

ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th April 2025



Arnesby School have been busy again over the last few weeks. A wonderful day out at the Black Country Living Museum really highlighted what we know and understand about the past and complemented the children's learning in history. Touching 'real coal' was an unforgettable experience for some children!



As we look forward to the Easter break, I would encourage everyone to think about the positive impact



reading for pleasure has on children's health, progress and life chances. From the selection of large black photograph books in the school reception, Extreme Reading is one of the most popular for both children and visitors to browse through! It would be great to renew with even more fantastic photographs! So, if you are out and about over the holiday in unusual places to read, please do take a good book, enjoy it and then take a memorable photograph too and send in via Class Dojo for us to continue to celebrate our reading.

Have a very Happy Easter from Mrs James

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 7th—11th

Year 5&6 Residential at Redridge.

PTA Easter event

Friday 4th April after school

PTA Colour Dash

23rd May

11th June

Pentecost Walk to Shearsby

19th June

Sports Day

27th June

Summer Fair—More details to follow

Visits in school for prospective parents .

Matthew

Jesus as
the King

Mark

Jesus as a
servant

Luke

Jesus as
the
saviour

John

Jesus as
God

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Active playtimes!



Now that the weather is improving the children are enjoying the March and April sunshine.



All children are enjoying playing well together and showing their sporting skills whether taking part or supporting!

Well done Arnesby, what a great team effort as children of all age groups work and play together!



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What's happening in school?



PEACE class shining in computing

Peace Class have been busy in computer lessons this term becoming familiar with the keyboard and how it works.

Pupils who are **secure** in their knowledge will be able to:

- Explain which the home row keys are and how to find them when typing.
 - Use the spacebar and backspace correctly.
 - Type and make simple alterations to text using buttons on a word processor.
 - Search for, import and alter appropriate images for a text document.
 - Modify text in a document.
 - Use copy and paste to copy text from one document to another.
- Explain what information is safe to be shared online.



This week we have been finding images to put onto our word document. The children are picking it up quickly and there really are enjoying it.



This week in science we have been exploring the sense smell. We investigated different smells and had to try and guess what they were. Some of the children were very good and recognising some very interesting smells.

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Courage Class Tag Rugby Team



Myla said "At the Tag Rugby festival, it was lots of fun because we got to show other schools our amazing skills! Courage Class were great. We won all of the games and Morgan and Theo made some impressive runs".

Bernie said "I was proud of us because we got some tries".

Alice said "I love it because it was an opportunity to have some fun at Tag Rugby. I would recommend it!".



Cohen said "I liked Tag Rugby and everyone was brilliant. Everyone wore these really cool t-shirts".

Uly said he liked it because "It was sunny and I got to show people what I can do".

Lana said "It was amazing".

Well done team Arnesby we are so proud of you all.

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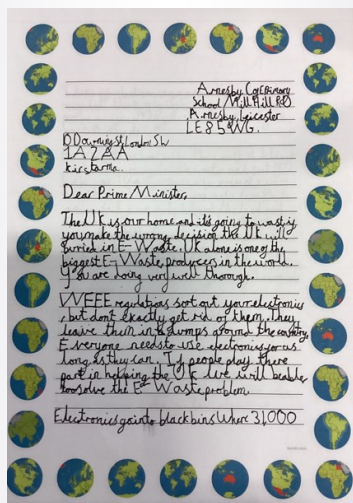
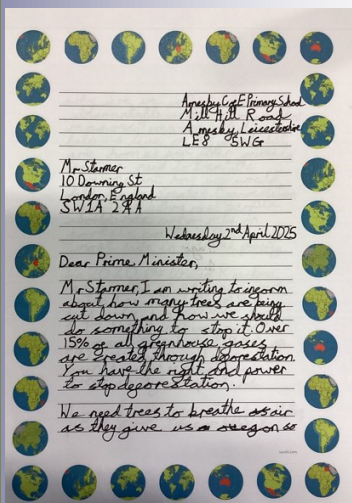
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Endurance Class shining in history



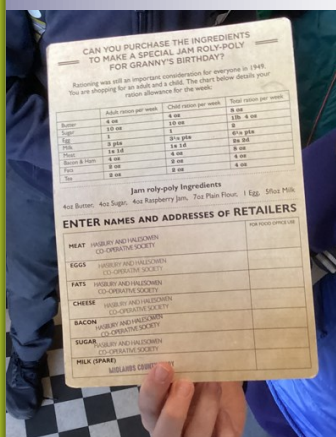
English writing has seen us just finishing writing persuasive letters about environmental concerns making use of a variety of skills to help convince someone of a particular position. Have a look at Emily's and Hugo's first pages of their letters. Well done some great ideas!

