

Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 24th February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a good first week back after the half term break and it finally feels like Spring is arriving \mathcal{G} .

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Parent Questionnaire so far, it's been very interesting reading the comments received and I will report back to parents once the deadline has passed. There is still time to complete it if you would like to - see below for more details.

As communicated in a letter earlier this week, class 2b will be closed on Wednesday due to strike action. The rest of the school will be open to pupils and children should attend as normal - even if their siblings are absent.

Next week is a busy week with the year 3/4 visit to Southwell Minster, F2a and 1b visits to Arnold Library, a parents meeting for the year 2 camp, World Book Day and year 4 swimming starts. There's more details below about all these events.

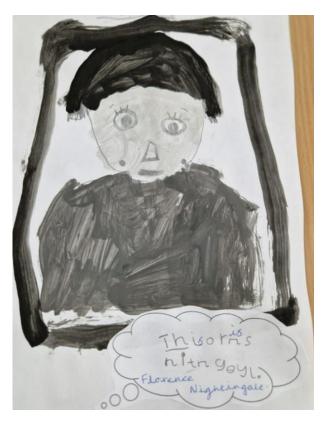
Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work

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



1 - KS1 Pictures of Florence Nightingale



2 - KS1 Pictures of Florence Nightingale

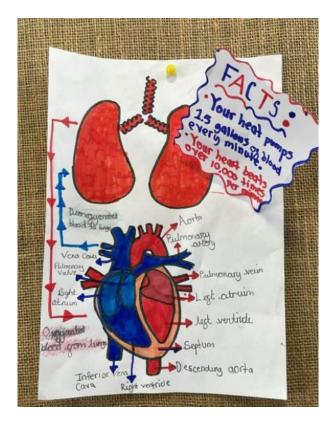


3 - KS1 Pictures of Florence Nightingale



4 - KS1 Pictures of Florence Nightingale





Winners from the recent Art Achievement Assembly



























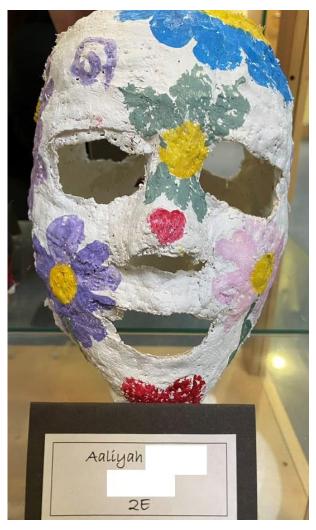






















General Notices:



2B CLASS CLOSURE for strike action 1st March 2023 – 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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 1st 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**1st 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 24th January 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.

Please note that further days are planning for strikes, as below. We will let you know once we know the impact of these dates on school.

- · Wednesday 15th March
- · Thursday 16th March

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

New SENDCo



Some of you may be aware that Abbie Slater started with us in January as our new SENDCo. She works on Mondays and Wednesdays. She has hit the ground running and it's like she's always been here. If you have any questions about SEN I know she would love to hear from you. Her email address is aslater@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk



We would just like to say a big thank you to Arnold Parochial Charities for their very kind donation of £1,940.40 to go towards the Kingswood Residential.

We would also like to thank the Rotary Club and Mapperley and Arnold for their £400 donation towards new and exciting books for school.



We are pleased to announce that the first defibrillator has now been installed outside school on Cross Street.

We are still trying to raise enough money to purchase a second unit for outside the Bestwood Avenue entrance.

Use this <u>Link to JustGiving page</u> if you wish to make an online donation.

Thank you so much for the support.

Parent Questionnaire - Deadline extended to midnight on Sunday 26th February



At Arnold Mill we set out to provide the children with the highest standard of education in a safe and secure environment. We have a set of aims and values that you are familiar with and we are continuously aspiring to make school even better.

The annual questionnaire is a very important part of the school self-evaluation process and is designed to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions on some of the key aspects of school life. The outcomes are used to feed into the school improvement process. Past questionnaires have provided us with really useful information that we have acted upon to improve systems and procedures or address concerns.

