</a> where you will also find a link to the most recent research about the course.

Year 5 & 6 will have their DART graduation assembly on Tuesday 4th July at 9.10am. The children will be able to invite guests to come and watch the graduation, details of how many guests each child may invite and how to book will be sent out closer to the time.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Year 5 & 6 Team

#### **School Dinner Price Increase**



We have been informed by the Catering Service at Nottinghamshire County Council that the price of a school meal will be increasing from w/c 8th May to £2.55 per meal.

#### Do you have any spare trousers aged 3-4?



As we have a lot of mess and toileting incidents in nursery, we often run short of spare clothes to change children into and there is a particular shortage of trousers at the moment. If you have any spare ones lying around that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the school office.

# **Upcoming events:**

PTA Meeting: Monday 24th April



We're holding a PTA meeting on Monday 24th April at 3.40pm in the staff room. It would be great to see some new faces as well as the current members. We are always looking for ways to enhance children's school experience and raise vital funds for school.

Eid Mini Fair: Wednesday 26th April



As a school, we like to embrace and celebrate different cultures. As part of Eid celebrations, Mrs Hussain has kindly offered to raise some funds for Key Stage 1 equipment and trips by organising the following:

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Henna Tattoo – on 26th April Key Stage 1 and 2 children are invited to have a henna tattoo on their hand. We will be using ready-made henna which can take up to 10 days to fade away. If your child would like a henna tattoo, please make a £1 payment via ParentPay by midnight on 25th April (this will be also be the parental permission form). Payment and permission will be required to enable you child to participate in this activity.

Raffle – there will also be a raffle with the chance to win some lovely prizes, including a personalised name jigsaw puzzle (the winner can choose the name they would like). Raffle tickets can be purchased via ParentPay (50p a ticket). Pre-purchased tickets can be collected from the school office from 18th April. Alternatively raffle tickets can be purchased with tokens at the Mini Fair. The raffle will be drawn at the Eid Fair.

Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received.

**Poster Competition** – during the lead up to Eid the children are invited to design a poster all about Eid. Entry Forms can be purchased via ParentPay (50p). The posters will be judged on 25th April and five prizes are up for grabs.

**MINI FAIR** 

The event will take place just inside the front of school (near the school office) on 26th April between 3.30pm and 4.15pm.

As with all of our fairs, it will be cashless and we will be selling tokens via ParentPay (they cost 50p each) or at the event with a debit or credit card. Pre-purchased tokens can be collected from the school office from 18th April. We would strongly encourage you to buy tokens in advance of the mini fair.

There will be food stalls selling delicious food, including:

Savoury Treats - please pre-order savoury items via ParentPay by 3pm on 25th April.

- samosas (£1.50) pakoras (50p) meal boxes (consisting of a vegetarian samosa, pakora, rice, and vegetable curry) (£4.50) Some of the savoury items may/will be available to purchase on the day (with tokens) **Sweet Treats** – purchase on the day with tokens bag of sweets (2 tokens) bag of popcorn (2 tokens) **Cakes -** purchase on the day with tokens cup cakes (from 1 token)
  - Any donations for the cake stall would be gratefully received.

• *slice of cake* (from 1 token)

#### **Soft Toy Stall** (from 1 token) - purchase on the day with tokens

Thank you for your support and thank you Mrs Hussain for organising this.

Kind regards

Mrs Oldfield

#### **Free Parent Webinar**

#### Click on this link to register



#### F2 Trip to Sherwood Pines: 20th June 2023



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 1 Trip to Stonebridge City Farm: Monday 3rd July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Year 1 visit to Stonebridge City Farm – Monday 3rd July 2023

In support of our curriculum topics for the summer term, 'Growing and Animals' Year 1 children will be visiting Stonebridge City Farm (during normal school hours). During the visit, the children will have the opportunity to feed the animals, take part in a farm, barn and garden led by the farm staff and to play in the play area.

The trip includes a guided tour of the farm, garden and barn, animal feed and the return coach trip. **The**cost is £4.90 per child (the cost of this trip is reduced due to Mrs Hussain's fundraising efforts) and
should be paid via your child's ParentPay account by 23rd June please.

#### **Useful Information:**

• As Year 1 children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, Mrs Burrows will be providing a packed lunch. Your child will, however, need a drink (no fizzy drinks please) and small rucksack to put their lunch in please (they will need to carry their own rucksack on the day).