In English reading, we've been studying Homer's Odyssey through the lens of "The Adventures of Odysseus" and listening to the story and absolutely loving it.

In RE we concluded our unit on whether or not Creation Minister and Science are conflicting or complementary which culminated in a philosophical symposium debate.

In science we have just reached the end of our unit on Electricity with some shocking developments !

History is now concluded with our unit on World War Two which was supported by a trip to the Black Country Living Museum where we spent a bit of time in a 1949 Co-Op and learned about rationing that was still going on at the time.



Now we just have our weeklong residential visit to Red Ridge in Wales which we are all very much looking forward to, then a well deserved break over Easter.

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As part of our termly review process and support from the Embrace Trust, Felicity Clarke our learning advisor came into school to talk to the children about their learning and what they found challenging.

The children were very eloquent and really showed what they have been learning and how they understand that when learning is tricky. That's how we build on our existing knowledge. Some subjects are certainly favourites but overall we were pleased with the outcome of the review showing that we are continuing to improve. Well done Arnesby and thank you to the Trust for their ongoing support.

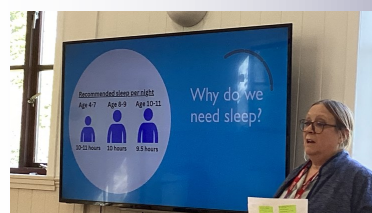


School Nurse Assembly

Sue our school nurse came into talk to the children about being healthy; from why we should exercise to the dangers of sugar and why good sleep is so important. The children listened really well especially to the advice about switching off all devices at least one



hour before bedtime to avoid the effects of blue light keeping them awake.



Parents and Carers— Has it worked?

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Black Country Living Museum



Courage Class have written the following to encourage a visit.

Why don't you visit the Black Country Living Museum?

There's lots to

do there for a great day out and It's a fun way to learn more about the past. Step back into the past to explore more. The Highlights of the day trip were:



The newsagents are full of chocolates, newspapers and books. The chocolate was twice as big as today. The news paper was not



just the village news, it's also the country news. (Leighla)

The street games were hard with skip-



ping and lots of other games which was really fun. They (the children) had a hoop and stick, cup and ball and that was pretty much it! (Uly)



The Co-operative store is a fun way to learn how they rationed goods in world war 2 for example: a child had 2oz of tea per day. (Morgan)



Trips or school trips are good because you get to learn more and sometimes you get to look at olden days stuff! So go and visit the Black Country Museum (Theo)



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Red Nose Day—Comic Relief



Red Nose Day was Silly socks and Crazy Hair

Friday the 21st March was both World Down Syndrome Day and Comic Relief (Red Nose Day). The school was keen to engage with both of these important charities to raise some money for the work they do for children and families. We raised awareness for the condition of Down Syndrome by wearing an extra sock to show that we understand that the condition is often caused by an extra chromosome in the DNA. Comic Relief is often seen as "doing something funny for money" and so we had a Crazy Hair day too! So, all in school uniform with crazy hair and an extra sock!

As always, thank you for your support as we raised £46.05p for Comic Relief but also showed the children the importance of charitable giving.

Who do you think had the craziest hair?



