



# Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 4th  
November



## A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great half term, despite the torrential rain! The children have come back positively and are fully engaged with their learning.

We have had a busy week at Ayrton with our new areas opening. Today our Head Pupils officially opened the new Reading Zone, Dance/Drama Studio and our Practical Room! It was an amazing event, whereby the children said thank you to everyone who had helped make this dream a reality. Already, some of the children have enjoyed a drama lesson in the studio, art in the Practical Room and cookery in the Practical Room. To celebrate our new Reading Zone and home reading launch, each child will bring home a book mark today.

This week, Year Six have also taken part in an ASDA cookery workshop teaching them all how to cook a meal.

Miss Jefferies, one of our lovely LSAs leaves us today to go on her maternity leave. We all wish her the very best as she begins this exciting journey. Miss Perkins in Reception starts her maternity leave at the end of January, and we have appointed a new Reception teacher, Miss Jones to cover her. Miss Jones joins us next week, and she will introduce herself to Reception parents over the coming days.

Thank you to our Year Six parents who have attended parents evening this week. It has been lovely to see so many of you in our new Reading Zone and Studio!

Have a lovely weekend, and we will see you all on Monday at 8.40!

Kind regards, Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

## Attendance

This weeks attendance was 94.5%. The best attendance was 97% for St Ives.

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

## PE Kit

White polo    Black/Grey bottoms & jumper    Trainers



## What's going on next week?

**Tuesday 8th**—Year 1 ASDA workshop

**Wednesday 9th**—Year 3 ASDA workshop

**Thursday 10th**

Year 5/6 trip to the cinema

Poppies for sale on the playground to support the Royal British Legion

**Friday 11th**

Remembrance Day

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### **News Mrs Ayrton in Nursery**

Welcome back to all after half term, this has been a busy week in nursery, the youngest children in Starpoint have been enjoying celebrating Halloween with a party and spooky activities also sticky kids dance and movement in the dance studio – they have introduced there new fairy-tale Friday nook - ‘little red riding hood’ and made salt dough baked goods for use in the role play area.

Hartland point have also been celebrating Halloween and dressing up for their party – they have been creating firework picture with lots of paint and sparkly glitter, and this

Friday is the start of their new fairy tale Friday book ‘Cinderella’ and the children have all made golden carriages with their pictures inside.

Preschool have been having fun with Halloween parties and then celebrating Diwali on Tuesday, they are enjoying hearing and singing new books and song with their new fairy tale Friday – ‘sleeping beauty’ and the ‘elves and the shoemaker’.



### **News Mrs Scarsbrook in Reception**

It has been a lovely week with our Reception children. The children have returned to us as eager and excited to learn as before. This week we have had our Fairy-tale Ball. It has been wonderful to see them all in their amazing costumes! It was great to see so many of you at parents evening the week before half term. We really enjoyed getting to speak to you all in-depth about your child.

### **News from Mrs Serjent in Years One and Two**



It has been lovely to see all the children back in school this week after what I hope was a lovely, relaxing half term. We have had a very busy week of learning this week in KS1. This week in Year 1 they have been learning all about shapes. They went on a shape hunt around school and spotted lots of 2d shapes. They have also been learning how to identify mistakes, edit and improve their sentence writing. They also enjoyed enrichment this week when they were able to make as much noise as they wanted with the musical instruments. This week in Year 2 they have been learning how to use Bar models to represent word problems. In Literacy they have been identifying the features of a recount and using this knowledge to write recounts of their half term. They also learnt about recycling, what materials we can recycle and why.



### **News from Mrs Predeth in Years Three and Four**

Year 3 are really excited for their trip to Stone Henge in two weeks time. This term they are continuing their learning around the Bronze, Stone and Iron ages. They are working especially hard on their writing at the moment, which is great to see. Year 4 have returned and are working hard on their SPAG learning. They are showing great resilience and engagement with their learning.



### **News from Miss Robinson in Years Five and Six**

Hello! It was great to see so many of you this week at parents evening! Thank you for your flexibility at rearranging this from before half term. It has been a busy week in Year 6. We are about to move to a three teacher model for reading and maths to really accelerate progress. Year 5 have come back settled and are learning all about the Mary Rose. They are excited for their trip to the Mary Rose museum later on in the term.



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# Safeguarding at Ayrton

Next week we are launching with the children 'My Happy Mind'. This teaches the children about their own mental health and how the brain works. As parents, you also have access to this platform, so please keep an eye out for the letter which comes home.

## About myHappyMind

myHappyMind is an award winning program for schools & nurseries, families and organisations.

It teaches preventative habits that support positive mental health, resilience and self esteem.

All of the concepts taught are based on science and research and grounded in neuroscience and positive psychology.

Our program is delivered via an innovative technology platform making learning easy, convenient and fun.

We're proud to be commissioned by the NHS up and down the U.K. due to the incredible impact the program has on reducing CAMHS referrals along with the overall improvements to the wellbeing of children, staff and parents.

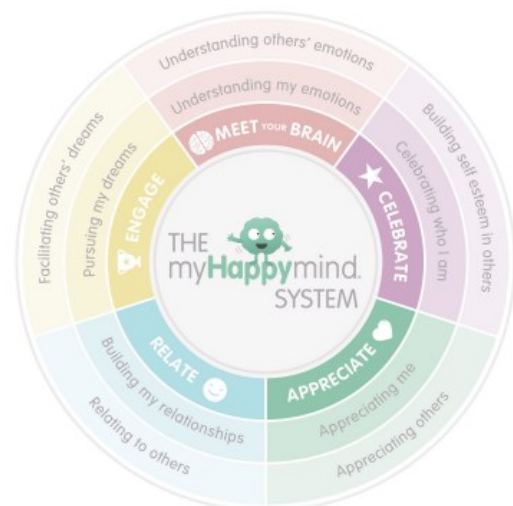
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## The myHappyMind Program

The myHappyMind curriculum is grounded in scientific research and helps children to:

- ✓ Feel happier
- ✓ Know what to do when they feel worried or stressed
- ✓ Improve their focus and learn more
- ✓ Achieve more of the goals that they set for themselves
- ✓ Develop better relationships with friends and families
- ✓ Feel great about who they are and have positive self esteem

**And much, much more!**



**Our school website has details of term dates, dinner menus and lots of other information. Please do have a look, when you have some time!**

