

# **Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter** 24th March 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week is the last week before we break up for the Easter holidays. We will return on Monday 17th April. Please note there are no clubs next week, apart from Boccia on Wednesday. See below for how to sign your child(ren) up for the clubs running in the summer term which will start w/c 24th April.

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

# **Children's Work**

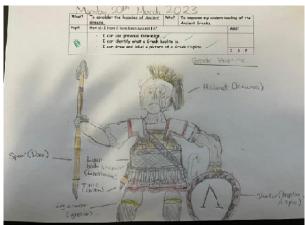
Here are a few examples of recent work from some of the children in school.

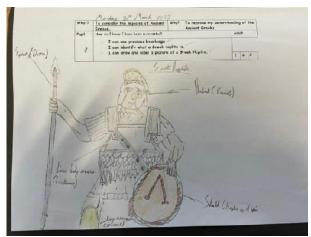


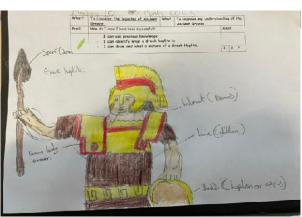


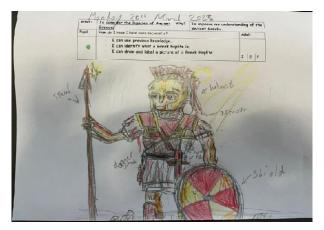












# **British Science Week Roundup:**



Last week was British Science Week, the theme this year was 'connections' and we certain made lots of connections at Arnold Mill! We kick started the week with a whole school assembly thinking about how we are all connected, how many different careers are linked to science, and we thought about some famous inventors, including Sir James Dyson, Alexander Fleming and Marie Curie. We also set our design a 'Greatest Invention' competition.

Over the week, classes have been very busy taking part in lots of exciting enquiry based learning activities. The children have been super scientists! It has been fantastic to hear and see their enthusiasm and engagement with working scientifically.

In F1, the children have enjoyed exploring the world around them and looking at how things grow!

In F2, the children have been thinking about their five senses. The children have enjoyed being detectives having to use their sense of smell to guess what was hidden in the containers.







In Year 1 & 2, the children have been thinking about seasonal changes. Each class has set up their own weather station and made a class barometer to monitor air pressure. They are continuing to monitor the weather and collect data until the end of this term to answer the question 'Does the weather change from winter to spring?' The children have also taken part in 'Farm Live' revisiting their materials learning and learned how a tractor is connected to space!







#### In Year 3 & 4, the children have enjoyed lots of practical science!

They have explored how sound travels through vibrations using various home-made devices, including glass bottles filled with coloured water and wired coat hangers attached to string.







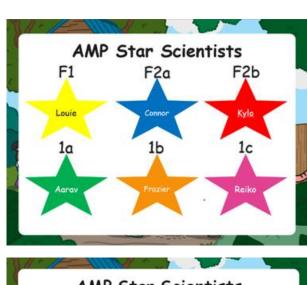
In Year 5 & 6, the children have been learning about evolution and inheritance in our most recent topic which links perfectly to connections. We have learnt that we inherit lots of characteristics through our DNA. We have then had a go at extracting DNA from a kiwi. According to a child in 2D, our experiment was fun but messy!

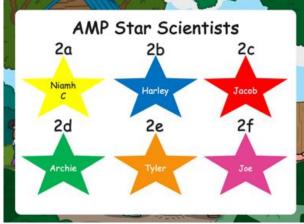






During our Science Celebration Assembly on 23rd March 2023, we celebrated children nominated by their class teachers as Arnold Mill's Star Scientists! These children are enthusiastic in Science, think and work scientifically and are able to use scientific vocabulary in their explanations. Well done to our Super Star Scientists!



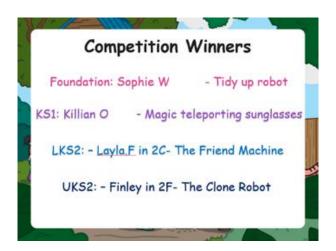


The 'Greatest Invention' competition winners have also been celebrated at our celebration assembly. Well done to all inventors, it was a tough competition to judge with plenty of incredible inventions to choose from! But we had to choose some winners....

A big thank you to everyone for helping us celebrate a fantastic British Science Week at AMP.

From Mrs Lowth & Miss Dibley.

P.S watch out for our Science Week Display coming soon!



