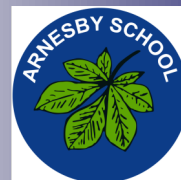


ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd May 2025



WHERE EVERY CHILD SHINES

The half term has flown by and we are delighted with how much learning and other activities we have managed to squeeze into four weeks. We are looking forward to many more next half term too including the colour run organised by our friends of Arnesby (PTA) today. Pictures to follow!



Please do have a look at all the learning and activities in this newsletter and share our successes and fun with friends and family, to ensure that our school is well known to new families coming into the area who would be most welcome to join us.

Enjoy a relaxing half term break. Mrs James

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11th June

Pentecost Walk to Shearsby pm

13th June

Open school from 2.30 to come and share your child's learning

19th June

Sports Day

25th June

Reading Picnic on the field

27th June

Summer Fair

9th July

End of term worship at the chapel

Visits in school for prospective parents.

Please book an appointment with the school office.

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Jesus as
the King

Mark

Jesus as a
servant

Luke

Jesus as
the
saviour

John

Jesus as
God

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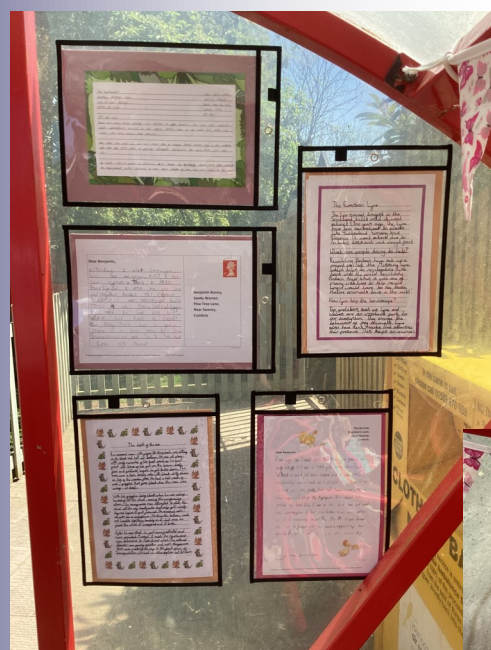
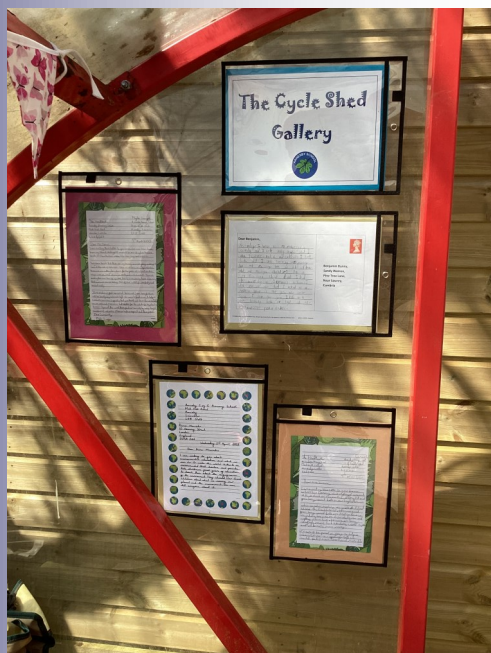
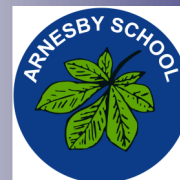
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What's happening in school?

We are celebrating our writing!



The new **Cycle Shed Gallery** is designed as a show case for our writing as we have spent the last term improving both our hand-writing and our presentational skills.

There are currently 10 slots (one for the title) and 3 per class which shows some end of unit writing which is our way of publishing some of our work. We hope you'll agree that this shows how much the children enjoy their learning and also how proficient they are!

We also have our Big Books in the school office entrance some of which have whole school writing examples and others that have photographs to reminds us of the great trips we have enjoyed as part of our learning as these are wonderful for discussion within the classroom or for visitors to see what an active and engaging school environment we have created for our children.

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PEACE CLASS SHINING IN ART

Our Topic this term in art is "Making Birds."



We have been drawing birds and looking very closely at feathers.

