

ARNESBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back to a sunny start to the Autumn term. Thank you for the warm welcome to new staff and children.

We have all enjoyed the last few weeks getting to know the children to start them on their learning journeys. The children have settled well and are already working hard and learning well each day. All the teachers love to see children wearing their new uniforms smartly too and are looking forward to a busy term ahead!



Mrs. James

September 15th 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sports day

*We have new houses this year and have been practising ready for Sports day on **Wednesday 20th September from 1.30pm**. The reserve date is 27th September*

Harvest Festival

*The service will be in church on **Tuesday 26th September at 2.30pm**. We are collecting for the food bank this year so if you would like to contribute, please leave your donations on the table in the bike shelter from Monday 18th September.*

Parent consultations

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th October.

Dance festival

*Courage and Endurance classes are preparing for the dance festival on **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October** at Countesthorpe College.*

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Remember our school hours are:

School opens 8.35am Gates close at 8.45 am

Learning starts at 8.45 prompt

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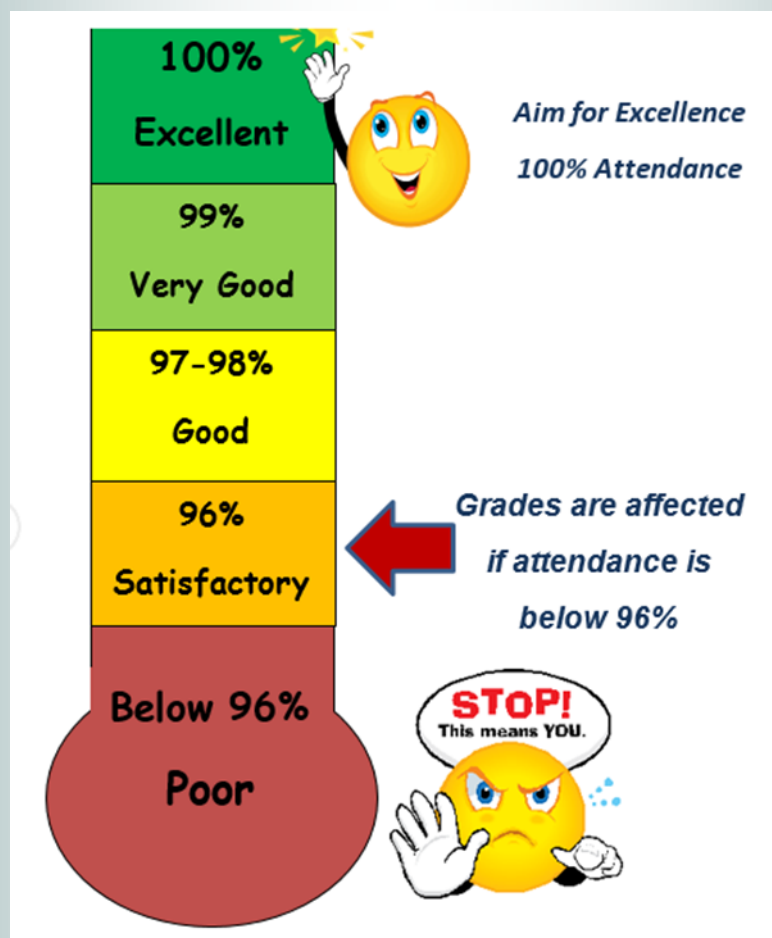
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

It is vital that children are in school every day to maximise their potential. You may have heard on the news how much focus the government and Ofsted is putting on attendance in schools.

At Arnesby, we want to have a high level of attendance across the school to ensure that all children are given the best education possible. Please support us in getting your children in school everyday.

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School attendance since the beginning of term
is: 96.2 %

Special shout out to year 2 for 100% so far!

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What's been happening in school?

Peace Class

Mrs Cox and Mrs Pierce have been really looking forward to welcoming the reception, year 1 and year 2 children into their new and exciting Peace Classroom. They have been busy preparing for the new year and all the exciting activities for the children.



Peace Class topic this year is "Movers and Shakers". This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world.

They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

In science we are looking at "Habitats". This project teaches children about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. They explore local habitats to identify and name living things and begin to understand how they depend on one another for food and shelter.



