

ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th May 2026



Well done to everyone who has worked so hard this week. We have had Year 6 showing their resilience and determination to show their learning through the SATs tests. Year 5's have been working on their own research projects. Courage Class have been learning about all things Rocks. And Peace Class are enjoying writing and drawing both inside the classroom and outside! Visitors into school report that we are a "happy, calm and focussed seat of learning!" Well done Team Arnesby!

As the weather is so changeable we are making the most of our different outside spaces and equipment when we can!
Mrs James



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 18th May at Saffron Lane—Small Schools Athletics Festival

Friday 22nd May Pentecost Walk to Shearsby

Parents welcome to join us and pick up from Shearsby at 3.15pm

Thursday 4th June

Embrace Spirituality Day at the Cathedral

Some KS2 children will represent the school

Tuesday 16th June Sports Day

Monday 22nd June—packed lunch on the field for all children

Tuesday 23rd June—reserve Sports Day date

Thursday 24th June @2pm Reading Picnic on the field

26th June—School Fair on the field

Wednesday 1st July—Move up day

Wednesday 8th July—Leavers service in the Chapel @9.30

Please note: Proposed date for KS2 performance

Thursday 2nd July 6.30pm to be confirmed.

Matthew
Jesus as
the King

Mark
Jesus as a
servant

Luke
Jesus as
the
saviour

John
Jesus as
God

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Arnesby School PTA - COLOUR RUN



Thank you to the PTA for organising such a fun event ! It raised a fantastic £700 ! Well done !

Everyone really enjoyed it.....except perhaps, Mr Kearney!



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Please keep your child attending every day as it makes such a difference to the children’s learning and social interaction.

Our attendance is: 96.9%

and is slightly lower than the last newsletter

Please help us keep it at 97% or better and not to slip below this!

The previous two newsletters were:

97% and 97%



RUGBY STAR AWARD

Well done Bernie for winning the coach’s player award for “always giving 100%, being totally committed at every game and in every season”.

We are all so proud of you.



Well done Theo for coming 4th in the British Judo National Championships. An impressive performance against a large field of competitors.

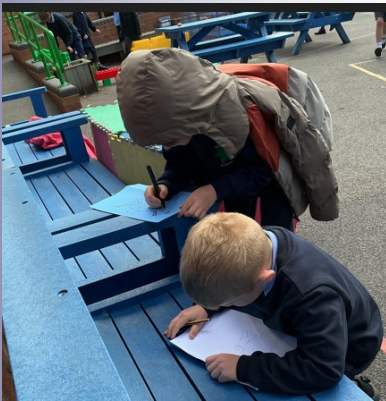
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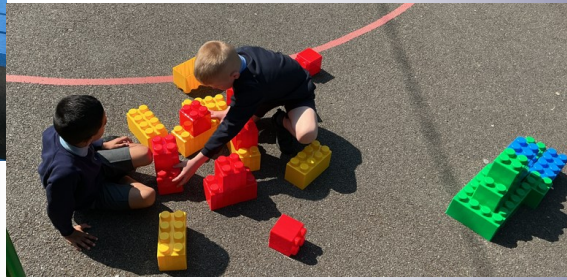
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**What's happening in school?
Happy Playtimes!**



**From pet shops to castle construction,
drawing to football and jumping jacks
out of the blocks box!**

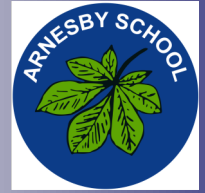


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What's happening in school? Peace Class



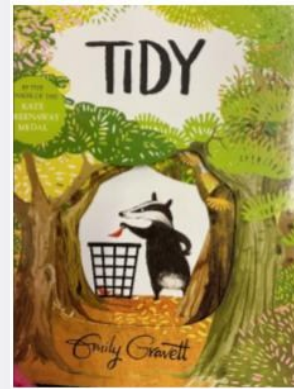
PEACE class shining in the environment

This term in Peace Class, we have been enjoying the wonderful stories *Too Much Stuff* and *Tidy* by Emily Gravett. The children have loved exploring these engaging texts and thinking carefully about the messages behind them.



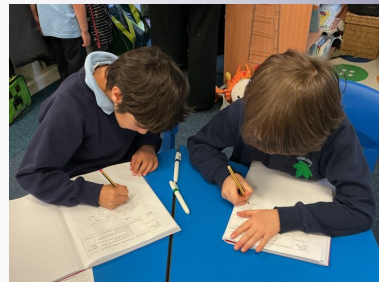
Through our discussions, we have been learning about the importance of looking after our environment and being responsible for the world around us. This has linked closely to our focus on the 4 Rs:

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Repair
- Recycle



The children have shown great enthusiasm when discussing how we can make better choices in our everyday lives. We have thought about how to reduce waste, reuse items creatively, repair things instead of throwing them away, and recycle properly.

