

ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th April 2024



The wonderful Animal Day this week, as suggested by the School Council, was a great success with children learning many things about all the different animals brought in to school. We are so grateful to all the animal owners who brought in their animals (from lambs to a tortoise, guinea pigs to a ferret, dogs and a calf) and who also gave up their time so generously to answer all the many questions from our curious children. The Alpaca's in particular were in no rush to go home!



As the weather improves we are taking the opportunity to use our wonderful outside area and hope to plant more flowers, vegetables and herbs around the playground to watch them grow as part of our Summer term topic work linked to growing. Watch this space for tidy up days to help us prepare for this.



Mrs James

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Visits in school for prospective parents
Please book an appointment with the school office.*

SATS week Year 6 13-16th May

*Tuesday 21st May
Pentecost service at Shearsby—all welcome*

*5th June whole school photographs
tidy school uniform please*

Wednesday 19th June Whole School Sports Day

*Friday 28th June
Summer Fair in the playground at 3.30-5.30
Everyone welcome—spread the word!*

*4th July
Whole school trip to Leicester Botanic Gardens—
information to follow*

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Matthew
Jesus as
the King

Mark
Jesus as a
servant

Luke
Jesus as
the
saviour

John
Jesus as
God

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The School Council's idea of an Animal Day to showcase local animals was a good fun with children learning about different animals and being able to experience them hands on in school. We had a day of smiles!

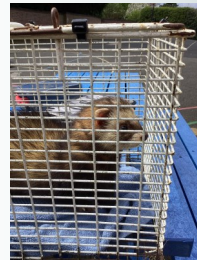
Rev Stephen blessed the animals and we had a special worship to celebrate our local environment and the animals in particular. Year 6 are currently learning about evolution and adaptation and we thought about which animals the alpaca's



were closest to and how they were suited to their envi-



ronment from their native South America. Thanks again to all parents and villagers who helped on the day and to Ivy who was our very own vet, complete with first aid kit... Just in case!



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Peace Class—Shining in learning about monarchs

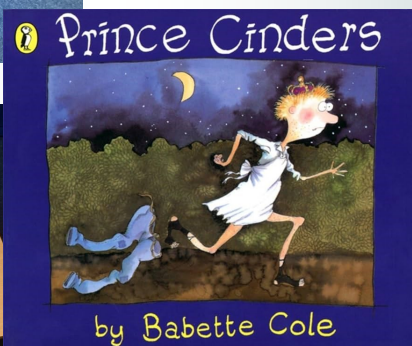
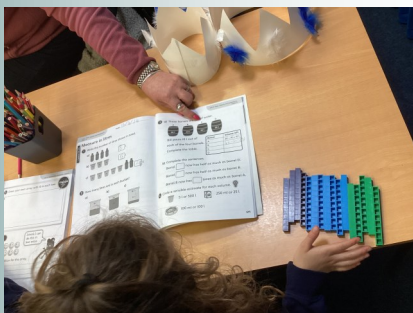


Peace class have been learning all about Magnificent Monarchs and other people who live in Castles. Reception children have been measuring knights and enjoying the role play Castle to find out about where a king/queen lives and what it looks like.

Children have also made their own crowns using gems and feathers in



particular!



Peace Class years 1 and 2 have been reading the story of Prince Cinders and

acting out the story before writing.



You can see that even during a maths lesson the King of the day proudly wears his crown!



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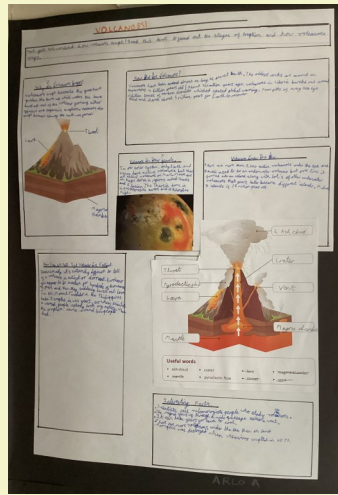
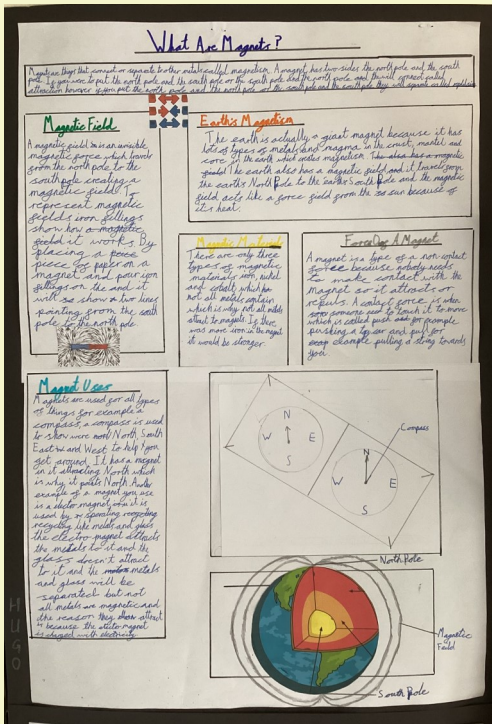