Our Art topic is called "Mix it up". This project teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork.

We have already started our topics and the children have been so enthusiastic about what they are going to learn. They have bought books in from home to find out about famous people. They have enjoyed learning new vocabulary and new routines.

Peace Class are in for a fun year with lots of topics and events. Welcome back Peace Class!

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What's been happening in school?

Courage Class

Courage Class have made a fantastic start to the new school year. Miss Wykes and Mrs Mitchell D'Arcy have been impressed by their positive attitudes towards learning and hard work so far.

In English lessons they have studied Stone Age Boy and written some super setting and character descriptions as well as brushed up on the knowledge of time and place adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

In maths they have all been working really hard on deepening their understanding of place value; partitioning numbers into thousands (Year 4s), hundreds, tens and ones.

In science they have begun learning about animal nutrition and enjoyed finding all about the features of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



They've shown great interest in our new topic 'Through the Ages' and are looking forward to learning more about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. They have already done some super cave art work for our classroom display!

In RE, like the rest of the school, we are learning about Islam. We have been recapping some of our prior knowledge and have practised greeting each other as a Muslim may greet a fellow Muslim by saying 'As-salaam alaikum' meaning 'Peace be with you'.

Keep up the hard work Courage Class!



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What's been happening in school?



Endurance Class

Endurance class have made an exceptional start to the year. Coming back after Summer, we have taken to this year with aplomb and gusto – long may this continue.

In English, we've been donning the hat of the press and working on writing our own newspaper reports. In Maths, we've been looking at place value with a focus on numbers reaching into the tens of millions, effective rounding up and down, as well as recognition and ordering of numbers at a glance using our knowledge of place value and the power 10.

RE, has seen us exploring the beliefs in Islam with a particular focus on how the different things we have learned about what Muslims believe might affect life in the UK.

For our Science unit, we've been getting our blood pumping by looking at the human circulatory system and refreshing our knowledge on the seven major life processes.

In Geography, we're learning how to travel around the world by tracking time zones and learning about the different ways of measuring our planet. And History has seen us looking at African history, from the Ancient African kingdoms, through the 18th Century and into the Modern Day.



We have made an exceptional start to the year. Starting as we mean to continue, this is shaping up to be an excellent year in Endurance class!

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Vision and values

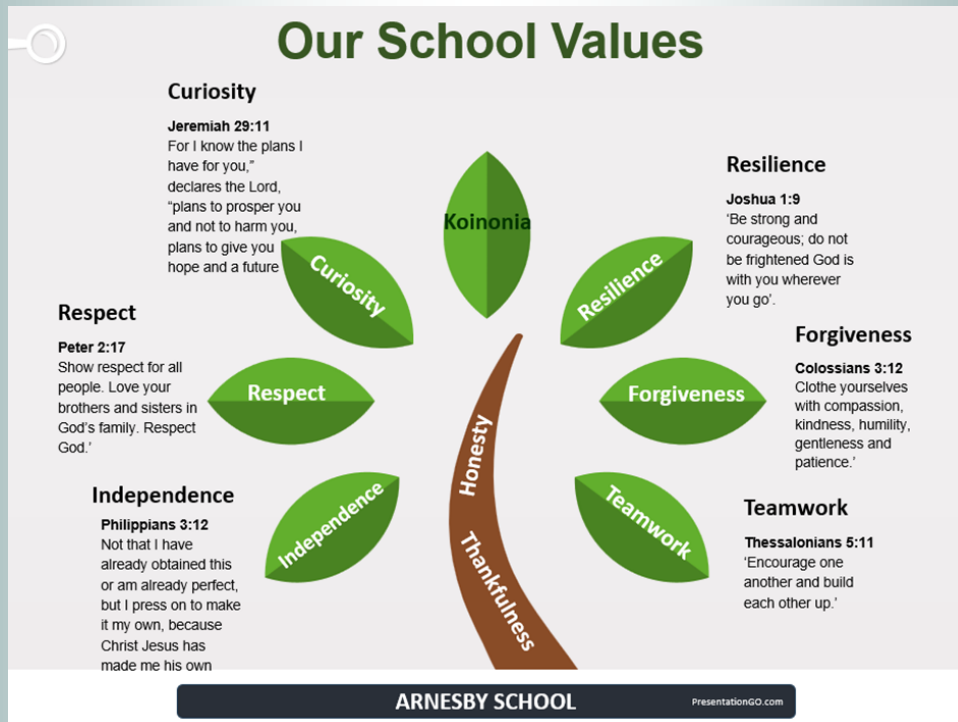


Our Vision:

“Where every child shines”

It is an important part of our school ethos and reminds us of the importance of our actions. Our actions allow us to let our light shine. Our actions allow us to share the light of Jesus with those around us.