This week, still working on paper, we explored what happens when you fold, tear or crumple paper and start to manipulate it towards 3d forms.

We explore these three resources and decide which elements we would like to use:

Making Rubbings

Turning Paper feathers

Manipulating Paper 2d into 3d



First, we went outside and made some rubbings

Then we used different techniques to make feathers and birds. The children were given the opportunity to develop their creative skills.



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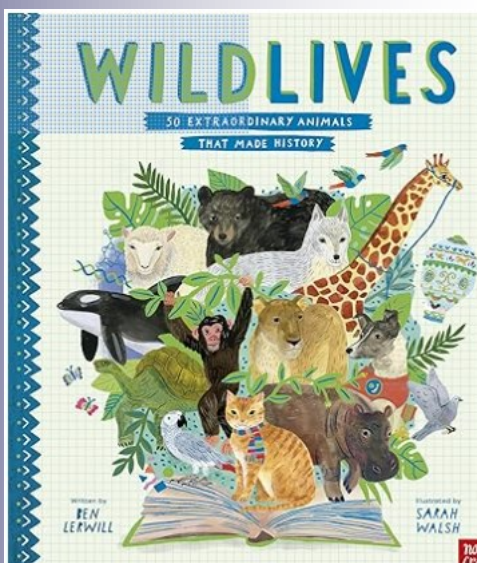
COURAGE CLASS SHINING IN STRATEGY!



Courage class have been working hard on their maths and have covered a number of key concepts and practise. Now it's time to test their strategy and problem solving skills through simple maths games.

Year 4 have also tried out the Times Tables check ready for the real thing after half term. Keep practising everyone!

In English we have been learning about biographies linked with the book Wild



Lives about extraordinary animals. We have now written our own version too!

We have linked this to the story of Noah and how he made a promise to build an ark but we have thought about what his passengers might have thought too!

Science this half term has been thinking like a scientist and about the life of scientists across the years and their many discoveries that have helped shape our lives today.

Mrs Connolly's visit to show the life of a biomedical scientists linked well to the learning.



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ENDURANCE CLASS SHINING IN POETRY



In computing we've been focusing on animation work - specifically stop motion animation.

We've explored the pioneering work of toy makers in the 19th Century, then looked at the works of the likes of Aardman studios (of Wallace and Gromit fame). We've then had a go at

storyboarding, planning and creating our own short animations using modelling clay and onion-skinning software to support use as well!

In Writing we're drawing our unit on poetry to a close. The children have been working on different styles of poetry including haiku, quatrain, acrostic and free



style poetry and now they are finishing off their finished collections. Each of them selected a theme to build their poetry around and have done an excel-



lent job of considering how they would present their ideas like poets.



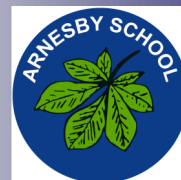
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Children Shining in Athletics



Well done to TEAM ARNESBY who performed really well at the recent athletics festival at Saffron Lane Stadium.

All Key Stage 2 children took part and enjoyed the experience of running on a track or a field event and being part of a wider event organised by the South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership. Thanks to Donna for preparing the team through the PE lessons, Mrs Jaswal and Mrs Pierce and all the parents who were able to support. The children also enjoyed wearing the Arnesby sports team strip to show who we are!



Well done everyone for your enthusiasm and competitive spirit!

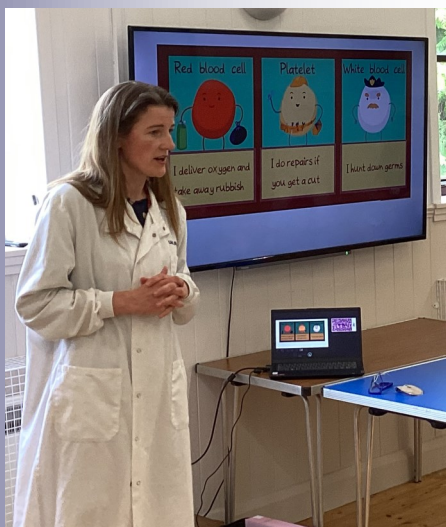
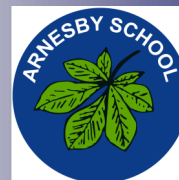


