## ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER September 29th 2023





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What a busy two weeks it has been since our last newsletter! Thank you to everyone who responded in the Parents Ofsted questionnaire and for all the wonderful support for Sports Day.

We are hoping to have a film crew in soon to video our wonderful school so please ensure that

you have returned the permissions form so that we know who we can photograph for the website and the promotional material. More details with dates to follow.

Our Harvest contributions were 32.3kg for the foodbank. Thank you everyone for your generosity to those less fortunate.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### Cake sale

Friday 6th October at 3.15 in the lodge.

Please remember Natasha's law and to label all ingredients in your donations.

Sharing assembly
Courage Class Wednesday 4th October at
2.45pm to see some of the class learning so far
this term.

#### Parent consultations

Remember to book your appointment slot for Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 4th October.

#### Dance festival

Courage and Endurance classes are preparing for the dance festival on

Tuesday 10th (technical rehearsal) and

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October at Countesthorpe College.

Look out for the Move it BOOM! Initiative to get children moving! Details out on Monday 2nd October

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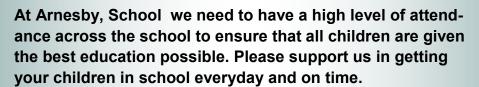
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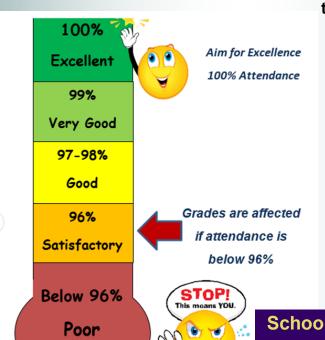
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### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**



It is vital that children are in school every day to maximise their potential.





School attendance since the beginning of term is: 96.2 %

Once again a special shout out to year 2 for 100% so far!

Remember our school hours are:

School opens 8.35am Gates close at 8.45 am

Learning starts at 8.45 prompt

Children arriving after 8.45 will be marked as late and MUST go directly to the school office for sign in NOT to the class as learning will have started.

End of school: 3.15pm



#### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**



Therefore, we need to know why a child is not in school. We encourage you to bring your child to school each day, on time and if they are unwell in school we will let you know and arrange collection. Please let the school office know before 8.45 am if your child is ill.

ALL other absences must be requested (including any planned holiday) using the correct absence request form. Please email the office for a copy of the form or look on our website to download it. The form must be completed before the absence is taken (it cannot be retrospective) and if the threshold is reached the school will refer to the Local Authority who will issue a fine. This is £60 per child per parent so £120 for one child. There is a draft policy on the website if you need to refer to this. See below for an extract around holidays.

#### Term-time holidays - A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Term-time holidays are intended for children whose parents are unable to take holiday at any other time.

Arnesby CE Primary School will consider every application individually; its policy is NOT to grant leave of absence for a holiday other than in the most exceptional circumstances. Time off school for family holidays is not a right. An application must be made in writing, with appropriate evidence, in advance of the intended holiday.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, the law states that schools should not authorise leave of absence unless:

An application has been made in advance by the parent with whom the pupil normally resides AND

The Head teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Arnesby CE Primary School will consider authorising holidays for (exceptional circumstances):

service personnel and other employees who are prevented from taking holidays out of term-time;

when a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis;

parents who are subject to a strict and un-negotiable holiday rota and evidence is provided to this effect.

Requests for holidays for the following reasons will not be authorised:

- cheaper cost of holiday;
- availability of the desired accommodation;
- poor weather experienced in school holiday periods; and
- overlap with beginning or end of term.

Arnesby CE Primary School will respond to all requests for a leave of absence in writing giving the reasons for the decision.

Arnesby CE Primary School will NOT authorise a holiday during periods of national tests ie: SATs examinations.



#### **SPORTS DAY**

A big well done to everyone who took part in Sports Day! I am so pleased that we were able to run this event after being thwarted so often by the weather.

Thank you to all the children who took part . You were all fantastic and gave it your all right up until the finish line. You all looked so determined to do your best and yet enjoyed the day even if you didn't always come first. Great teamwork and respect for each other showing our school values in action!

#### Thank you's go to:

Donna Osborn for all her hard work organising such a great event and Linda and Rob on the results table and also to Kibworth Mead students for their help with the equipment too.

Thank you to the staff at our school for preparing the children for the big day!

Thank you to parents for all your support and encouragement. Thank you to the villagers for your support and help at the start and finish lines, the children loved all the various stickers!

Thank you God for answering my prayers about the weather!

Mrs James

Well done to team Matthew —RED on achieving the most points.

Just a few of the afternoons sports highlights!







#### What's been happening in school?





This week in Peace Class we have finding out about how to make bread and the journey it takes from the grain of the wheat to the bread

on the table.





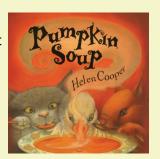




We have linked this into our English writing recipes and instructions.

On Thursday we made our own bread and it smelt and tasted delicious.

Next week, based on the story Pumpkin Soup we will be making our own and pumpkin soup. We will keep you posted as to how it goes.





#### What's been happening in school?



#### **Courage Class**

Courage Class have enjoyed their science work this week where they have been conducting an investigation into the fattiness of different foods.



Building on their learning from last week, of the different food groups, they have set up an experiment to try to find out

which, out of 8 food samples, was the fattiest. They made some good predictions using knowledge they already had and worked well in their teams to

conduct the experiment. Some of them were quite surprised by the results. Ask your child what they found out!

In our discussions after the investigation the children came up with some brilliant reasons as to why the investigation probably wasn't very scientifically accurate and they had some great suggestions about how it could improved.





Great work from the scientists of Courage Class!

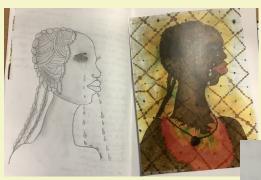


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#### **Endurance Class**

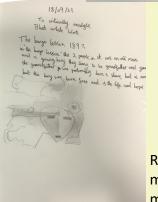
Endurance class has been hard at work this last few weeks. In English, we've been looking at constructing a persuasive argument – so if they are suddenly a lot more convincing about asking for extra time for gaming I can only apologise.



In art, we have been looking at homage and working "in the style of" many influential artists with an eye on black artists.

Maths has seen us move on to looking at addition, subtraction and multiplication using larger numbers than before, practicing techniques to help recognise best methods when faced with a tough looking challenge.





RE has had us looking more closely at what it means to be a Muslim living in Britain today and

developing a greater understanding of how our environment and worldviews can combine to create a unique experience of the world around us. And in Music, we've been exploring Pharell Williams' "Happy" learning to sing as well as explore the song in it's cultural context.

We're working hard, and with the half term swiftly approaching, we are continuing to stay focussed.



#### **Parent View**

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Arnesby Parent Survey	January	•		
September results from Ofsted Parent View	2023	2023		
% agree to strongly agree except where oth-	29 respondents	21 respondents		
erwise stated.				
Our top three				
You said:				
My child is happy at this school.	86%	100%		
We are delighted that all children are now happy at Arnesby School. It is a nurturing school where we have the children at the heart of our school.				
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	59%	90%		
Children behave well both in lessons and at breaktimes and this is a really positive increase and is inclusive of all children in helping them learn through good behaviour for learning.				
My child does well at this school.	76%	81%		
Children have a good attitude to learning, are achieving and are enthusiastic.				
Our lowest three				
We did				
The school has high expectations for my child.	59%	66%		
We have relaunched Ready, Respectful, Safe to ensure all children know the expectations during every part of the day. High expectations include both academic and behavioural expectations and although a small increase we are pleased and encouraged to see the positive move. We are continuing to aim high for success				

and encourage children's aspirations.

There is a good range of subjects available to	52%	66%
my child at this school.		

