



Arnside National Primary School

'Aspire – Believe – Achieve'

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Dear parent / carer,

The half term has flown by and Easter is nearly upon us. It might have only been 5 weeks but the classes have certainly managed to pack a lot of activities into the end of the Spring term. Latest updates in school include:

Safeguarding Governor

Reverend Andrew Norman is our new safeguarding governor and he will be working alongside Ms Piper and myself, to ensure our pupils grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.

Tower Wood Residential

Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed a very successful residential to Tower Wood and the pupils had a wonderful time, despite the inclement weather on day 2! I would like to extend a huge thank you to staff for organising a fantastic experience and parent volunteers for helping and giving up their time to support. The pupils' behaviour was outstanding and our younger children were very brave considering it was (for many) their first night away from home without family members. Well done to all.

Leighton Hall

All our EYFS and KS1 pupils braved the damp weather and enjoyed a fun-filled day at Leighton Hall. The Spring themed art day was a huge success and the pupils took part in a range of activities inspired by the woodland and landscapes around the hall. Outdoor learning is an integral part of our curriculum and our local area is the ideal environment to encourage learning. Thank you to Mrs Sharp and the team for arranging the day.

National Trust days

Four of the classes have taken part in their National Trust sessions on the Knott and judging by the feedback from pupils and staff, the sessions have been interesting, engaging and lots of fun. One week had to be postponed but we are looking into rescheduling sessions for Year 6 and the Eco club. Thank you to Nancy Burditt and the rangers for arranging the activities.

Tree planting

Several weeks ago, school received a charity donation of 200+ trees. With the help of Caroline, Dougie and Belinda from the AONB, the Year 6 pupils spent a morning at Tower Farm digging, planting and having plenty of fun in the mud! The reward of our efforts was a 100-metre section of hedgerow, linking woodland from the Knott towards Eaves Wood. In years to come, this will provide a natural 'pathway' for wildlife and a safe habitat for animals and insects. Thank you to all involved and Jonny Bland for his warm welcome.





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Easter walk

On Friday 31st March, we are hoping to hold our Easter walk linking 'stations' around the village. Pupils will gather in the school yard at 9.45am for the first set of reading, songs and prayers, followed by a walk around the village to the Catholic Church, Memorial Field (flag pole), Methodist Church and finishing at St James' Church at approx 11.00am. Each 'station' retells part of the Easter story and it's a lovely way for the whole school to celebrate this special time of year.

Earth Day / non-uniform day

On Friday 21st April, the Eco Club are planning to hold a non-uniform day to celebrate Earth Day 2023. They would like pupils to wear green and blue to represent the planet, and would welcome a £1 donation via Lunchshop 'other items', which will go directly to their chosen tree planting charity. Mrs Hartropp and the team have been working hard to promote ecological awareness in school and their focus is to reduce waste where possible i.e. energy savings (lights and heating), recycling and food.

A message from FOANS Friends of Arnside National School

A BIG thank you for your continued support this term. We have raised £3453.43 since September to supplement trips and activities for all school children.

Another big thank you to all the staff, parents, governors and friends who turned out to support our very productive spring spruce up. The feedback received from everyone has been fantastic and we hope to make this an annual event.

Next term we will be marking the Kings Coronation with a commemorative school tea towel, bursting with self-portraits by all our young artists and featuring the staff too. Look out for details of how to pre-order these on Dojo and our social media.

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Reminder: School finishes at 2.00pm on Friday 31st March (Arnie's 5.00pm)

Finally, I would like to extend a thank you to all the parent / carer volunteers who have helped in school this half term; it's very much appreciated by pupils and staff. We are always looking to utilise the skills of parents / carers and an after-school club may be the perfect opportunity! Take care and I hope you have an Easter full of fun and smiles.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp