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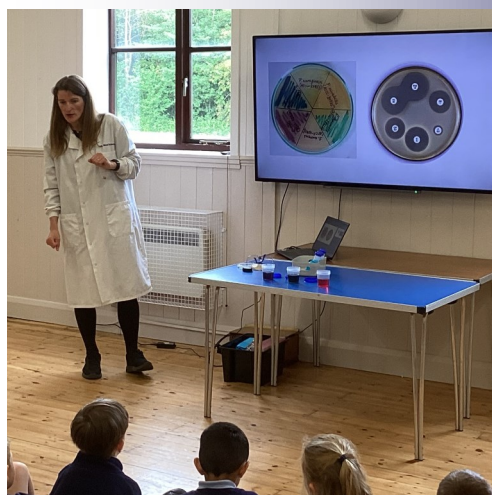
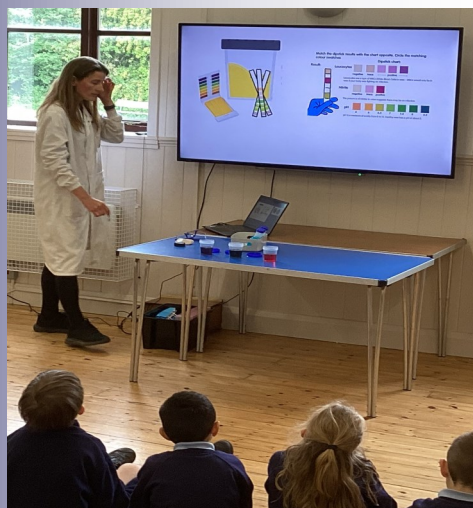
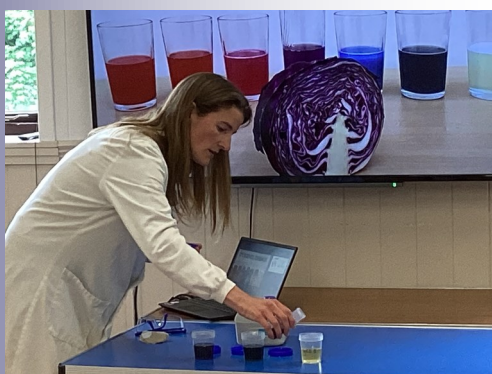
Thinking like a scientist.

Mrs Connolly came to talk to us about what it is like to be a biomedical scientist and what her job entails in the lab. The children learnt about how blood is separated for analysis which helps to determine any illnesses or allergies.

Mrs Connolly also showed us an experiment to tell if there were any bugs or bacteria in urine and how a simple test can show this by changing the colour! Also, what medicines allow bacteria to grow or not in a dish which can tell the scientists about what bugs are present and so help the doctors and at the hospital successfully treat their patients.

The children were able to feel what it was like to wear gloves to do these experiments and also how to take them off without spreading any more germs!.

Thank you Mrs Connolly for an inspirational talk. Hands up those who aspire to being a scientist!

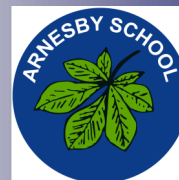


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Mental Health Awareness Week

The theme for this week was:

Community and therefore on a sunny Arnesby day, the whole school and parents walked around the village to interact with our neighbours. We met several villagers including the postman!

Thank you to Nikki for organising this lovely walk which helped us all to feel more refreshed!



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Leicestershire County Council organised a climate change bookmark competition. All children had a go and spent much time talking about climate change and what they can do to play their part. They were very keen to keep the world beautiful by planting trees etc. Sadly we didn't win any prizes but here are some of our super entries from each year group.



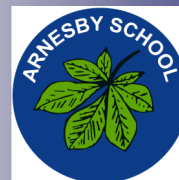
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



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

Our attendance so far is:

97%

Please help us keep it at

97% or better!

