



Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

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A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term! We have had an extremely busy few weeks!

Year Six had an amazing time on their residential; they displayed resilience—giving all of the activities a go and showed such kindness to their friends, encouraging them to take part in activities that were a bit daunting!

Last Friday we officially opened our artwork that the children created to remember Mrs Parish. We had an opening ceremony attended by her husband Graham and her dog Darcie! The children were so respectful and sung the song 'yellow' to remember her. It was a lovely tribute and you should be really proud of how your children behaved with respect and kindness to each other.

We also had our MacMillian cake sale. A massive thank you to everyone who donated cakes to be sold! We raised a massive £200 which has been donated to the charity already!

It was amazing to see so many of you at parents evening—thank you for making the effort to come in and talk to your child's class teacher about their progress so far this term. Just a reminder that you can speak to any member of staff if you have a concern—we run an open door policy.

A big thank you to everyone who bought in donations for the Harvest festival. We will be donating the food to Kings Church foodbank.

Next half term is a rather busy one, with dare I mention it the plans for Christmas! I have included the term dates on the back of the letter, please pop them into your diaries.

Tomorrow and 31st October are INSET days.

I wish you all a great half term with your children and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 1st November!

Kind regards, Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

Attendance

This weeks attendance was 95%. The best attendance was 99% for Needles class!

Please remember that school starts at 8.45 and that you need to collect your child at 3.30.

Nut free school

We are having incidences of products that contain nuts being sent into school, such as chocolate bars and some cereal bars. Please remember we are a nut free school!



Food bank vouchers

If you find yourself in need of a food bank voucher, please speak to Mrs Bennett-Acres or email info@arkayrtonprimary.org and we can organise this for you.



News Mrs Ayrton in Nursery



Start point – this week has been our themed week with different dressing up each day, Monday we had princesses, dragons and spiderman turn up to nursery, Tuesday we went down to the jungle and had fun matching different animal patterns, Wednesday was music and movement day so the children went up to the new dance studio to explore and take part in some of the activities from the music and movement programme sticky kids, Thursday the children are playing with all things transport – racing cars down the guttering tracks to see what goes fastest and we have keep watch out the windows to see what goes past the nursery.

Hartland

We have been celebrating all things Halloween this week – making masking tape mummies, skeletons using cotton buds, reading Halloween stories. We have also enjoyed exploring the new dance studio – they spent their time dancing to spooky music and taking part in the music and dance programme sticky kids.

Whitby have also been celebrating Halloween – by pumpkin carving and exploring the seeds – lots of scooping and counting, they have been busy making art pictures – using crayons to create webs then painting over them, helping trapped bugs (plastic) in the tuff trays – using tweezers to get in between the masking tapes web, Halloween dressing up - made spooky spiders at special snacks with Oreos and twiglets, and we ended the week with our cultural dress up day.

News Mrs Scarsbrook in Reception



Another busy week in Reception! We are continuing our learning of turn taking and following instructions and have enjoyed exploring new activities during discovery time.

Over the last few weeks, we have been learning about Frida Kahlo - an artist famous for creating self-portraits. The children have created their own pictures using pencils, and using scissors to cut out different flower shapes. Today your child has come home with a 'bedtime story book', for you to share together. It has been lovely meeting with so many parents this week and talking about all the achievements the children have made since joining Reception.

We wish you all a wonderful half term break.

News from Mrs Serjent in Years One and Two



In year 1 this week they spent time learning how to login to the laptops and use Purple Mash to complete work. They are now able to label and save their work. They also spent time designing and creating a painting in the style of the artist Paul Cezanne. We definitely have some future artists in Mumbles and Smalls!

In year 2 this week they have been learning how to use calculations to solve addition and subtraction problems. They have enjoyed writing their own stories on the Gun Powder plot using their own characters. In Science they are learning all about natural and man- made materials and have been able to sort through a range of materials.

We are all incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked since the beginning of September. Well done and have a lovely half term. See you in November!



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News from Mrs Predeth in Years Three and Four

A big well done this half term to Years 3 and 4. They have all worked incredibly hard and have settled back into school really well. In Year 3, children have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age and have produced some amazing information texts. Most of Year 3 children now have their devices and have been really resilient getting logged on at home.

In Year 4, the children have loved learning about the ancient Mayans and have loved creating their Mayan masks. Both year groups have shone brightly in their arithmetic tests. They have embodied our new school rules and key values. We hope you all have a fantastic, well-earned rest over the half term.



News from Miss Robinson in Years Five and Six

Year 5 have been working hard on their biographies of Jack Briars, and they have published some high-quality written work. In maths, they have been learning how to apply addition and subtraction skills to word problems and number puzzles. They also tried really hard in their arithmetic test and achieved some excellent results.

In science, they have experimented with different materials to find out which are the best thermal/electrical conductors and insulators. They have also investigated how to separate solids and liquids using different scientific methods.

In history, they have been learning about the Tudors and have made a timeline to show where the Tudors fit in with the other time periods they have studied. They are beginning to write a persuasive piece, arguing why it would be great to be King Henry VIII's new wife.

This week Year Six have worked hard to create their final picture inspired by Henry Moore, a WW2 sketch artist. The children experimented with a range of different pencils and charcoal to create effects similar to Henry Moore. Year Six have made great progress in maths this unit with high scores and lots of confidence all round in our post-unit quiz. They also had an amazing time on the Isle of Wight for residential. They took part in the 3G swing, climbing, areoball and lots of other thrilling experiences.



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Term Dates

Monday 31st October –INSET Nursery and school closed

Wednesday 2nd November—Photographer in for all Nursery and school children

Thursday 3rd November—Poppies for sale under the rainbow canopy

Friday 4th November—Fireman into Ayrton for a visit on fire safety

Monday 7th November—Showcase for parents 2.30—please come into the main office

Thursday 10th November—Years 5 and 6 cinema trip

Friday 18th November—Children in Need—children can come in dressed up for a 50p donation

Friday 25th November—Non school uniform day—bring a non alcoholic drink bottle or some chocolate for the Xmas Fayre!

Monday 28th November—Year 6 Mock SATs week

Thursday 1st December—Advent giving calendar begins

Friday 2nd December—KS1 Nativity at St Luke’s Church 1.45 doors open for parents

Tuesday 6th December—End of term parties—permission slips for KS2 will go out. Please sign and return when the letter comes

- Nursery 1.30-2.15pm
- Reception and Key Stage 1 2.30-3.30
- Key Stage 2 3.45-4.55

Friday 9th December—Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Wednesday 14th December—Reception Nativity at Ayrton 9.15

Thursday 15th December—Christmas Fayre 2pm onwards at Ayrton

Friday 16th December—Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert at St Luke’s Church. 1.45 doors open for parents and school finishes for the Autumn term

Year group trips are still having their dates finalised. These will be communicated after half term