



ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th June 2026

Welcome back after a restful and hot half term break. The children are keen to embrace the summer with an attention to gardening and planting some young plants that we hope will yield fruit in the next few weeks.



This time of year is always busy as we prepare for our annual sports day and enjoy learning in our outside space as well as indoors. We have a new artificial fish tank in the library as requested by the School Council and funded by the PTA . This is an added attraction for visits to the library!

We have lots of opportunities to learn together and follow our school values including curiosity and teamwork which you will see in this newsletter.

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." (Proverbs 4:7)

As we prepare the children for their next stage of learning this half term, we are encouraging everyone to attend everyday and make the most of this precious time together. Mrs James

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 16th June Sports Day

Monday 22nd June—packed lunch on the field for all children as Village Hall unavailable

Tuesday 23rd June—reserve Sports Day Date

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

26th June—School Fair on the field

Last day for KS2 swimming 26th June

Wednesday 1st July-Move up day

KS2 performance

Thursday 2nd July 6.00pm start.

More details to follow.

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

Matthew

Jesus as the King

Mark

Jesus as a servant

Luke

Jesus as the saviour

John

Jesus as God

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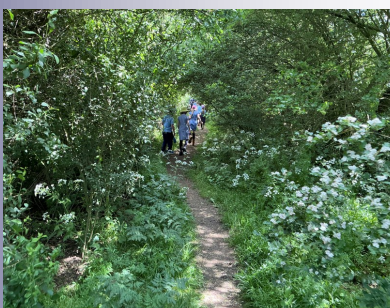
Arnesby School - Pentecost Walk

The annual walk to Shearsby at Pentecost is one of the most important and unique aspects of life at Arnesby school. It is everything that makes this school so special. It is a pilgrimage undertaken by the whole school that allows us to appreciate

God's wonderful world through the beautiful rural landscape of the two villages.



As we walk together from one village to the next, the field walkways and overgrown bridge paths linking together two village communities with a shared history highlighting the focus on koinonia in our school values.



This year, we created different crafts to represent the different components of the Pentecost story – Peace



Class brought windmills to show the rushing wind that filled the Disciples' Upstairs Room, Courage Class made wind socks decorated

with flames and quotes from the book of Acts to highlight both the wind and the tongues of flame, and Endurance Class chose crowns capped with flames in different colours and shapes inspired by different examples of Biblical imagery. Walking through fields filled with growth and life, the fruits of the earth, and gifting artistry and creativity of young human hands to St. Mary's Church at



Shearsby as a celebration of Communion in Church services symbolizing the fruit of the earth and work of human hands. We were also joined by Rev Canon Chris Oxley and Matt Long from the Diocese of Leicester who along with all staff and children enjoyed the experience.



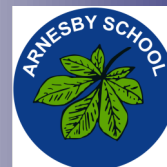
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Arnesby School — Where every child shines

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

Our attendance is: 96.7%

and is slightly lower than the last newsletter

The previous two newsletters were:

97% and 96.9%

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

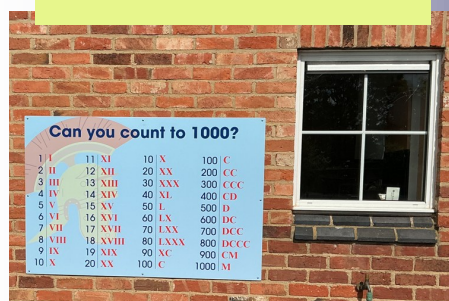
New playground signs!

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Everyone is welcome at Arnesby!



Roman numerals



Hands of British Values



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What's happening in school?



Well done KS2 for a good performance at the Small Schools Athletics festival.

Staff said:

"There was a sense of a strong Arnesby connection. It was great to see all KS2 cheering each other and praising them after their races"

"Our baton passes were good and much better than the other schools!"

Well done Hollis for " a perfect race, pacing herself and pushing herself through, resulting in coming fourth place in the 600m"

"We were proud of all the performances. They have grown in confidence. Well done ES for stepping up (for another child) and being so confident and willing."