We are delighted to see the increase in this score. All year groups will have new curriculum topic plans on our website very soon and parents/carers will be able to see the range of subjects that we cover as part of the National Curriculum and as additional enrichment for our children.

'My child has SEND, and the school gives	(2 responses)	(8 responses)
them the support they need to succeed.'	50%	63%

We are delighted to see the increase in this score. We have introduced nurture groups and ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) sessions and this is having positive effects on children's readiness to learn each day. Our SENDCo has met with children, teachers and parents to create learning plans to support children with Special Educational Needs and we are working with those plans in the classroom to adapt the learning to match the needs.



#### Vision and values





Our Vision:
"Where every child shines"

#### Arnesby Cross Country Event at Vipers.

Earlier this month ten boys from Courage class made their debut at Vipers in Blaby for the South Leicestershire School Sport Partnership, with a fantastic entourage of very vocal supporters!

Well done to all the boys who were joined by 100s of other boys from doz-

ens of local schools from the local area. We are all looking forward to the next event later in the year.

Well done to Hugo, James, Morgan, Millen, George, Arlo M H and Uly for taking part. You showed great courage in taking part!
A special well done to Hugo, Uly and Arlo who came in at a really impressive place.



#### **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 you hands and feet to yourself
- Think before you speak



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#### Information





#### **Friends of Arnesby PTA News**

Friday 6th October—Bake Sale in the learning Lodge from 3.15pm.

The PTA are asking for homemade or shop bought cakes and sweet treats to be donated please. Please pass these onto Tamsin by 9am on Friday 6th October. Please remember to bring loose change and if possible plastic containers or similar to take your delicious purchases away.

Please bring all donations to the school office after 9am Please remember Natasha's Law to ensure that all homemade cakes have a list of ingredients.

#### NO NUTS PLEASE

#### Sausage morning is on Friday 13th October

Order slips have been given out to the children for the sausage morning. Please return all order forms (leave in the basket on the playground) by <u>Friday 6th October</u>. A reminder that all food must be pre-ordered and therefore all payments must be made by this date.

We will also be offering tea and coffee for parents/carers in return for cash donations. Please bring loose change with you for drinks only.

#### Save the date:

- Thursday 16th November—Children's movie night 5pm-7pm in the Village Hall
- Saturday 25th November Christmas craft Afternoon 2pm-4.30pm in the Village Hall
- Thursday 15th December Bottle Tombola 3.15-4pm in the Learning Lodge





#### **Keeping Children Safe**



#### **Online Safety Statement**

Embrace Multi Academy Trust takes a holistic approach to online safety. By ensuring that we utilise the latest technology to help us identify areas of concern and educating all young people about the safe use of online platforms, we strive to ensure that all pupils are not only safe within school, but have the knowledge and skills to navigate online risks outside of the school environment.

Internet connections at our school are filtered using the cloud-based Securly platform, ensuring that internet access is both filtered and monitored no matter what devices are used.

Pupil activity on devices within the school is also monitored using one of the leading cloud solutions, Classroom. Cloud by Netsupport. This safeguarding and monitoring software helps to proactively identify any areas of concern and ensure pupil safety and welfare is monitored at all times. Alerts proactively notify staff should a pupil be in crisis and our Online Response Team and Designated Safeguarding Leads are quick to provide the support necessary.

Online safety is covered extensively throughout our curriculum, both discreetly in the curriculum for computing and PSHE, as well as being a regular topic for discussion in all curriculum areas.

On occasion your child may receive electronic communication from staff members on one of the online learning platforms used within the school list of which can be found below E.g.

- Times Tables Rockstars
- Class Dojo

Staff members who may contact your child include:

- Members of teaching staff for classes or subjects
- Teaching assistants to provide learning support
- Members of the school Senior Leadership Team
- Admin team Club to send information or notifications about upcoming events

If you have any concerns over electronic communication on any of these platforms, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school on **office@arnesby.embracemat.org** 