Please do not use this questionnaire as an opportunity to 'personalise' complaints regarding specific people. I would hope that this questionnaire does not throw up any complete surprises and that any significant concerns have been addressed through previous communication.

This questionnaire can be completed anonymously but if you feel strongly about something, it may be helpful to add your name so we can feed back directly if needed.

Please use this <u>Link to questionnaire</u> to complete the questionnaire by Sunday 26th February at latest.



We've been made aware that some of the older children coming onto school premises at the
end of the day to pick up siblings have been using inappropriate language around our young
people. If you know your child comes onto site after finishing school, please remind them to
act appropriately and respectfully. If you are concerned about any behaviour you see, please

feel free to let me know or contact that child's school as no secondary school would want to think children were acting this way.

• If you do have to drive to school, please park responsibly. We have weekly complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking and people speeding on the roads around school.

Upcoming events:

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March



On **Thursday 2nd March 2023** we will be celebrating World Book Day and joining together as a school to celebrate our love of reading. The theme for this years World Book Day is 'You Are a Reader'. To help support with this theme we are inviting the children to come to school in their pyjamas.

During the afternoon we will be making reading dens, so the children are welcome to bring a blanket and a teddy. There will be lots of book related activities going on throughout the day for the children to enjoy and we would love the children to bring their favourite book to school to share with the class.

What can you do at home to support our World Book Day celebrations?

We would love it if you could support your child by getting creative at home! We would like children to create their favourite book character by decorating a wooden spoon. Here are some ideas below...

We look forward to the day ahead and can't wait to see your fantastic designs.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Shaun Hewlett

Deputy Headteacher







Year 4 Swimming Lessons: starting Friday 3rd March



This term the Year 4 children will be going swimming at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre. We will travel there by bus, which is provided by the Local Authority. The morning swimming sessions start on **Friday 3rd March 2023** and will be weekly through to 21st July.

Your child **does** need to wear school uniform on swimming days. Please can you ensure your child brings their costume and towel in a separate bag.

The Local Education Authority issue rules regarding swimming costumes which are as follows:

- Girls one piece swimming costume
- Boys swimming trunks or close fitting shorts without side pockets and **no longer than mid- thigh length please see Mrs Greentree if you are unsure.**

- Hair which is longer than jaw length should be tied back or in a cap.
- All jewellery must be removed. Ear rings cannot be taped over or covered by a hat.
- Goggles can be worn. However, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to adjust and fit the goggles correctly and to write a letter of consent to the class teacher.

Please adhere to the regulations, as the instructors will not let your child swim if they break the rules.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Greentree

Film Night: Friday 10th March



On Friday 10th March at 3.30pm the children of Arnold Mill Primary School (F2 to Year 6) are invited to a film night (they are welcome to bring a small cushion to sit on). As the films are due to start straight after school the children will be taken directly from their class to the 'cinema screen' by the teachers. All films selected will be certificate U.

Admission is £2.50 (for refreshments and childcare) payable in advance via your child's ParentPay account. The deadline to sign up will be 3.00pm on Friday 10th March, after which time the finalised attendance list will be printed and passed to staff (for this reason we will NOT be able to accommodate late requests - sorry).

Children in years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk home on their own if parental consent is received via this form. ALL other children must be collected by a responsible adult (unless they are booked to go to Happy Munchkins School Club in which case they will be escorted there by a member of staff).

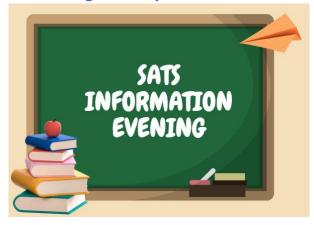
To keep costs down, we will NOT be issuing tickets. ParentPay will give us an attendance list which allows us to keep a track of numbers for fire regulations and for the staff to know which children to escort to the 'cinema screen'.

We ask that the children observe 'cinema etiquette' at all times during the film, therefore no mobile phones will be allowed.

- F2 will be dismissed from the foundation unit
 - KS1 will be dismissed from classroom 1c
- KS2 will be dismissed from the main entrance

We hope that you can support the event.

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> page.

We will also be having a Red Nose Day themed lunch - keep an eye out for the menu.

'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.

