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#### **ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

#### **Anniversary Edition**

#### 19th September 2025



The children have enjoyed all the activities this week but especially the dressing up! It has been a really joyful anniversary and we are grateful to the support of the local community and the school community.



We have lots of other activities planned for this term so please put the dates in your diary from the list below. As always thank you everyone for your support for the school and especially the children as we continue onward in a term of exciting learning. **Mrs James** 

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Focus on charitable giving. Please give what you are able to give.

Wednesday 24th September

Jeans for genes day—wear jeans and your school uniform top

Friday 26th September School Open Day for prospective parents

Harvest Festival will be in school this year Donations to school from Monday 22nd September for the local foodbank, please

> **Blythswood Christmas box appeal** starts with an assembly on Friday 3rd October

> > Parents evenings

Wednesday 8th October and Thursday 9th October

Whole school trip to Evington Mosque Morning of Wednesday 8th October

> **School Open Day** Thursday 9th October

Curiosity, Respect, Thankfulness, Independence, Resilience, Forgiveness, Honesty, Teamwork, Koinonia Matthew

Jesus as the King

Mark

Jesus as a servant

Luke

Jesus as the

saviour

Jesus as God

John



#### The events calendar



#### **Jeans for Genes**

Jeans for Genes is the annual fundraising event for the genetic condition community. Over the last 30 Years Jeans for Genes have raised over £52m to help even more individuals and families affected by a genetic condition. Our school support is important to them and we can really make a difference to families and children.

Wednesday 24th September
Wear your jeans and your school uniform top for £1 donation to the charity.



#### **Harvest festival donations**

If you would like to make a donation to the food bank for Harvest Festival, here is a list of items that is advised but it is not exhaustive.



Other ideas might include hot chocolate, nappies, washing up liquid etc.

Anything you can spare would be gratefully received.

We will collect the items in school from Monday 22nd September for delivery to the local Lutterworth foodbank after our Harvest Service in the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd October.

- milk (UHT or powdered)
- sugar (500g)
- fruit juice (carton)
- tea bags/instant coffee
- tinned meat/fish
- tinned fruit
- soup
- pasta sauces
- tinned pulses e.g. lentils, beans, chickpeas
- instant mashed potato
- jam
- tomatoes (tinned)
- cereals
- rice pudding (tinned)
- rice/pasta/couscous
- biscuits or snack bars
- sponge pudding (tinned)
- vegetables (tinned)
- custard (tinned)



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Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 160 years Anniversary of the school by starting



off with a Victorian Day as the school was founded in the Victorian age.

Children had to give a penny to



come into school and had a great day learning more about the life of a Victorian child in school from chanting times tables to embroidery! They knew that as photographs took so long to take, that Victorians didn't smile or move at all!



Children had the chance to look at some Victorian items including books, flat irons and a thick glass bottle with a marble stopper as part of the mini-museum and role play workshop.







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#### **Victorian Day activities**



The children enjoyed hoops and hopscotch outside and nature sketching, embroidery and making

peg dolls in the classroom in their house groups.

It was a really exciting and fun day with older children helping younger children in the true Arnesby spirit of koinonia.

The staff enjoyed the day too—see the photo below in true Victorian style.













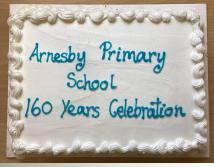








#### 160 years Anniversary — The history of the school





Arnesby school is lucky to have a vast array of photographs from many years ago and more recent years and these were on display in the Village Hall on Thursday for parents, carers

and villagers to come and view. The children were fascinated and spent a long time looking at the photographs of how the school has changed over the years and trying to spot people they knew.



Mrs James the current Headteacher and Mrs Osborn a former Arnesby Headteacher from 1990-1993, cut the celebration



cake together to symbolise the old and the new school. Thank you to all the villagers, our Governors, parents and carers who came to support the school and to the PTA who provided refreshments.



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#### 160 years Anniversary — Worship



To celebrate the Christian foundation of our school, the children, staff and Bishop Saju Muthalay processed to St. Peters Church from Arnesby School. We were met at the church by Rev Brian Davis and members of the community and enjoyed a wonderful service of blessing, prayers and songs, with accompaniment from both Mr Kearney and Rev Davis on guitars.

It was a joyful occasion as we thought







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about all the children who have

attended Arnesby School over many years and how differ-

ent life might have been for them.

Bishop Saju blessed some water in the font in church

which was brought back to school to bless the school again for today's children and future chil-













#### What's happening in school? Peace Class



#### **PEACE class shining in listening**

This term, we have some exciting new topics to explore:

English - We have been reading The Story Blanket, Wolfy and other stories exploring traditional tales and fables. We have learnt about the past tense and conjunctions and how to use these to write our own exciting tale. Over the coming weeks we will learn all about instructional writing - play board games, learn new playground games and design our own game. We will identify different sentence types and use imperative verbs to write our own instructions.



Maths for both year 1 and 2 is place value. Children will learn to recognise and count different representations of numbers to 10 and use a ten frame to help structure counting and reasoning. For year 2, the unit focuses on children's ability to read and understand numbers to 100. Within this unit, children will revise their understanding of different representations of

numbers and also meet other representations for the first time. Such as partwhole models and place value grids to show partitioning of numbers and use these to support their reasoning.