Children said:

"It was really good but hard!" TT

"400m run, was really good and special to me as I've never done it" FR

"Everybody got a go. When your friend was running we cheered everyone on!" LR

"I enjoyed the throwing ." CG

"The howler took a long time because there were lots of people. I really enjoyed it and didn't care where I came and it was nice to be part of Team Arnesby." EF

"I was a little bit nervous when we arrived and at the start of the race but when I was in the race it was really fun! I came 7th!" LC

"I enjoyed the relay. The track was easy to run on and had lots of grip" HG

"I like the Howler and really enjoyed the relay . I am proud to wear the Arnesby T-shirt!" LK

Thank you to all staff and parents who supported Team Arnesby on the day.

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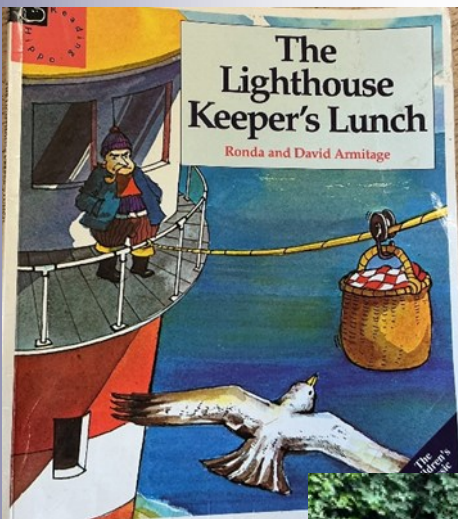
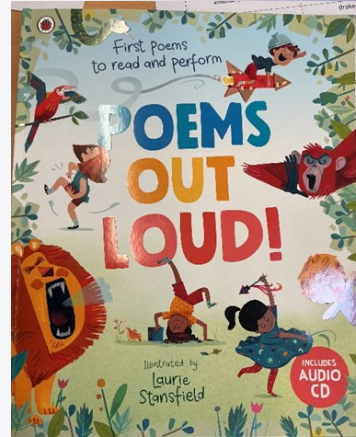
What's happening in school? Peace Class



PEACE class shining in English learning

In English this half term, the children have been exploring **poetry**. Our focus text is *Poems Out Loud*, which has inspired us to perform, listen to and enjoy a wide range of poems.

The children have enjoyed reading and discussing a series of poems from *Poems Out Loud!* This week we have been creating actions to go with different poems and we will be writing our own poems using rhyming animals and descriptive words. Over the next few weeks they will compose vivid descriptions of minibeasts, use the Group Reader, *Scouters* as inspiration to write sentences with subordinating conjunctions and rehearse recitals and perform their poems as a group.



Our story in Reception this week is "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and have loved following the story and exploring the characters.

As part of this learning, the children made

their own seagulls using a range of different materials and used them in role play to retell and act out parts of the story.



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What's happening in school? Courage Class

Courage class shining in soils and nest building!



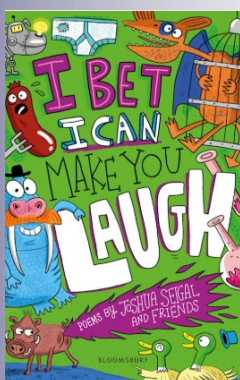
This term we are looking at how rocks are formed. As part of this science learning we have examined different soils and experimented with soil to find out exactly what made up the different soils. As you can see the children looked very carefully at the soils and enjoyed finding out about its components.

In Art we have a sculpture unit where children used their own instinct and intuition to make sculptures of a nest. They thought about what it is like to be a bird placing the first tentative twigs in place to build their nest, and explored different materials and construction methods to build inventive nests.



As you can see they did a great job!

We have enjoyed learning about Harry's mad (about 10-year-old Harry, who inherits an extraordinary African Grey parrot named Madison ("Mad") and have written our own funny story based on the book!



Now we are moving onto poetry with the book I bet I can make you laugh and are looking forward to some hilarious learning ready for the school reading picnic.

Maths over the last few weeks has been looking at Money and we are now moving onto Time which is tricky including telling the time accurately and the 24 hour clock. Problem solving is a big part of this learning too!