Currently, the children are busy drafting colourful and informative posters to encourage recycling and to share ideas about how we can use our rubbish more thoughtfully.



Reception children have also been very busy creating a wonderful 'Under the Sea' display in our classroom. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different sea creatures and exploring the fascinating world beneath the waves.



The children have been developing their creativity and knowledge by making some of the sea animals. Each week, we have been adding more animals to our display, and it is growing into a vibrant and exciting underwater scene.



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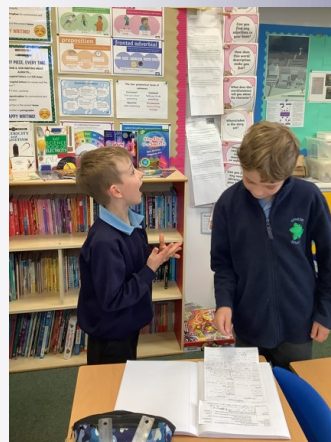
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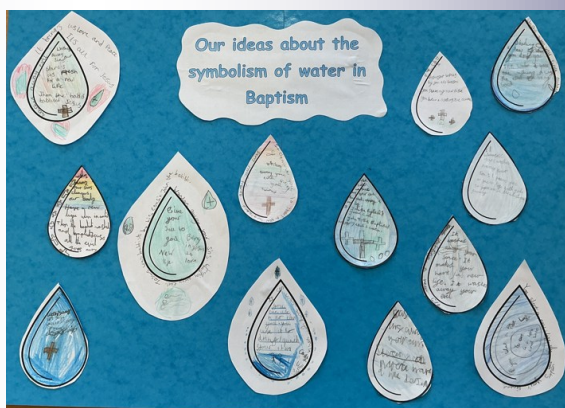
What's happening in school? Courage Class

Courage class shining in drama

Courage class have been creating their own story from the characters and setting of Escape from Pompeii. This involved lots of drama and role play to rally get the idea of their stories.



We have been learning about important events our lives and commitment in RE thinking about Baptism in Christianity and the importance of water, Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Judaism and we are moving on to Hinduism and the 'Samskaras' (life-stage rituals).

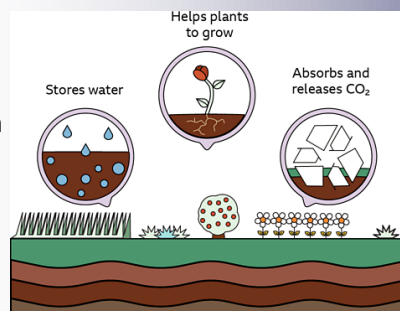


In Maths we are looking at fractions of amounts in year 3 and ensuring that we know our timetables really well for the MTC test in June. Keep practising year 4!!

Multiplication Table

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Geography and science are both concerned with Rocks, mountains, earthquakes, fossils and soils. We have been learning just how important soil is in our lives today and why we need to look after it. Ask a Courage class child why!



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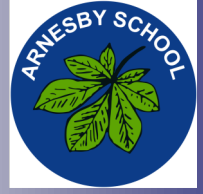
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What's happening in school? Endurance Class



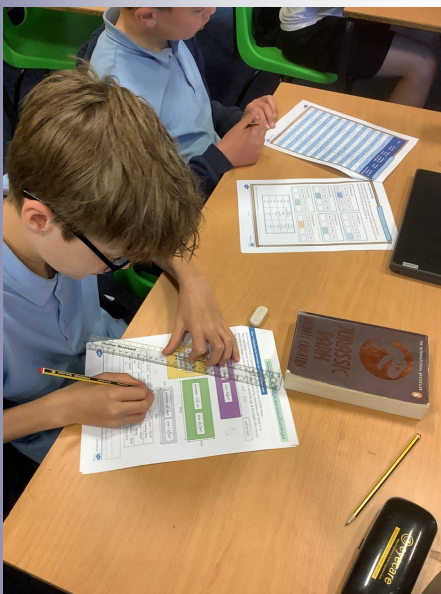
The last two weeks have been rather intense for the year 6 children of Endurance Class. We've been working very hard preparing for SATs this week, completing maths and grammar investigations as well as practicing for our



spelling and reading papers.



However, that doesn't mean it's all been hardcore rigorous work though! We've been practicing our knowledge using games – solving mysteries using mathematical knowledge, playing (a legally distinct version of) Top Trumps to practice our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages, using maths reasoning skills to play board games like Fractionopoly and Co-Ordinates Battleship and testing our knowledge with Kahoot quizzes.