Science this term is all about Habitats. The question is "Why do animals choose the habitats they have?" The children will be learning to explore and compare the differences between things that are living and dead and things that have never been alive. They will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats and describe how animals obtain food from plants and other animals using a simple food chain, and

identify and name different food sources.

Geography this term is about the UK. The question is "What do I know about the UK?" We will be using world maps, atlases and globes, simple compass directions, aerial photos and construct simple maps and undertake simple fieldwork within the school locality.

In computing we are developing our mouse skills and the children are enjoying exploring the different tools. In





art we have been exploring and collecting materials from our local environment to create pictures and patterns. Reception are enjoying using the new outside area for many different aspects of learning around the topic of Autumn.

As a class we are looking forward to an exciting term full of curiosity, creativity, and growth.



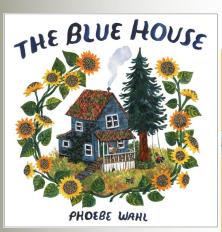
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#### Courage class shining in thinking

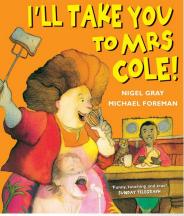
This term we are learning about Digestion and where our food goes in science. The children are already fascinated by the small intestine and just how big the surface area is!

In Geography, we area learning about features of the UK.

In English we have looked at two stories, The Blue House and I'll







take you to
Mrs Cole! to
compare the
lives and experiences of
two different
children and
their home

situations.

In maths, we are learning more about Place Value and how important the magnitude of a digit is in each place in the number.

In RE, we are learning about being a Muslim in Britain today and building on the KS1 learning we have experienced.

In Art, we have been reading
The Owl and The Pussy Cat
nonsense poem by Edward Lear
(as he was a Victorian poet )
and drawing using charcoal our
responses to each verse. It has
been a messy, but enjoyable
set of lessons!



Edward Lear's illustration of the Owl and the Pussycat



#### What's happening in school? Endurance Class

#### **Endurance class shining in reading**

English – We have been looking at writing instructions and explanations this half term. Focusing on why instructions and explanations make use of technical language and are written in chronological order. We are also looking at how they can be structured to improve cohesion in our writing.



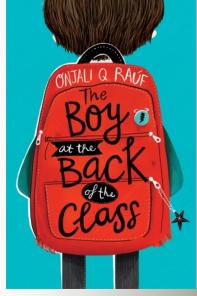
VIPERS – We have been reading "The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Q. Rauf. It's a story about belonging, discrimination and friendship in new circumstances and the children of

Endurance class have been thoroughly enjoying it so far.

History – We're looking at the Islamic Golden Age and the influence of places of learning like the Baghdad House of Wisdom. We've been comparing

how the Islamic World in the Medieval period was different from Britain and the rest of Europe during the same time period and looking at some of the incredible advancements in science, medicine and mathematics like Algebra (sorry Year 6) that came along with the Golden Age

RE - Our focus this half term is on what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. We'll be looking at the importance of the Five Pillars of Islam, the value of the Qur'an and the Hadiths. We'll be exploring specific values such as Zakat (Charity) and Sunnah (traditions of the Prophet).







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#### **Breakfast and After school clubs**

Breakfast and afterschool clubs are an important part of the school's offer. We have worked with the school sports offer through Super Star Sports to give each day a focus sport. These sports will run for rest of the half term and we will change the focus next half term based on the feedback from children and parents. Please try and support these clubs if you can.



#### **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 <u>not</u> over the weekend for a place on the following Monday or Tuesday morning.

Thank you.



### Open days for new parents to show case our wonderful school.



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Please share these dates with friends and let them know that we have places available for September even if they are out of our catchment area.





#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**



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

Our attendance is:

97.9%

Please help us keep it at 97% or better!

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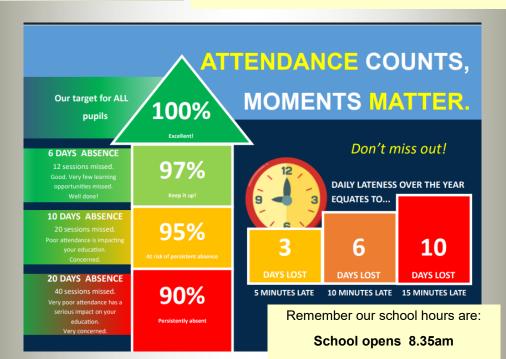
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#### Thank you

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the school by getting your children to school on time.

It makes such a huge difference to their learning as all classes have start of the day activities which wakes up their brains and gets us all ready for a busy school day!



At Arnesby School attendance is a high priority. We <u>must</u> 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

Gates close at 8.45am

Learning starts at 8.45am 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.



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#### **Keeping Children Safe**





**HOW DO YOU KNOW IF A VEHICLE IS GOING TO REVERSE?** 

**FEWER THAN** HALF OF **NON-DRIVERS KNEW THE ANSWER** 



Safe Roads