Telling the Time Problems

1. Draw lines to match up each clock with the correct time.
You won't need to use all of the options.

				
...in the afternoon	...at night	...in the afternoon	...in the morning	...at night

3.15 pm

14:35

22:40

09:15

15.35

2.25 am

11:45

10.40 am

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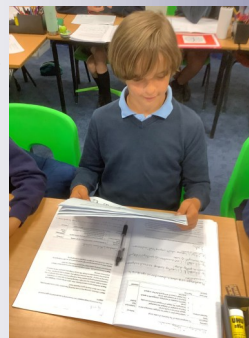


What's happening in school? Endurance Class

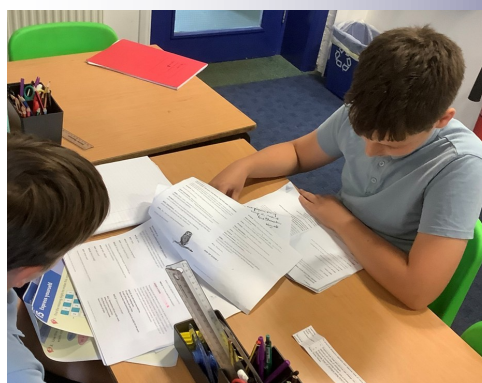
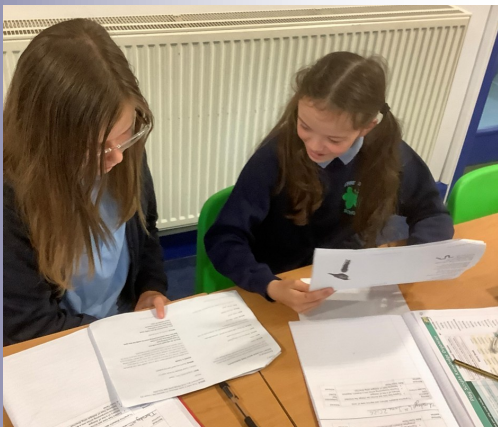
Endurance Class shining in forces

Endurance class have been working hard on some of our new units.

In English, we've started rehearsals for our end of year production of "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse" and having a wonderful time doing so. We've learned about in-speech direction and have been hard at work developing our drama skills.



We've been working in our art lesson this week to try and get



our activist art posters finished. We've been practicing a wide range of different artistic techniques including collage and screen printing.

In science, we've been experimenting with pulleys and forces, exploring how counterweights can be used to help move heavy loads (and how the lack of them can make moving masses harder).

And while the weather has taken a turn for the worse this week compared to the holiday, the children of Endurance class are always enjoying their learning inside and outside!



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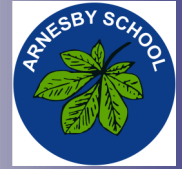
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Staffing and classes for next year



New appointment:

After a robust interview process and some excellent candidates, Mrs. Rachel Chamberlain has been appointed as a teacher in Courage Class. Mrs. Chamberlain has a wealth of teaching experience and is a former Head of School at another Embrace School. We are delighted to be able to welcome her to the staff team and to the Arnesby School Community. She is keen to get started and so will be coming into school over the next few weeks to meet both children and parents.



We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Jaswal who have both been teaching in Courage Class over the past year. They have been great assets to the school and we wish them well as they continue to teach in a variety of primary school settings. We hope that when we need cover, they will be available!

New class structure:

The class structure for next year will change slightly and is as follows:

Peace Class - Year Reception (EYFS) and Year 1

Mrs. Cox will continue to teach this class supported by Mrs. Sherwood

Courage Class—Years 2, 3 and 4

Mrs. Chamberlain will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. James will continue to teach this class for 2 days a week Thursday and Friday.

Endurance Class—Year 5 and 6

Mr. Kearney will continue to teach this class.

Support in KS2 classes will be shared between Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Spencer Parkes.

Governors

This year we have said goodbye to 2 Governors, Martin Price who has been an Arnesby School Governor for many years and Matt Cowley who has now come to the end of his term of office. We thank them both for their unwavering support and service.

New Governor

We are delighted to welcome Jonathan Davies who has been appointed as a new school Governor. Jonathan has 3 children currently at Arnesby and comes with experience of Governorship from a previous school.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Thank you for being here on time at 8:45am every day!

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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Embrace Trust Spirituality Day

The day started in the Cathedral looking at the historical features and having some time for sketching .



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The children enjoyed engaging with the prayer spaces and activities to think about spirituality as SELF, OTHERS, THE WORLD & GOD.



It was a really good day with all the schools in Embrace Trust represented.



There were lots of ideas to bring back to school, so watch this space! Thanks to Embrace Trust for providing transport and organising the day.

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ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water **Safely**

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit www.rlss.org.uk

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