



# Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

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## A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past two weeks at Ayrton have been full of learning, trips and enrichment! The children have started the Spring Term so positively—they are engaged with their learning and displaying all of our values.

This week has seen us celebrating aspirations and inspiring the children as to what they want to become when they are older. We have had the British Army and NHS Paramedics in to talk to the children about their careers. The children asked lots of interesting questions and enjoyed listening to our visitors. Today they have all come to school dressed as their future selves. In my assembly today they spoke so confidently about what they want to be when they are older and why. Lots of children wanted to become vets, paramedics, nurses and doctors to help people; we also had lots of police officers, teachers, fashion designers, armed forces personal, marine biologists, beauticians, receptionists, rugby players and solicitors. Our curriculum at Ayrton is designed to ensure that every child achieves not only their potential, but also their dreams and we are so proud of each and every one of our children.

We have carried out our assessments this week of our children's chronological reading ages. It is imperative that our children leave us being able to read. They have all made lots of progress, which is down to our phonics programme and teaching of reading in KS2 and the support you provide at home. However, we still have more work to do. Please do read with your child every night—whether you read to your child or they read to you, it will help with their fluency, decoding and reading skills. Mrs Tuck will be in touch shortly with some amendments to our home reading scheme and prizes that the children will be able to win!

Next Monday and Tuesday are INSET days, so we will see you all on Wednesday 18th at 8.40. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards, Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

## Attendance

Well done to St Ives and Southsea who have the highest attendance this week!

Please make sure your child is at school, on time, everyday.

## Mathletics

Login details for Mathletics went home last week! Please encourage your child to log on and use the programme to support with maths.

## Year 1 reminder

Just a reminder to all Year 1 parents that your children are your responsibility until the teachers open the classroom doors.

We have had several reports from concerned Year 1 parents that some children are not being watched in the morning, resulting in incidents happening before the school day.

Please make sure that you are watching your child.

Thank you

## What's on next week?

Monday 16th—INSET

Tuesday 17th—INSET

Thursday 19th—Parent workshop on Zones of Regulation and Year 4 trip to Fort Nelson

Friday 20th—O2 Trip for Glee club and Year 1 visit to Portchester castle

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



Welcome back to all our children and families both old and new – all children have settled back into nursery well and our new children have settled beautifully, and we are very proud of how well they have all done.

Start point— The children have settled so well into their new room and are making friends and learning the routine. They particularly enjoy our ‘Welcome time’ where we say hello to our friends and place our pictures onto the board, sing our days of the week song and talk about our golden rules.

The children have been decorating snails in the style of ‘Henri Matisse’. He uses materials to create collages - look out for the display on the window next week.

Hartland – It’s been a busy week! We have been reading ‘The Gingerbread man’ – our new fairy tale Friday book, and have made gingerbread. It been Aspirations Week, so we have been talking lots about doctors and nurses. Thank you to all those who dressed up for our animal day on Wednesday.

Whitby have been busy reading our new fairy-tale Friday book ‘Billy Goats Gruff’. We have been doing lots of reading and anticipating what comes next in the books, talking about the characters and talk around the books, what print is, the spine and front cover. The children have loved looking after the animals in our vets – many bandages and plasters have been used getting them all better. In cooking this week we have been making vegetable omelettes.

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



Happy New Year to all our lovely parents and children!

We’ve had a busy start to 2023 and the children have come back to school looking so grown up and ready to learn! The children are enjoying our new topic- learning about amazing animals. This week, we have been thinking about nocturnal animals. We have also been learning about a new artist called Andy Warhol. Using his techniques, the children created their own paintings- they look amazing!

We have some very exciting trips planned for this term- more information coming soon!

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Wednesday!

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



This week Year 1 have been working hard in their writing lessons. They have been writing their own version of ‘The Three Little Pigs’ where the Wolf is the good character. They are now able to write sentences including descriptive language. In Science this week we have been monitoring the weather including wind direction and amount of rainfall a day.

In Year 2 this week they have been working very hard to complete their NGRT assessments for reading. They have also enjoyed learning about Antarctica and writing a fact file to share the information they have researched.

In Maths they have been collecting data, learning about block graphs and using this to find out what their favourite condiment was in class.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you back on Wednesday.



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

This week in In Year 3, we have had a very busy but another amazing week. We have been learning about the different Greek gods and what special powers they had. With it being Aspirations Week this week in school, we were very lucky to have some paramedics attend the school and carry out some activities with us. We learnt how to apply bandages if someone had cut themselves to stop the bleeding, how to put someone into the recovery position and also learnt how to carry out CPR which of course can save someone's life. We all enjoyed this very much. In addition to all of this, we have also started our music lessons where we are learning to play the ukulele.

This half term in Year 4 we are looking at animals including humans. This links with our school trip from last term when we visited Birdworld. We have already explored food chains and in two weeks' time, we will be looking at the digestive system and even making our own! In Horizons, we are learning all about the Romans! The children have designed beautiful Roman mosaics and are looking forward to their workshop at Fort Nelson next Thursday. Finally, Year 4 have completed their first swimming lesson of the half term where they showed resilience, as for some it was their

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



Hello everyone!

This week, we have been celebrating Aspirations Week, where we have welcomed some visitors and discussed our own aspirations. It has been so lovely to hear all of the brilliant ideas and dreams the children have for their futures!

The children have learnt about pupil voice and School Council members for each class have been voted for through a ballot. A huge well done to all the children that gave a speech to their class - you did a brilliant job!

In Year 6, the children have been practising retrieving information from a text in our reading learning. In maths, they have been working with fractions and finding fractions of an amount, and in writing they have been using all the knowledge they have learnt about World War II to write a non-chronological report.

In Year 5, the children have been learning about the planets within our solar system during our science lessons. In history learning, we have arranged key events from the Victorian period in chronological order on a time line.

### Library Sessions

Keep an eye out for a letter being sent home today via email about library sessions that you are welcome to attend with your child at Ayrton.

