

Arnesby School Newsletter

2nd October 2026



The warm weather is soothing us gently into Autumn, where the children have enjoyed the annual Harvest Festival which celebrates and marks the changing of the seasons. Harvest prompts us to pause and to reflect as in the Bible, Paul uses harvest language to speak directly about generosity, urging us to give freely and faithfully: *"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously"* (2 Corinthians 9:6). We are hoping that we have sown such interest and love of learning that our children really enjoy the various learning topics in our curriculum this Autumn – currently ranging from Funnybones to Ancient Egypt!

Our beautiful felt banner showing the school and different seasons as well as being a true part of the village, was generously donated by the Arnesby Felting group which now has pride of place hanging in the school library, very close to the Local History section! All the children can see this wonderful collaborative project each time they visit the library and try to guess which piece of felt they made!

Mrs. James



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Open days for prospective parents: Friday 9th Oct, Thursday 12th Nov from 9.30am and from 3pm

Parents evenings Tuesday 6th October, Wednesday 7th October

Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card Friday 16th October

Children in Need day Friday 13th November



Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

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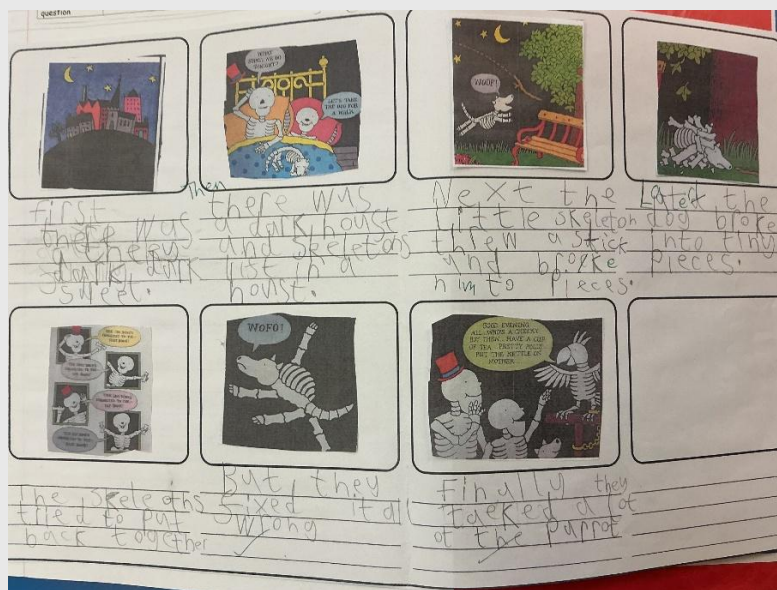


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PEACE CLASS?

This week in English, the children have been enjoying the delightful story ***Funnybones*** by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The silly adventures of the skeleton family have captured the children's imaginations, and they have loved listening to the story and discussing the funny events that take place throughout the book.

Our **Year 1** children have been working hard on developing their sequencing skills. They carefully retold the story by putting key events in the correct order before writing their own sentences to match the illustrations. The children have been focusing on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and they should be very proud of their efforts. It has been wonderful to see their growing confidence in writing and their ability to recall and describe different parts of the story.

Meanwhile, our **Reception** children have been exploring the story through creative activities. They thoroughly enjoyed making their own moving skeletons, inspired by the Funnybones characters. This activity helped them develop their fine motor skills as they carefully cut, joined and assembled the different body parts. The children were excited to test their skeletons and watch them move, while also learning about how our bodies are put together.



ANCIENT EGYPT COMES TO COURAGE CLASS



The children have written a report on the day – here are some of their comments:

"Courage class came into school dressed as ancient Egyptians. We had a whole day of history!"

"First, we wrote our names in hieroglyphics, we moved on to maths and what we did was we learned what the numbers were and we did one to 100 million, it was so easy!"

"At the start of the day we all wrote our names in hieroglyphs, it was extraordinary!"

"After that we started to do whirly and swirly number system marks for one to ten, hundred and thousand 10,000 and 100,000"

"When we did maths that was my favourite part of the day!"

"It was an exciting day. In my junior encyclopaedia I found a fun fact, and it was a special guide called the book of buried pearls, and it gave details of fabulous treasures hidden inside the pyramids"

Egyptian canopic jars for mummification with heads of four god Horus sons



We also "read the ancient Egyptian sleepover book and after lunch we made canopic jars. They are jars that hold the internal organs and they have God's heads on them"

"Canopic Jars - we got to sculpt Horace a baboon, a human, or cat's head out of clay it was so fun - this day was the best "

"Come to courage class to have an Egyptian day, well I hope we have it here again!"