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Courage Class-Shining in historical facts

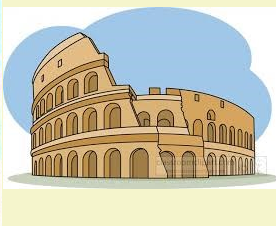
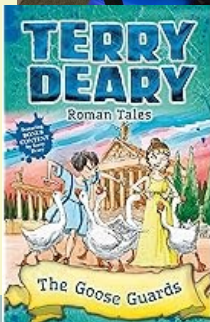
From magnetism to volcanoes and lots more, Courage class children have been showing their knowledge and understanding through impressive fact files and information sheets that are on display



outside the classroom . These are the published work of much learning from last term. This term we have moved on

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to the Roman Empire and are beginning with learning the vocabulary whilst reading The Roman Stories of Goose Guards and Tiger, Tiger.



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Endurance class-Shining in grammar and spelling

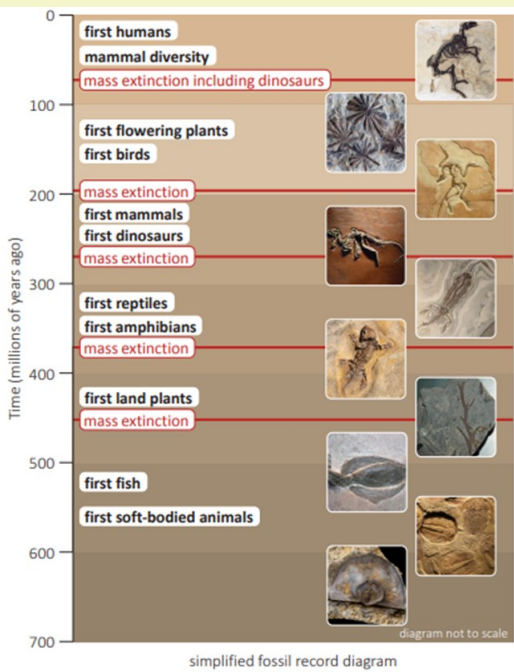
This is the start of the most important half term for the Year 6 children in Endurance class. Less than a month to go before we face down the SATs at the end of the half term, we've taken to our practice for these big tests very well. It's going to be a pretty intense half term but I have no doubt that we're up to the challenge.



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A new term brings with it new learning and new experiences.

In History, we've started to look at the role of Britain in World War One. We will be looking at how Britain got involved in the war, what life was like for people at the time and what happened in the aftermath. The children have already explored a keen interest in military history so far and I think we'll be learning a lot.



Science has us learning about the theory of evolution. We'll be looking at the way living things develop over different generations and how different heritable traits emerge within species.

In RE we are starting on a unit of ethics - looking at what is most important for Christians and Humanists. This will be an interesting experience, allowing children to compare and contrast world views and understand what it means to be a good person from several different perspectives.



With the final term of this year now underway, we have every faith that the children will continue to do their best for the next few weeks as we approach our SATs.



Year 6 do have a very busy timetable especially at this time of year but there is time each day for them to hear a story read by Mr Kearney that relates to their topic work.

Reading is such an important part of being able to access the curriculum and we all need to continue to be greedy readers even being read to, in order for us to pick out the imagery and figurative language or verb tenses!

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



School attendance since the beginning of term is: 93% which is the same as our last newsletter but below where we need to be!

Please help us by getting children into school everyday.

At Arnesby School attendance is a high priority.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 Days off school	100%	perfection!
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	EXcellent!
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned

We must 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 every day and on time.

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

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

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School Council Board Games night

Well done to the School Council for organising a few hours of fun away from screens and electronic toys.

It was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves playing all sorts of different board games with different friends. The time went very quickly and we all had fun (including Mr Kearney!).



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Vision and values



"Where every child shines"

Easter bonnet parade from Reception children at the end of the Spring Term.



Our own football shining star!