Last newsletter was:

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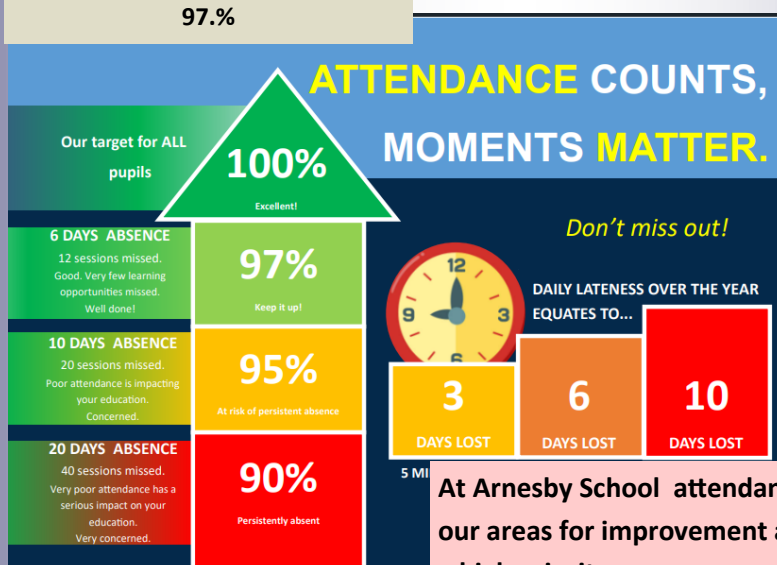
Remember our school hours are:

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.

End of school: 3.15pm



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.

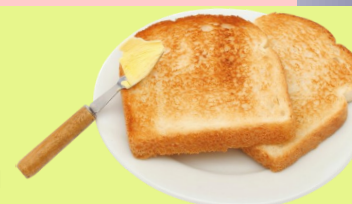
Please support us in getting your children in school every day and on time.

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.





Keeping Children Safe



Over Half term please remember to be safe around water.

Beach Safety Tips

BOATING

- Don't just bring a life jacket, wear it
- Be prepared with safety gear
- Don't overload the boat with people
- Know before you go - check the weather forecast

WALKING ON THE PIER

- Steer clear of the pier when waves may wash across
- Stay dry while the waves are high
- You are putting yourself and others at risk

ESCAPING RIP CURRENTS

- Remain calm, panicking could make it worse
- Yell for help, if you're able
- Don't fight the current
- Swim to the side

FLIP, FLOAT, FOLLOW

- Flip onto your back and stay calm
- Float to conserve energy
- Follow the path of least resistance - to the side, then back to shore

FLOATABLES

- Leave them at home
- Never leave children unattended
- If it blows away, don't chase it - let it go

SWIMMING

- When in doubt, don't go out
- Always swim with a buddy
- Don't overestimate your ability
- Swim in designated areas, near lifeguards or watchful adults
- Don't swim during a red flag warning
- Steer clear of the pier

FLAG WARNINGS

- Know before you go
- Green - Calm water
- Good swimming conditions
- Yellow - Swim with caution
- Potentially high surf
- Red - Dangerous surf
- Strong currents
- NO SWIMMING

HOLE DIGGING

- Avoid risk of burial during a cave in
- Do not tunnel
- Build sand castles instead

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GREAT LAKES WATER SAFETY

WHERE EVERY CHILD SHINES

PRIMARY
AGE: 3-7

STOP AND THINK
STAMP 1

STAY TOGETHER
STAMP 2

FLOAT
STAMP 3

CALL 999/112
STAMP 4

ACTIVITY: WATER SAFETY PASSPORT

LEARNING OUTCOME: 1 To understand the four key messages (Stop and Think, Stay Together, Float and Call 999/112). Details inside.

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FLOAT

If you get into trouble in the water, **FLOAT** until you feel calm

- Practise floating the next time you're at the swimming pool



1 Try not to panic. Don't swim hard. Grab hold of anything that floats, like a bodyboard or ball.



2 Lean back to keep your mouth and nose out of the water.



3 Push your belly up and stretch out your arms and legs into a star shape.



4 Gently move your hands and feet to help you float.



5 Do this until you feel calmer. Then think about what you will do next.



6 When you're calm, raise your arm and shout for help. Swim to safety if you can.

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