



Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 25th
November



A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a rather busy two weeks at Ayrton, since I last wrote to you! It was great to see so many of you at our Showcase—thank you to everyone who came! The progress the children have made since the start of the year is amazing and I hope you saw that within their books.

We have also supported antibullying week, where we have worked with the children on what bullying is and that it is repeatedly hurting someone through behaviours such as name calling, hitting, pushing or threatening someone and happens over a long period of time.

Year 3 had an amazing trip to Stonehenge last week! It was amazing for them to be able to link their learning on the Stone, Iron and Bronze ages to the history of Stonehenge. The staff at Stonehenge said that our children were the most respectful that they have ever had visit and were a credit to the school. Year 1 have also had a great trip to the City Museum to enhance their learning on Toys! They had a great time looking at toys from across the eras and again, were respectful and behaved impeccably.

Last week we raised £186.22 for Children in Need, which was fantastic and will really help the charity in it's work.

We have a very busy few weeks coming up! Next Friday is the KS1 Christmas Nativity concert. Letters will go home shortly about tickets, but due to space it will be 2 tickets per child. As these are some of our youngest children performing, we are asking that parents find alternative childcare for younger siblings, so that we can hear the children speaking. Please return your Father Christmas letters with the £1 contribution as soon as possible. The Christmas lunch menu has also gone home this week. Please pick your choice on ipay as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has bought something in today for our Christmas fair. There is more information on the Christmas raffle later on in the newsletter!

At some point next week, we will be having a lock down alarm sound and we are going to practice our procedures around shutting the school down, just in case we were ever to have an unwanted person try to get into Ayrton. This is no different to us practicing for a fire. We will be speaking to the children about it and how it is to keep us safe, but I just wanted to let you know, in case the children come home and talk to you about it.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday.

Kind regards, Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

Attendance

This week's attendance was 95%. The best attendance was 98% for St Catherine's

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

What's on next week?

Monday 28th—Year 5 trip to Mary Rose Museum

Tuesday 29th—Portland Bill ASDA workshop

Thursday 1st—St Ives ASDA workshop

Friday 2nd—KS1 Nativity 2pm start at St Lukes Church

News Mrs Ayrton in Nursery

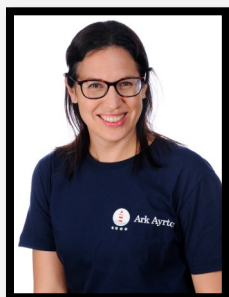


Start point – We have been baking with spices, making gingerbread cookies and had a sensory mixed spiced play dough for the children to play with. We have been looking at all different types of building and constructions equipment and then building with the block – the children especially liked knocking them down.

Hartland – We have been having loads of World Cup fun creating iced football biscuits, football printing, and making flags from home countries. We have also been looking at how we celebrate birthdays – making cards, invitations and even a birthday cake to celebrate Amanda's birthday on Wednesday.

Whitby – A week of football mania celebrating the start of the World Cup with football tuff tray with green rice, men, and foot balls – sparkly fairy-tale playdough with all different colour glitters, cooking with different spices by making plum and pear crumble with cinnamon. We have practiced our writing on the whiteboards and can you find the letter/write the letters associated with sleeping beauty, for example T for tower.

News Mrs Scarsbrook in Reception



Another busy week in Reception! This week, the children have continued their learning about celebrations and have been thinking about how and why we celebrate birthdays. On Thursday, the children used their colour mixing skills to decorate biscuits in the style of 'drip painting'. Today, the children are coming home with a new 'bedtime story'. Please don't forget to share this book at home, and remember everyday is book bag day! We hope you all have a lovely weekend and see you Monday morning.

News from Mrs Serjent in Years One and Two



This week KS1 have been practising their Christmas Nativity ready to perform to all of you on Friday 2nd December. We look forward to seeing you all there! In Year 1 this week they also had an amazing time at the City Museum. The children were so well behaved and represented our school excellently. Well done Year 1!

This week they have also been learning about the differences between old and new toys.

In Year 2 this week they have been working very hard in Maths, learning how to solve division equations. In Science they have been writing up their investigation where they melted wax crayons and observed the changes.



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News from Mrs Predeth in Years Three and Four

This week in Year Three we have continued with our theme of The Stone Ages and produced some beaker pots. We used clay and moulded these into what we believed beaker pots would have looked like taken on the experience and knowledge from our previous weeks trip to Stonehenge.

In Year Four, we have been writing a description of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and learning about our different senses. In maths, we have been working hard on our multiplication and division. It is really important that we are working on this at home as this will help us in school.



News from Miss Robinson in Years Five and Six

Hello everyone! This week, in Year 5 we have been inferring and summarising in reading, writing a formal letter and learning about factors, multiples, squares and cubed numbers in maths. We have also started to build our models of the Mary Rose that we have learnt about in Horizons.

In Year 6, we have written a final draft of a persuasive letter during our writing lessons. In maths, we have been learning about algebra and how to follow different formulae. On Wednesday, we went swimming where we learnt how to use a float to support us when learning how to do backstroke. During our Horizons learning, we created an information page all about evacuation in World War II.

Christmas Raffle Tickets!

This year we are selling raffle tickets in advance, on the main playground, or on the Year 1 playground. Keep an eye out for Mrs Tuck, Miss Woodward or Mrs Bennett-Acres! Mrs Ayrtton will also be selling them in our Pre School garden or from the Nursery office.



Raffle tickets are £1 each and you can buy them over a two week period, starting on Monday. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Fair on Thursday 15th December at 3.30pm.

We have some amazing prizes this year, which are listed below:

- First Prize: £100 CASH
- Family Christmas food hamper
- Child's Christmas present hamper
- Family pantomime tickets
- Butser Ancient Farm family tickets
- Parade Tearoom voucher
- Child's free ticket to Birdworld
- Private circus skills/acro lesson
- Longdown Activity Farm family ticket
- Rock climbing session at Peter Ashley Centre
- and many more!

This year, the school council will be deciding how we spend the money raised at our Christmas Fair!



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