You don't need to let us know you are attending, just turn up.



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.

jo.jones@metroschoolsnetwork.co.uk

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: https://forms.qle/BBFS81hn5HJUoXDZ7 or by scanning the QR code on the flyer.

All their staff and volunteer team are DBS cleared, and safely recruited.

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

Please come along to the parents' meeting on 28th February for more information



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 will be a meeting for all parents/carers of Year 2 children at school on **Tuesday 28th February** from 6.00pm until 6.30pm. At this meeting we will be able to give you a lot more information about the visit. In the meantime, here is a link to their website (Link to Robin Hood Activity Centre Website)

Please confirm whether or not you will be attending the meeting by completing this form (<u>link to</u> **form**) by Monday 27th February.

You can either wait until after the parents' meeting or 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 in the meantime, please do not hesitate to come in or email us.

Yours sincerely

Sports News



The girls played their first game for Arnold Mill this week and, as always, they did us proud. Everything they did was the right decision, however the opposition stopped us and managed to get the win.

Onwards and upwards to the next game.

Future Fixtures:

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

Tues 28th Feb Boys' Football vs St Wilfrid's (home)

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

Thurs 16th Mar Boys' Football vs Robert Mellows (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





Clubs start back next week.

 $\underline{\textbf{School Clubs} - \textbf{Spring Term 2022/23}} \quad \underline{\textbf{Spring 1: w/c 9}^{th} \textbf{January} - w/c 30}^{th} \underline{\textbf{January}} & \underline{\textbf{Spring 2: w/c 27}^{th}} \ \underline{\textbf{February}} - w/c 20}^{th} \ \underline{\textbf{March}} \\ \underline{\textbf{March}} & \underline{\textbf{Spring 1: w/c 9}^{th}} \ \underline{\textbf{January}} - w/c 30}^{th} \underline{\textbf{January}} & \underline{\textbf{Spring 2: w/c 27}^{th}} \ \underline{\textbf{February}} - w/c 20}^{th} \ \underline{\textbf{March}} \\ \underline{\textbf{March}} & \underline{\textbf{Spring 2: w/c 27}^{th}} \ \underline{\textbf{Spring 1: w/c 9}^{th}} \\ \underline{\textbf{March}} & \underline{\textbf{Spring 2: w/c 27}^{th}} \ \underline{\textbf{March}} \\ \underline{\textbf{March}} & \underline{\textbf{M$

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	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	Y3/4/6	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 Mair		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					

^{*}No need to book

Dinner Menu: w/c 27th February (week 2)



Calendar



February

Tues 28th Feb - Year 3/4 Visit to Southwell Minster (Link to letter)

Tues 28th Feb - F2a Visit to Arnold Library

Tues 28th Feb - Robin Hood Camp Information Evening for parents (year 2)

March

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Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day (Link to letter)
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Fri 3rd Mar - Year 4 Swimming starts (Link to letter)

Fri 3rd Mar - 1b Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 3rd Mar - PTA Meeting (details to follow)

Fri 10th Mar - 2a Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 10th Mar - Film night (more details to follow)

Mon 13th Mar - F1am Visit to Arnold Library

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

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)

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 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 (<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* (*Link to letter*)

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

July

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 (am)

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

Fri 21st Jul - Gold Star Assembly

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
- 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)

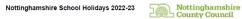
Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.







6 - Click for important information about Strep A



September 2022 to July 2023

Autumn Term Schools Open - morning Wednesday 31 August 2022 Half Term - Monday 17 October 2022 - Friday 25 October Schools close - evening Wednesday 21 December 2022

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

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Schools Open - moming Tuesday 17 April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May 2023
Haif Term - Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023
Schools Close - evening Tuesday 25 July 2023

*Return date for August/September 2023 TBC

7 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



8 - Click here to see school policies



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



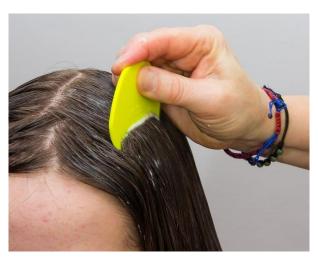
10 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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



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



13 - <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?

- 1. 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