

## **Archibald First School**

### **Autumn 1 Newsletter Number 4 2023**

#### **Welcome to the World**

A huge welcome to the world to Olivia McNally.

Mum and baby are home and the McNally household is a very happy one.

Nieve and Bobby (the dog) are both being brilliant with their new little sister!

Congratulations Mr and Mrs McNally!

Watch out for our next set of baby news from Mr Nettleship...



#### **Inclusion Quality Framework**

The IQF is a statement of shared principles and values for inclusion, and a self-evaluation tool for schools and settings in relation to SEN, disability and vulnerable learners. After half term, school will be visited by the IQF team and they would really appreciate hearing your views

Below is the link to the parent/carer questionnaire we discussed to gather their views – there's also the option of a QR code too Please complete by 7<sup>th</sup> November.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xAhqCCTneu>



## Thank you to the PTFA – Halloween Treats

A huge thank you to the PTFA team for organising our Halloween Treats in school. The disco, in the words of James, was 'EPIC!' – high praise indeed.

We hope that you also have fun taking part in the Halloween trail over half term.

## Just look at our Spooky meals...



Our kitchen team and lunchtime ladies are just fabulous.





## Get to know more about the staff...

Mr Holman



Miss Lightfoot



### **Favourite animal**

Otter

### **Best thing about working at Archibald**

Being part of a great team plus helping to develop forest school and rebound therapy

### **Best joke**

What do you call a fly without wings?  
Walk!

### **Fun fact**

I went to the same primary and secondary school as Mrs Graham.

### **If you could only eat one thing forever, what would it be?**

Christmas Dinner

### **Describe yourself in 3 words...**

Determined, thoughtful and a bit of a laugh

### **Favourite colour**

Pink

### **Cats or dogs?**

Dogs

### **Best joke**

What do you call a man with a spade on his head?

Dug!

### **Fun fact**

I love playing the maracas

### **What is your party trick?**

I can do the worm!

### **Why did you become a teacher?**

Because I use to go to Archibald and I loved my teachers. They made me want to be one.

### **If you weren't a teacher, what else would you be?**

One of Santa's helpers

# OPAL Bingo is back!



**After the success of our last game of OPAL bingo, we're back for round two!**

The same rules apply as before in that the first class to complete the bingo card will win a whole afternoon of OPAL time! So, eyes down..... and good luck!!!

Funky Hat	Action Figure	Office Equipment (Keyboard, phone etc)	Plastic Jug/Funnel
Handbag/Purse	Pots/Pans & Baking Trays	Baby Dolly	Kitchen Utensils
Wellies Size 2+	Wild Animal	Rope/Thick String	Winter Gloves
Jumbo Chalk	Plastic Bucket/Spade	Teddy Bear	Ball of Wool

Once again, thank you to everyone for your continuous support on our OPAL journey. Without your generosity we wouldn't be where we are now. Every little helps and it has completely transformed play times for your children.

Since our last game of bingo, we have added more to our large construction zone, developed a digging zone complete with hard hats and hi-vis vests, had roll-over bars installed and created a performance zone with a brand-new stage!

As always, we are beyond grateful!

Thank you,

The OPAL Team



## Autumn Activities

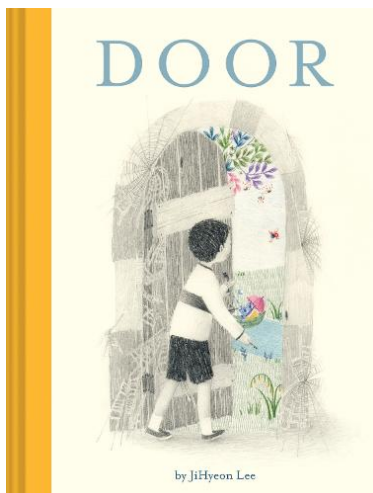
Archibald, check out this fantastic list for half term autumnal activities!!! Share your autumn adventures over the half term break

[@Archibaldfirst](https://twitter.com/Archibaldfirst)

[#AFSAutumn](https://twitter.com/AFSAutumn)

## Rainbow Table

Rainbow Table happens every Friday in the dinner hall. Each week children who have shown qualities such as courage, manners, responsibility, respect, friendship will be invited to have dinner with a member of staff on a colourful table with a special treat given as a reward.



## #Takeonebook

Thank you to our Art Ambassadors and Mrs Howard for choosing 'Door' as our [#takeonepicture](https://twitter.com/ArchibaldFirst) book. Check out our feed <https://twitter.com/ArchibaldFirst> for each year group's 'take' on the book and watch out for our final displays which we will share on Friday... [#AFSart](https://twitter.com/AFSart)



## PE and Sport

It has been a great half term for Archibald First School competing in a variety of sports.

Well done and thank you to all those that helped and supported us during the Schools 500 event. We achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> in Boccia and 2<sup>nd</sup> Girl's football. A huge congratulations and we are so proud of you!

Also, Archibald would also like to thank you for all of your kindness for helping us raise a large amount of money from the Greggs Cancer Run this year. We will be looking to participate again so keep an eye out for when the registration opens!



# Safeguarding

Please take a look at this Online Safety Leaflet...

## Parents Online Safety

You will be aware the Internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with unprecedented opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world there are risks and dangers they should be aware of and which we should all act to protect them from. As a school we encourage the use of technology as an important part of your child's development but always want them to spend their time online safely. As a parent/carer you can play a significant part in ensuring this.