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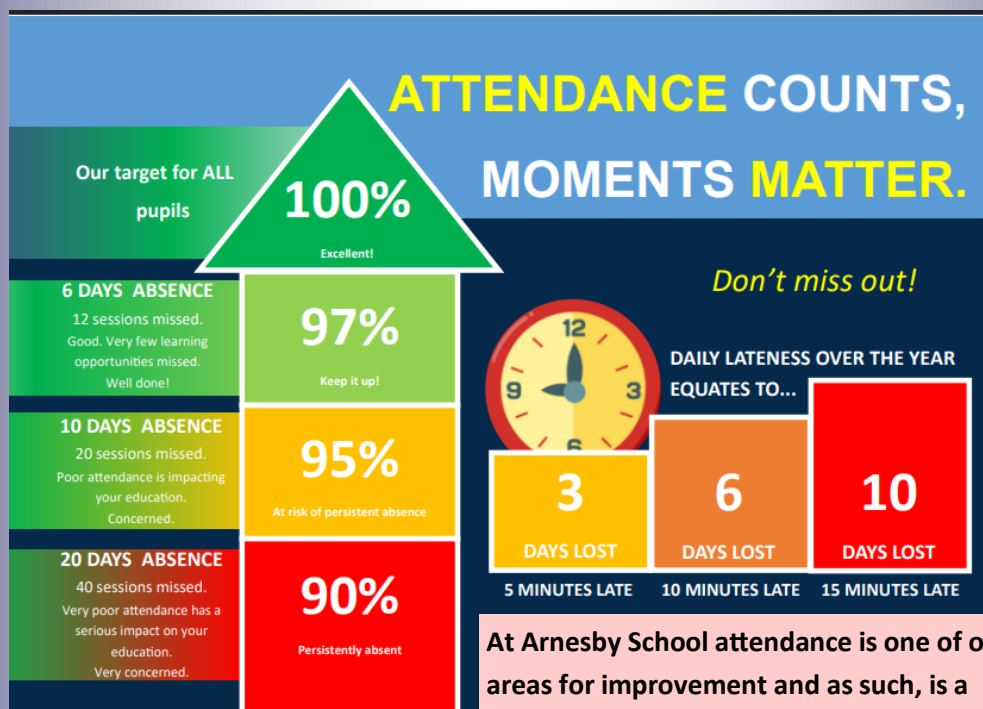
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



WHERE EVERY CHILD SHINES



Keep attending every day it makes such a difference to the children's learning and social interaction.

Our attendance so far is:

97.1%

Please help us keep it at

97% or better!

Last newsletter was:

96.6%

At Arnesby School attendance is one of our areas for improvement and as such, is a high priority.

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.

Remember our school hours are:

School opens 8.35am Gates close at 8.45am

Learning starts at 8.45am prompt

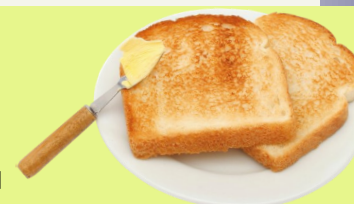
Children arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late and MUST go directly to the school office for sign in NOT to the class as learning will have started.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is available from 8am to 8.45am facilitated by different members of staff.

In order to continue to offer our help to working parents and carers, please book places for the breakfast club **a week in advance** and especially not over the weekend for a place on the following Monday or Tuesday morning.

Thank you.



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Keeping Children Safe



SLEEP HYGIENE

based on WHO/NICE recommendations, clinical experience and has been accepted by NHS England Mental Health Leads



Birth to 5 years



Under 5s should not use a screen for at least 2 HOURS BEFORE BEDTIME, to aid their natural sleep pattern.

A bedtime story is the best way to settle your child.



6 to 10 years



It is recommended that screens should **not be used 1 HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME.**

Phones, tablets and computers should not be in any child's bedroom overnight.



11 to 17 years



No screens at least **1 HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME.**

Be careful of violent or frightening content especially before bed.

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Smartphones significantly impact sleep patterns and the ability to fall or stay asleep. This is true for all ages, from pre-schoolers to adolescents.



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SCREEN TIME LIMITS

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Birth to 5 years



2 - 5 year olds
no more than **30 mins/day**

'Try and ensure screen-free time together'



6 to 10 years

M T W T F S S

not more than **1-2 hrs/day**

up to **2 hrs/day**

Stay active. More green time, less screen time



11 to 17 years

M T W T F S S

up to **2 hrs/day**

up to **2-3 hrs/day**

'Buy an alarm clock so that screens are not in the bedroom'

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Birth - 24 months no screen time unless video chatting with family

'Studies have shown a clear link between excessive screen time and issues such as delayed speech and language development, communication difficulties, reduced concentration spans, poor sleep and mental health problems.'



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