- There is also a gift shop, if your child wishes to bring a small amount of money with them to spend (no more than £5), this is fine. Spending money should be sent in a named purse/wallet and handed to their teacher in the morning.
- The children must come in their school uniform but can wear trainers or suitable footwear for walking around the City Farm.
- If the weather is hot, please ensure they are wearing sun cream and a sunhat. As we will be outside, please send them with an extra layer, just in case it feels chilly in the shade.
- Please pick your child up at 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.
- 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 a clear sandwich bag with your child's name on it) in on the day.
- A hard copy of the necessary permission form and medication forms will be sent home for you to complete nearer the time.

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

The Year 1 team would like to thank Mrs Hussain for fundraising for the trip, we would be very grateful if you would support her ongoing fundraising efforts with the upcoming Eid Mini Fair and Raffle – please click on this link for more information.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 1 Team

# After School Clubs - New clubs start w/c 24th April 2023

	School Clubs - Summer Term 2022/23	Summer 1: w/c 24th April - w/c 14th May	Summer 2: w/c 12th June - w/c 3td July
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Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places available:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30-1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Gardening (continuing with current children with 3 further places available)	Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Humphrey, Miss Joynt and Ms Rose	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	3 (12 already taken)	School Library (off the playground)
	Netball (continuing with current children with 4 extra places available)	Mrs Keeton	3:30-4:15pm	Y5/6	4 (11 already taken)	Main entrance
	Football Club	Mr Robinson	3.30-4.30pm	Y4/5	30	2E
	Graphic Design Club	Mr Hewlett	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	15	2F
	Badminton	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y3/4	20	Reception
Tuesday	SATs Booster Y6 Reading*	Mr Hewlett	8.15-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	TTRS*	Mr Booth	12.30-1.00pm	Y4	N/A	2E
	Board Game Club	Mrs Rathore and Mrs Nicholls	3.30-4.15pm	Y3/4	15	2C
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Monaghan	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	30	2E
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	20	Reception
Wednesday	TTRS*	Miss Dibley	12.30-1.00pm	Y3	N/A	N/A
300	Boccia	Mr Knight and Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.15pm	By invitat	ion	Main entrance
Thursday	SATs Booster Y6 Maths*	Mr Hewlett and Mrs Nicholls	8.15-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30-1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Sewing Club	Mrs Nunley/Ms Ward	3.30-4.15pm	Y5/6	6-8?	
	Book Club	Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	20	2F
	Tennis Club	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	20	Reception
Friday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
Friday	There are no after school clubs on a I	riday	1.00pm			

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

# **Sports News**



The girls played their final game of the season this week and it was their best performance yet. They have grown in confidence and understanding of the game and showed their resilience the whole game. A 3-0 loss was not a fair result but the girls continued to give it their all and played with a smile. Well done girls you have made us all very proud.



# Dinner Menu: w/c 24th April (week 1)



#### Calendar



#### **April**

Mon 24th Apr - PTA Meeting 3.40pm in staffroom

Weds 26th Apr - 2b Visit to the library

Weds 26th Apr - Eid Fair (Link to letter)

Thurs 27th Apr - Strike - Closing classes F2b and 2b only

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

Thurs 27th Apr - Year 6 Dental Survey (only specific children who have completed consent form)

#### May

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

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

Fri 5th May - 2d Visit to the library

Fri 5th May - King's Coronation Themed Day (more details to follow) (Link to themed lunch menu)

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

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

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Mon 15th May - 2f Visit to the library
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Weds 17th May - 2e Visit to the library

Thurs 18th May - Seaside themed lunch (Link to themed lunch menu)

Tues 23rd May - 1c Visit to the library

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

Fri 26th May - 1b Visit to the library

#### June

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

Mon 5th - Fri 16th Jun - *Year 4 national times table check* (*Link to letter*)

Tues 13th Jun - 1a Visit to the library

Thurs 15th Jun - F2a Visit to the library

Tues 20th Jun - 2a Visit to the library

Weds 21st Jun - F1 Visit to the library

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

Weds 28th Jun - F1 Visit to the library

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)

Tues 4th Jul - F2b Visit to the library

Thurs 6th Jul - Wimbledon themed lunch (Link to themed lunch menu)

#### Tues 11th Jul - 2c Visit to the library

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 - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents

Fri 21st Jul - Gold Star Assembly

Fri 21st Jul - Last Day in School For Children

Mon 24th & Tues 25th Jul - INSET Days

#### **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.









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



3 - Academic Calendar 2022-23

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24





4 - Click here to see school policies



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



6 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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



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



9 - <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?

- $l.\ Talk$  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 Tax-Free Childcare:



HM Government

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

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



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