#### **General Notices:**

**Reminder: Healthy Packed Lunches** 

Can we just remind parents who provide their children with packed lunches that they should be healthy and shouldn't include sweets, fizzy drinks or power drinks and should also not include nuts of any type.

### **Holiday Activities and Food Programme for Easter**

Happy Munchkins will be open on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th April - please contact 0775 431 3279 for more information.

Find out about the FREE school holiday activities and food programme for anyone entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals in Nottinghamshire (this does not include children who are receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals). <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/holiday-activities-and-food/activities-and-venues">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/holiday-activities-and-food/activities-and-venues</a>

If you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, and are not already claiming, go to <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk</a> to apply.





# Happy Easter from Happy Munchkins!

- · Dates we are open:
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April (Easter party with party games, Easter egg hunt and so much more!)
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April (trip to see Mario bros at Bonington cinema, very limited spaces for this trip so please book ASAP to avoid any disappointment!)
- Closing date will be the 24<sup>th</sup> march so please let us know as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment!



#### **After School Clubs**

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

#### Summer 1: w/c 24th April – w/c 14th May

#### Summer 2: w/c 12th June – w/c 3rd July

**Gardening Club** will continue with the same children currently taking part (they do not need to reapply but please let us know if you don't wish to continue) there are a further 3 places available.

**Netball Club** will also continue with the same children currently taking part (they do not need to reapply but please let us know if you don't wish to continue) there are 4 further places available.

Please register your child's interest by completing the form (Link to application form) by Sunday

26th March at the very latest. We are asking you to choose clubs in the order of preference and we will then try to accommodate everyone, as best we can, onto their preferred club. Children may be offered places in more than one club if spaces are available.

We will inform you by Friday 31st March as to whether your child has been successful.

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

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places available:	Parents to collec 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
	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

\*No need to book

#### **Upcoming events:**





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>

#### 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. You should have received your personal invitation in the post.

#### Easter Competition and Celebration event: 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 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!

















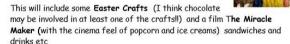


Dear Parents and Carers,

## We are having an Easter Holiday Excite on

Wednesday 5th April 2023

from 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.



The event is free of charge and open to all ages the only provision being that children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

#### To help us with our catering we are asking that you register in advance.

You can do this by email....using the tear off slip below dropping it through the Church letterbox or by email, text/telephone or facebook message by Monday 3rd April.

We will be coming:

Name of adult...

Name ages of children...

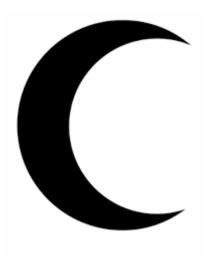
Any Food Allergies Intolerance or Vegetarian/Vegan requirements.

F Emmanuel Church Arnold www.emmanuelchurcharnold.org

Excite contact Diannne Mortell 07739477978 Diannethewell@outlook.com

Emmanuel Church recently held an assembly at our school and asked us to let parents know about a free event they are holding in the Easter holidays. Please see the leaflet for details. Hard copy slips are available from the office or you can email/text/Facebook message them direct to register your interest.

#### **Eid Mini Fair: 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, 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

#### 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 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.

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**







7 children attended a netball festival at Nottingham High School last Friday. They all played amazingly and with great teamwork and sportsmanship. We won one game, lost one game and drew one game.

Both the boys and girls have played Robert Mellors this week. We lost both games but scored 2 great goals (1 in each game) and are showing the Arnold Mill determination and pride on the pitch. Each side have 1 game left and are determined to get the best result possible so please come show your support.

#### **Future Fixtures:**

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

Thurs 30th Apr - Boys' Football vs Killisick (home) rearranged from 21st March

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

#### Dinner Menu: w/c 27th March (Easter Week Special Menu)

Next week's menu is slightly different to the usual menu. The dessert on Thursday has changed to yoghurt and Friday's meal has changed to an Easter themed menu.



#### **Calendar**



#### March

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

#### **Useful information**



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!



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



2 - Click for important information about Strep A

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2022-23

Nottinghamshire County Council

September 2022 to July 2023



#### 3 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



4 - Click here to see school policies



5 - Click link to visit ParentPay



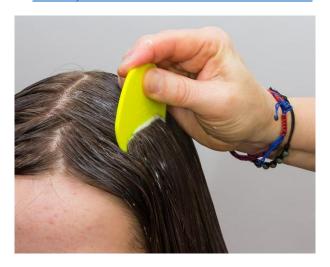
6 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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?

- 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



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