

Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 3rd March 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Parent Questionnaire, I am currently analysing the result and will feed back soon.

We've had an extremely busy week with a trip to Southwell Minster for years 3/4, library visits, swimming started and of course World Book Day. The children had great fun coming to school in their pyjamas and they all enjoyed a book or two during the day.

It's a bit quieter in school next week, just the 2a visit to the library and our film night on Friday 10th March 2023. Don't forget to book your child's ticket, if you want them to attend.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work

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

Online Safety Mascot Competition



You may remember that we celebrated Safer Internet Day just before half term and that, as part of our week, we launched a competition to design a new online safety mascot. I was amazed by all the ideas that were submitted. We have such thoughtful, creative children at AMPS! I even had to enlist the help of an impartial judge to pick the final winner!

The 8 finalists were:

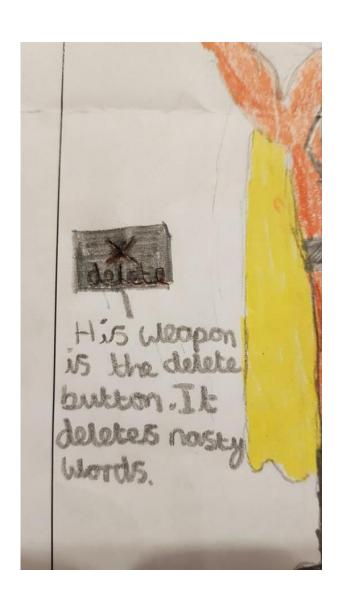
- Ethan M in 2F
- Poppy M in 2C
 - Leo in 2A
- Abigail in 1C
- Chloe M in 2C
- Finley W in 2F
- Marcus in 2F

And the winner, whose design will be used for years to come whenever we teach online safety in school is... Evie S in 2E!

Huge congratulations to all our finalists and especially to Evie! We were especially impressed by all of Dr Safety's online safety equipment! Well done Evie.







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Class: 2F

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My character is called: Gamer Gator

Name: Marcus

Class: 7

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could use at Arnold Mill to help us in our online safety lessons?



My character is called: SAFETEE REX

Name: Chloe

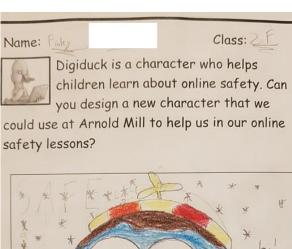
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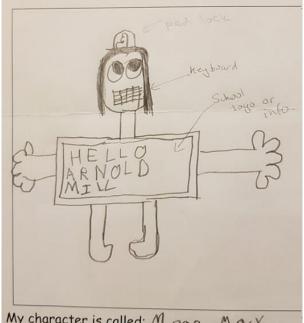


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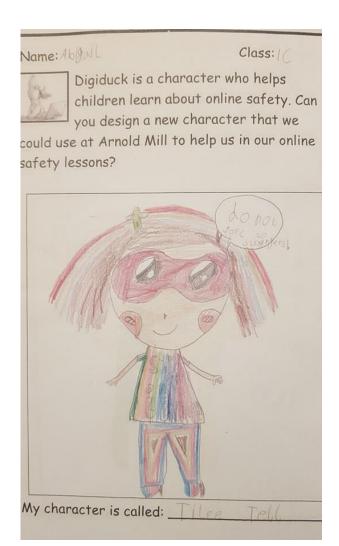
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World Book Day

Here's a few examples of the book character spoons the children made for World Book Day. They're all amazing!!!















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

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



General Notices:

Active Lives Survey for parents of year 1 and 2 children

Dear Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 Children

As a school, we have been invited to complete a survey for Sport England regarding the PE and sport provision provided we offer and opportunities away from school (see attached leaflet for more details). The school will receive an undisclosed amount for taking part in the survey and if you also complete the online survey, the school will receive additional funding.

The online questionnaire will take about 20 minutes. This will supplement the answers your child gives with more information that is detailed and will help to build a broader picture of activities done by children of this age.

You can complete the survey at home and many parents find it helpful to complete the survey with their child present.

The link for the survey is: https://ipsos.uk/DYBZKRP

Kind regards

Mr T Robinson

PE and Sport Coordinator



Upcoming events:

Film Night: Friday 10th March (3.30-5.00pm)



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

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 $\underline{\text{Link to JustGiving}}$ $\underline{\text{page}}$.

We will also be having a Red Nose Day themed lunch (see below for details).



'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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

The Key Stage 1 Team

Sports News



This week saw the first football win, a 6-1 victory against St Wilfrid's. The boys played incredibly well as a team, built each other up and wowed the spectators. Every player did their job expertly and kept a smile on their face the whole time. Well done, we are all very proud of you.

Future Fixtures:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

School Clubs

School



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

| Day: | Club: | Organiser: | Times of club: | Year Group: | | Parents to collect from: |
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| 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 | | 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 invitat | ion | 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 | | 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 6th March (week 3)



Calendar



March

Fri 10th Mar - 2a Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 10th Mar - Film night (<u>Link to letter</u>)

Mon 13th Mar - F1am Visit to Arnold Library

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

Mon 14th Mar - F1pm Visit to Arnold Library

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

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

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

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

Tues 28th Mar - F2 Easter Craft Afternoon with parents

April

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th Apr - Easter Holidays

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

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 (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>)

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.





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



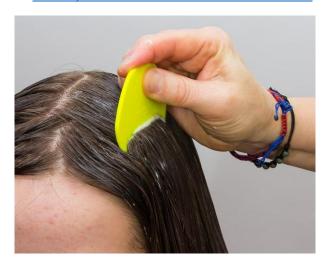
6 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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?

- 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