A big well done to our shining football star Ava. Her team, the Oadby & Wigston Vixens won the Leicestershire and Rutland U11 cup! They won 2-0 against very tough opposition and all the girls played really well. We are so proud of Ava for how hard she has worked towards this. Well done!

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Friends of Arnesby PTA News

Thank you to the PTA who have raised over £990 from the sales of the Easter 'pick-a-square' cards. Thank you to everyone who bought a square too.

We have a number of events lined up for the Summer term so please make a diary note of the Summer Fair in particular

Friday 28th June
Summer Fair in the playground at 3.30-5.30

The PTA welcome any volunteers to who will help to run a table, please see a member of the committee. We are hoping that lots of people living in and around Arnesby will also come to the fair to support the school. Please pass on the date!

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Governors letting their light shine!



John Deacon

Governor

Chair of the Standards Subcommittee

I would like to introduce myself to all the wonderful family members of Arnesby C of E Primary School by writing you a brief description of myself and my background. I am a new member of the governing board and look forward to working closely with all of you in the future.

I am an Assistant Head of a primary school in the city Centre of Leicester and have been teaching for almost 12 years now. Having worked in two very different schools in my career and trained at many others, I feel I have a wealth of experience to share with the local governing board. I have taught a range of year groups from Year 3 to Year 6 and currently teach the latter full-time. At my current school, I am the reading and math lead and oversee the progress of all children in a fairly large school.

My role in the local governing board is to monitor the school's delivery of teaching and learning as well as support the governing board with the finances of the school. This means I will come into school and observe the teaching and learning of the children and look at the curriculum that is being delivered. With my experience of working in education, I feel I have a good understanding of the national curriculum and whether it is being taught effectively in the school.

Although my time at Arnesby has been limited so far, I already feel welcome and supported in my role. The school is moving in the right direction and I look forward to supporting the local governing body in monitoring the school and keeping standards high for all.



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TEACHERS LETTING THEIR TALENTS SHINE!

A shout out for Mr Kearney who enjoys a strong singing voice and some awesome guitar skills.

He uses these talents to accompany the children during Worship..... even when a guitar string breaks as he starts!

Not oncebut twice!

Thank you Mr Kearney!



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Last week the children had a visit from Vicky from the Air Ambulance Service who told us all about the lifesaving work of The Air Ambulance Service. During the assembly, the children learned about a free to join children's club called #TheCrew.



Vicky said:

"Should your child wish to join or if you'd like to learn more, please visit <https://theairambulance.org.uk/childrens-air-ambulance/the-crew/>

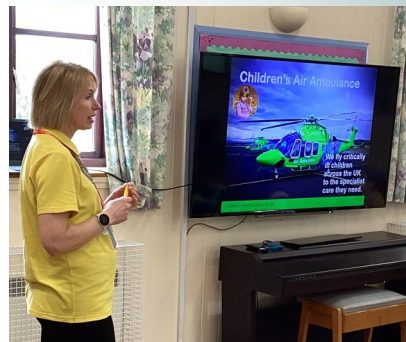
Should any children wish to join, parents need to fill in a simple form on the website.

Thank you for your kind donation. We will arrange for a certificate to be sent with the final amount."



Dear Lord

Thank you for the work of the air ambulance and the brave men and women who help us all
We are sorry that so many children are ill but very grateful for how quickly the air ambulance crew responds to help them
Please keep the highly skilled teams safe so that they can help many more people across the country.
Amen



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Keeping Children Safe



Roblox - How to Report

Most users of Roblox will probably know how to report content or other players on Roblox, but it's possible some (including their parents) won't.

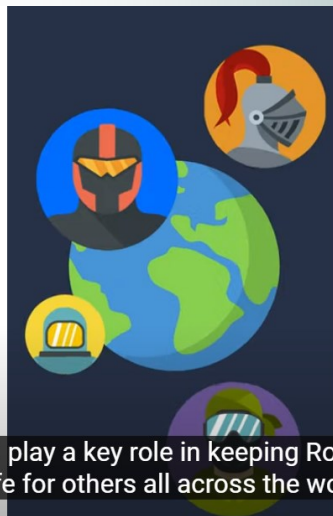
There is a 1-minute video on YouTube showing users how to report on Roblox. This would be useful to show the children as a conversation starter, e.g. have they ever had to report someone, why?

[How do you report on #Roblox? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/#Roblox?)

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Every Roblox user can keep others safe!

Did you know that every Roblox user can help keep the platform safe?



You play a key role in keeping Roblox safe for others all across the world

Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to help stay safe online.

- S** Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.
- M** Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.
- A** Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.
- R** Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.
- T** Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

Be careful what you share online!
Stop and think before you share information online.
Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!

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