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Bless the bags



Reverend Stephen came into school on Tuesday to bless the children and their book bags or back packs.



The bags were used to represent all the learning and opportunities in school this year as the bags carry the tools of the children's learning and discovery. Even in the days when the bags might feel heavy and difficult as well as light and easy!

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Information



PTA news

The PTA welcome Suzanne (Elsie's mum) as our new Treasurer. Suzanne was voted in unanimously and we look forward to working closely with her.

If any parents would like to join the PTA, we are grateful for any time you can contribute, even if it's only 20 minutes! Please contact either Rups, Tamsin or Suzanne for further information.

Date for your diary:

The next sausage morning will be **Friday 13th October** with slips being sent out nearer the time.

Look out for:



Please complete the photographic permissions form—link in class dojo - for all images and videos to be used on the website, in promotional material and in the newsletters which will be put onto the website. We will be filming at Sports Day so please return your forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

Morning Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday
with Mrs. C Pierce
£3 per session and includes breakfast
8am to 8.35am

After school club

Monday to Friday
with Super Star Sports
£4 per session
3.15pm to 4.30pm



- ◆ Monday: Football
- ◆ Tuesday: Discovery Club (sports)
- ◆ Wednesday: Basketball
- ◆ Thursday: Discovery Club (sports)
- ◆ Friday: Ultimate Frisbee

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Keeping Children Safe

Over the last two weeks we have been focusing on our rules and routines in school. We know that we have Ready, Respectful and Safe rules to help both keep us safe, and to help with our learning.

READY

- Wear correct and smart uniform at all times
- Attend all lessons on time
- Be ready to learn with the correct equipment and a positive attitude
- Show a determination to do your best
- Persevere to be the best you can be

RESPECTFUL

- Always sit where you are asked to sit
- Listen carefully when a teacher or another pupil is talking
- Speak respectfully to your peers and adults in the school
- Always use good manners and be kind to others at all times
- Keep the school tidy and litter free

SAFE

- Walk sensibly in school
- Do all you can to promote equality and fairness
- Act as a positive role model to others
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Think before you speak

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SIX TOP TIPS

For Parents To Keep Your Children Safe Online

Children and young people are bound to spend lots more time on devices since Covid. **DON'T FEEL BAD** – lots will be schoolwork or healthy ways of catching up with friends or having fun. There are many ways to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or Skyping Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on



Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? **Internet Matters** has hundreds of guides to parental controls.

Get your children to show you their apps and games



You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?

Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news



If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.

Remind them of key online safety principles



There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... If somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



Follow the links above, visit parentsafe.lgfl.net for much more or follow us @LGfLDigiSafe on Twitter or Facebook



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Good mental health

At Arnesby, we are a nurturing school and we want the very best learning experiences for the children in our care. Children need to be ready to learn each day and feel happy and positive to achieve their best. Have a look at some of the ideas below as they may help the morning routine.

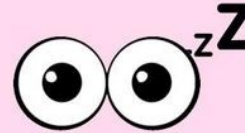
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STAY POSITIVE
set aside time to watch funny stuff together. Laughter helps reduce anxiety



SLEEP
try to stick to a routine. It's essential for good health & the immune system



GET CREATIVE
being creative & doing craft can be relaxing & calming on the brain



REDUCE STIMULATION
it gives the brain a break if feeling overwhelmed



SUNLIGHT
helps our body make Vitamin D which can make kids feel happy & healthy



EXERCISE
burns off energy, is good for our body & brain, & is fun



PETS
playing with pets can reduce anxiety & improve mood



NATURE
getting outside improves mood, encourages creativity, & gets kids moving
gutidentity.com



MUSIC
80bpm can be calming, help the body to relax, & improve sleep