"We learnt about mummification, I loved it"

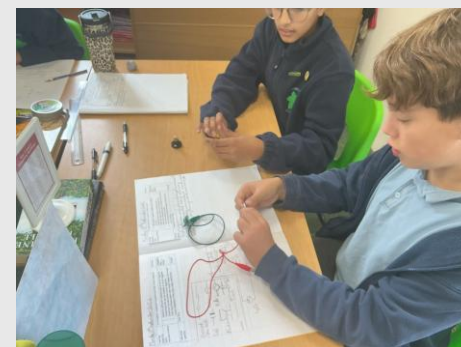
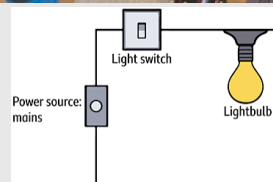
"I think it was a fantastic day"

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENDURANCE CLASS?



In Endurance class we have had a busy half term learning so far.

In science, we've been learning about electricity and have conducted experiments into how we can cause a build up of electrons on an insulated surface creating "static electricity" resulting in some rather funky hairdos. We've also been looking at making our own complete circuits and explaining how they work.



In music, we've been exploring themes of syncopation and polyrhythms by using body percussion to emphasise the "off-beat" in a variety of songs (the children have particularly been enjoying Mango Walk and Four White Horses as well as performing as an ensemble).

In art, we've been experimenting with typography, using shapes and colours in lettering to produce an artistic and creative product that is both unique and recognisable. They have used a variety of themes from sports to history to machines.



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HARVEST FESTIVAL



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WHERE EVERY CHILD SHINES



Thank you to everyone who donated this year, as in times of hardship these small acts of kindness will be a real support to families who need help providing for their families. We were particularly impressed by the range of well-chosen items as well as the amount parents and carers, staff and friends donated this year. Thank you.

Thank you also goes to Nathan Ling for taking the service at the chapel and for the loan of the wonderful thankfulness quilt which really helped to make our harvest display so special.

On Wednesday 30th September, the whole school went up to the Baptist Chapel to celebrate the Harvest Festival. We sang about gathering crops and gave thanks for provision as it remains one of the few traditions that still connects our everyday lives with the land and with God.

We heard about how helping others and the interaction with the land and animals can both help our own wellbeing and help others too. As a school we have collected a huge amount of food stuffs to be donated to Lutterworth Food Bank.



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Arnesby Attendance

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 at the start of the day as all classes have start of the day activities which wakes up their brains and gets us all ready for a busy school day !

2.10.26 Currently our attendance is 98.7%

Well done everyone – keep up the great work!



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.

Breakfast and After School clubs



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We would be grateful if parents and carers could complete the feedback form for the clubs Autumn 1 we have a new programme for After School Club which will continue to run from 3.20-4.30pm for Autumn 2

Activities will be facilitated by members of staff and volunteers (with a DBS check) and changes every half term. Each club will run for approximately 7 weeks depending on the length of the Half Term. The cost of each session is £5 to be paid in advance, preferable for the half term block and booked through My Child at School in the usual way. This will allow us to plan more effectively and ensure that we have the necessary equipment and resources ready and available.

For the Autumn Term (Autumn 2) 26th October – Thursday 17th December inclusive (8 weeks) the clubs will be as follows:

Monday – Homework Club

Tuesday – Music Club

Wednesday – Drama Club

Thursday - Mindfulness

Friday – No Club

At the end of each half term, we will ask for feedback to ensure that the activities we are offering are benefiting the children.

Informing school of any non-attendance owing to illness or more than 2 days of the club date, you will be refunded as a credit. Any non-attendance of the club date within 48 hours prior to the club starting, no credits will be issued. For those children in the receipt of Free Schools Meals, not Universal Infant Free School meals, the school will cover the cost of this club. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office.

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CROSS COUNTRY



Arnesby KS2 Team competed in the South Leicestershire Schools Sports Partnership cross country competition for the Blaby family of schools. We had some great results, and all the children ran very well.

Thanks to all the families and friends' supporters who cheered them on and to Donna who has spent time in PE lessons preparing the children so well. Parent and carers comments included : "a lovely evening very well organised", "Fun time by all, kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves, great atmosphere".