While the Year 6s have been busy working on their SATs practice, the Year 5s have been conducting their own research projects – designing RE lessons for religions we don't have time in the curriculum to cover as well as beginning to write short stories using the skills we've developed in our English units this half term.



By the end of this week, the Year 6s in particular will have finished their SATs papers

and earned a restful weekend. Well done everyone, you should be very proud of yourselves!

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Sport and PE at Arnesby



Arnesby’s vision for PE and sport is to encourage opportunities for physical wellbeing, enjoyment and to inspire all our children to achieve their personal best. South Leicestershire Schools Sports Partnership helps us to ensure that well-being, physical activity, school sport and PE are at the heart of school life. We and the partnership are passionate about developing inclusive provision to promote personal development and lifelong healthy behaviours.

For example, by working in collaboration with other South Leicestershire schools, the Small Schools Athletics



Meet comes under the event strand of EXCEL and a focus of “Being the best you can be!” It is a great opportunity to collaborate with other small schools



and to be able to use the Saffron Lane athletics track to develop a wider development of skills including the importance of sporting behaviour and the opportunity to compete with a bigger pool of talent with

some real competition too!

Good luck to our KS2 team for Monday. They have been well prepared by Donna to have a wonderful experience and create some positive sporting memories of their own performance and as a part of a team.

Swimming

KS2 are also involved this year in swimming lessons which we do every other year. This is an important measure as the Government’s aim is for all children being able to swim as they leave primary school.

For all year 6 children, the school has to report under certain categories— whether they can swim and how far, that they can use a ranges of strokes and that they can self rescue —that is to know what to do if they fall into water which are important life skills . This measurement is mandatory as part of being safe in and around water.

Swimming lessons therefore gives the school the evidence we need to show that children are able to do these things. For the rest of KS2 it is the opportunity to swim with their friends and learn new skills or practice those skills where they are less confident .

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



School opens 8.35am.

Gates close at 8.45am.

Learning starts at 8.45am prompt.

The school doors automatically lock at 8.45am.

Any child arriving after this time will be marked as late and MUST go directly to the school office for sign in.

We would appreciate parents dropping their children at the gate to ensure children go smoothly into class as morning tasks start at 8.35am. If you need to leave a message please see either Mrs. James or Mrs. Lawson at the gate or phone the school

office.

Please be reminded that any appointments involving medical professionals in school time must be requested please and with proof of the appointment. A letter or screenshot of an appointment will be sufficient for our records. Please share this through contact with the school office.

All absence requests must be made to the school via the correct form stating why an absence is required. Government guidelines, which came into effect of 1 September 2013, prevents headteachers from granting any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A family holiday during term time is not seen as an exceptional circumstance.

Please note that unauthorised absences can result in a penalty notice being issued if your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks or 5 consecutive days (10 sessions is equivalent to 5 days).

Fines are issued per parent per child at £160 each (discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days). Failure to pay within 28 days the fines being issued may result in parents facing legal action under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Please support the school and your child by requesting leave if you need it.

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May Half Term at Leicester Cathedral



Make a matchbox house!
 Thursday 26 May
 10.00am-12.00pm and
 2.00-4.00pm

Use your imagination and design your very own mini home!

Not suitable for ages 0-4



Drop-in
 No charge but donations welcome.
 All children aged 5+ can play in the

Design your own peg doll!
 Thursday 26 May
 10.00am-12.00pm
 and 2.00-4.00pm

Using paint, pens, decorate your own peg doll to make it come to life.

Not suitable for ages 0-4



Where is home for you?
 What is our Eublog? Together all children can make your world



Come and join us for our space themed day!

Fun activities and craft!
Wednesday 27 May
 from 10.30am - 4.00pm
 See reverse for details.








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Wednesday 27 May
Watch a science show by Sublime Science!
 11.00am-12.00pm
 No charge but donations welcome.

Suitable for all ages!




Wednesday 27 May
Space themed play sessions for 0-7 year olds
 Slots available to book via Eventbrite. Pay what you can.




Wednesday 27 May
Kinetic Sand Tray
 Come and play with space toys!

Suitable for all ages!



Wednesday 27 May
Make a moveable rocket craft activity
 10.30am-12.00pm
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Safeguarding



TOP TEN TIPS TO



STAY SAFE ONLINE

1



Don't share your personal information

2



Only talk to people that you know

3

Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online



4

Only accept friend requests from people you know personally



5



Always think carefully about what you post

6



Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts

7



Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are

8

Report inappropriate content immediately

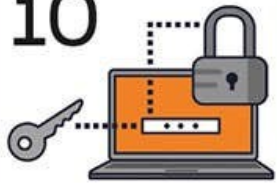


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Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing



10



Never share your passwords

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Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

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