### Top Tips for Parents:

1. Talk to your child, early and often
2. Explore the online world together
3. Know who your child is talking to online
4. Set rules and boundaries
5. Make sure content is age-appropriate
6. Use parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor and report content
7. Teach you child how to use privacy settings and reporting tools



### Gaming Advice

PEGI (Pan-European Game Information)  
[www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

Common Sense Media  
[www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews](http://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews)

Family Gamer TV (YouTube Channel)  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/familygamertv>

- Use a gaming name
- Take regular breaks
- Lifestyle balance
- Get involved
- Use parental controls
- Where is device situated
- Reporting/Blocking
- Age rating/content descriptor
- Online element?
- Communication?
- Commerce?



### Social Networking Advice

See websites on reverse...

Worth a watch:

The Social Dilemma  
[Netflix](#)

The Instagram Effect  
[BBC iPlayer](#)

- Minimum age 13+ years
- Sharing personal information
- Digital footprint
- Cyberbullying and grooming
- Live streaming dangers
- Instagram and Snapchat likely to inspire feelings of inadequacy. 7 in 10 Instagram users feel worse about their body image





## Mobile Phones

### UK Safer Internet Centre

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

## Password Manager apps



### SecureSafe

(free to manage up to 50 passwords)



### Dashlane Password Manager

(free to manage up to 50 passwords)

- Is the phone registered as child user?
- Are geotagging/location services disabled?
- Is the phone Bluetooth enabled and visible?
- Use the parental controls
- Does the provider offer data capping?
- Beware when using public Wi-Fi

- Mix of letters, numbers, symbols
- At least 8 characters
- Not a dictionary word
- Do not reuse same password

## Have I Been Pwned?

[haveibeenpwned.com](https://haveibeenpwned.com)

## Advice & Guidance

### Internet Matters

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)  
LITTLE DIGITAL HELPS TOOLKIT

internet  
matters.org

### Childline

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

### Childnet

[www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers)

### Net Aware

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

### Parent Zone

[parentzone.org.uk](http://parentzone.org.uk)

### BBC Action Line

[www.bbc.co.uk/actionline](http://www.bbc.co.uk/actionline)

### CEOP (report Grooming)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

### NSPCC (Cyberbullying advice)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe)

### Anti-Bullying Alliance (Cyberbullying advice)

[anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

### Young Minds (Mental Health support)

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

### Family Lives (Wellbeing support)

[www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)



## Parents/Carers Checklist

- I have enabled parental controls on my child's devices
- I know what games and websites my child uses
- My child plays age-appropriate games
- I know which social networking sites my child uses
- I know who my child talks to online
- I use different, strong passwords for different sites
- We have agreed family rules (eg online conduct, down time, contacts etc)
- I know where to get support and report any concerns
- My child knows how to report concerns and where to get additional support

## Need to Report?

1. Report in online service
2. Contact school
3. NSPCC (ChildLine)
4. CEOP (Grooming)
5. Internet Watch Foundation (Illegal Content)





## Little Orange Book

The Little Orange Book, designed to help the parents of poorly babies and small children.

It is a great resource and covers everything from common minor ailments like teething, constipation and colds, through to more serious conditions like urinary tract infections and wheezy chests.

The booklet uses a traffic light system to help parents and carers decide what action to take when their child is sick. It points parents in the right direction, letting them know whether self-care, consulting with a primary care professional, a 111 call, or even a visit to Accident & Emergency is the right course of action.



[The Little Orange Book - NHS North Tyneside \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://nenc-northtyneside.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/the-little-orange-book/)

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## Applying for Reception and Middle School Places

Please ensure that you apply for the next stage of your child's education by the closing date below. Attending our Nursery does NOT guarantee your child a place in Reception. Details can be obtained at [Apply for a school place | Newcastle City Council](#)

### Closing Dates

Reception 2024: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at noon

Middle School 2024: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at noon

**Nursery admissions begin January 2024 for a September 2024 start date.**



## School Events

All of our events can be found on the school diary. Please check this for regular updates. [Diary 2023-24 - Archibald First School](#)

### November 2023

06 Welcome back to school for the second part of the autumn term

06 Year 3 to Gosforth Park

07 Year 3 Squash Taster Session (PE kits please)

08 Parents Evening - Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 only 3.30- 6.00pm

08 Parents Evening - Nursery 3.30-5.30pm

09 Parents Evening - Nursery 9.00-11.00am

09 Year 1 to visit All Saints Church

10 #GSTRemembers for Remembrance Sunday

13 Year 3 to visit Rising Sun - Stone Age

13 Year 1 to visit Newcastle Castle

13 Class 6 Parent Lunch

14 That History Bloke visiting Year 2 in school

14 Parents Evening - Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 3.30-6.00pm

14 Parents Evening - Nursery 3.30-5.30pm

16 PTFA AGM 3.15 pm

17 Friday Phonics for Reception Parents 9-9.30 am

17 PTFA Bake Sale - class 9 3.15pm

21 Flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 4

24 Friday Phonics for Reception Parents 9-9.30 am

27 HSBC Workshops with  
Years 1-4

27 Prevent Training for  
Year 4

29 Year 4 visit to Beamish

29 Class 5 Parent Lunch