The children commented: " I loved doing cross country because it was fun" Ollie, " It was astonishing !" Grey, "I give it a thumbs up " Cohen, "Cross Country was fun but tiring!" Alice, " It was fun but harder as I had to run 900m this year" Erin, "I really love Cross country, and I can't wait to do it again as I want to go to the county race" Eve. Well done Team Arnesby!



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Uniform reminder



It is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school by wearing a smart and practical uniform that allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers, confident in their appearance and ready to learn.

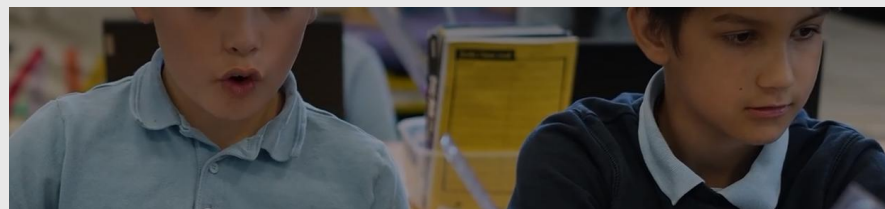
It is also important that children represent the school and its values and take pride in their uniform whether in the classroom or engaged in a sporting activity where activity-appropriate clothing is essential.

Our school colours are navy/grey for skirts or trousers, navy sweatshirt, fleece, jacket, pale blue polo shirt, and white t-shirt for PE. These can have the school logo. See our website page for more details.

[Uniform - Arnesby Primary School](#)

Please could all children bring a coat as the weather is very changeable, fresh air during the day.

Please could KS2 children bring a mid morning healthy snack of fruit as this helps their concentration during the morning.



Breaktime Snacks

Snacks welcomed
in school



Please leave
these at home



to school for breaktime and lunchtime and we like to give the children some

Shoebox appeal

Last Friday, the children were told during assembly about the Blythwood Shoebox Appeal, an annual Christmas initiative organised by Blythwood Care.

The appeal collects and distributes shoeboxes filled with practical and personal gifts to individuals and families facing poverty, trauma and isolation in Eastern Europe and other regions. These shoeboxes help bring comfort, hope and a sense of being remembered to those who may be experiencing difficult circumstances.

We are delighted to be supporting this worthwhile cause and would like to invite families to take part in they wish.

If your child would like to pack a shoebox, we have a limited number of shoeboxes available from the school reception area, already wrapped in Christmas paper and ready to fill. Please collect one.

The deadline for returning filled shoeboxes to school is **Wednesday, 11 November**. Any shoeboxes handed in after this date will not be collected in time to reach recipients before Christmas. Further information about suggested gift items can be found on the leaflet sent home. Or visit the website: blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal.

Thank you for your support in helping to make a difference to those in need.



ROAD SAFETY Important notice



Please do not park on the zigzag lines outside the school.

We have had a recent incident where a child ran across the road from between parked cars.

Children are not as vigilant as adults and cannot easily judge distance or speed of travel from an oncoming car.

Please help us to keep everyone safe. Thank you.



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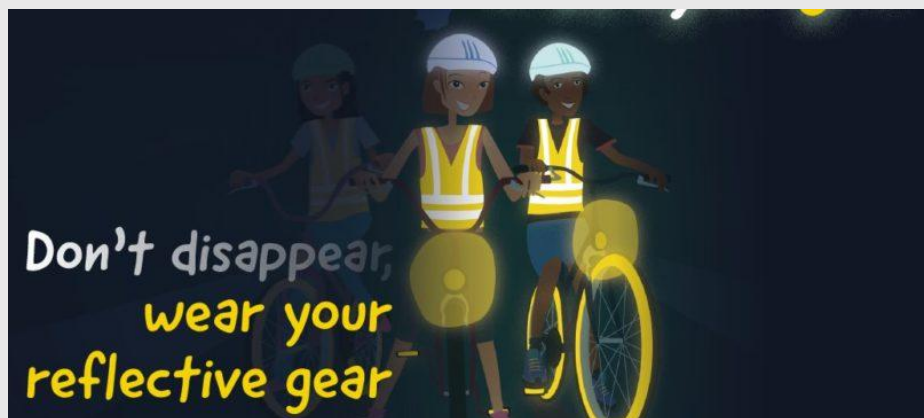
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Safeguarding



As the nights are drawing in, please take care when crossing roads and dress with bright and reflective patches where possible.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



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