

Archibald First School

Autumn 1 Newsletter Number 5 2023

Welcome to the World Eddie Nettleship



Eddie Nettleship arrived safely in the October half term. He was a little early so gave his mummy and daddy quite a surprise.

Eddie has already been into school and had cuddles from everyone, and Mr Nettleship is now back at work after his paternity leave.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Nettleship – Eddie is gorgeous!

Archibald Reads

We are so excited about these new books for our school library. The children were asked for their suggestions before we selected them. This is just the fiction pile... we have an even larger pile of information books. A massive thank you to the PTFA who have donated £750 specifically for these new books!

Remember Years 2 to 4 can go to the library every Monday lunchtime.



Our Art Ambassadors go to the Theatre...

Last week our Art Ambassadors (and a few lucky other children) were invited to watch a wonderful production of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, produced by [@balletlorent](#). The children even got to meet some of the performers after the show.

Thank you [@balletlorent](#) for a fabulous experience. We are really looking forward to our Year 4 children working with you in the summer term...



Inclusion Quality Framework

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded the Inclusion Quality Framework Mark after a robust quality assurance process led by the Local Authority. to gain evidence to support the self-evaluation document and promote the inclusive ethos of the school.



Pupils tell us they feel happy at school and are proud to be part of Archibald. One pupil stated that; 'We really respect each other in school. Everyone is unique and teachers make us happy'. Their views echoed the inclusive ethos within school 'People can have different opinions and like the same thing in different ways'. Children talked about 'odd sock day' as a way of representing differences.

There was an excellent response to our parent/carer survey with feedback from over 100 hundred families. Families described Archibald as 'a nurturing environment' and described their children as 'happy and 'thriving'. Families reported that they felt very grateful to be part of the school community.

Staff have recently attended training on PACE, trauma informed practice, positive handling and rebound therapy. CPD is planned in response to the needs of the children. In addition to this, staff seek out CPD independently in order to upskill themselves. They know they are supported to attend CPD and this is actively encouraged by the leadership team.

Professional feedback from external services who work within the school was extremely positive. There was a consistent message that the relationship between school and external partnerships is very well established and school staff value their advice and support to ensure the best outcomes for pupils. Feedback included comments that demonstrated inclusive practice, for example; 'The school take barriers down so that children feel included and safe.' and 'They want to offer a solution.'

Governors play an active role in monitoring the provision for all pupils. Governors are involved in pupil progress meetings, during which the provision and progress of different groups are monitored. Inclusion is a key topic in all committee meetings, e.g., finance, personnel. 'Children are the most important people in the school..the budget should never compromise the provision for the children'.

The staff team are a huge asset to the school. They are enthusiastic, proactive, use initiative, enjoy a challenge and have a general 'can do' attitude.

Diversity permeates the curriculum. This is embedded and not restricted to specific days/weeks. Staff consistently shared the message that they are a 'No Outsiders' school and that events such as 'Black History' month is part of who they are and this is celebrated on a day to day basis.

All children are encouraged and supported to join extra-curricular clubs and activities and cost is never a reason for a child to be excluded from these. On a recent residential trip, school were able to demonstrate that they had been able to make adaptations for a pupil with additional needs and physical difficulties, with positive feedback from the child and family

Our Language Ambassadors



Presenting our new Language Ambassadors! These children have been chosen to promote the benefits of learning another language across the school.

#AFSSpanish #AFSMFL #AFSCaring

Y3 - class 7 Teddy and Poppy F.

Y3 - class 8 Evie and Dalton

Y4 - class 9 Ella B and Rex

Y4 - class 10 Jenson and Elise

Elisa and Keemaya are our Legacy Language Ambassadors as they had this role last year and can help the new Language Ambassadors by coordinating everyone.

Language Learners Commendation

Look at our certificate to our children's outstanding submission for this year's European Day of Languages Writing Competition '**Treasure**' organised by ALLNE (the North-East Branch of ALL).

The judges enjoyed these entries greatly, and congratulated all of our pupils!



Get to know more about the staff...

Miss Elliott



Ms Barnes



Favourite colour

Turquoise

Best crisp flavour

Sour Cream and chive

Best joke

Why does six hate 7?

Because 7 ate 9!

Fun fact

My birthday is on Christmas Day

Have you ever met anyone famous?

When I was a student, I worked in a supermarket and would serve Peter Beardsley quite often.

If you were not a teacher, what would you be?

Something to do with media...

Favourite colour

Red

Favourite thing to do

Coldwater swimming. I love swimming in the North Sea every weekend.

What is your party trick?

I can make a flower with my tongue

Did you know... that both my children came to Archibald

If you didn't work at Archibald, what else would you be?

I'd like to own a little tea shop

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

Crisps

Favourite place in the world

Ithaca

An Alternative to Christmas Cards

Did you know that after each Christmas, approximately 1 billion Christmas cards are thrown into landfill in the UK? That's the equivalent of 33 million trees!

Please **do not** send Christmas cards into school. Let's keep the trees, reduce our carbon footprint & save some pennies.



Christmas Thanks

At this time of year families can feel an extra pressure to buy adults in school a Christmas gift. The continuing rising cost of living is making an already very expensive time of year even harder and, whilst your generosity has always been appreciated by all the staff in school, we worry this adds another strain on parents.

Therefore, we are encouraging parents **not to** buy gifts for the staff this Christmas. We all love our job and it is a delight to work with your children every day. Throughout December we will be trying hard to create wonderful festive experiences for all the pupils at school: it is these memories and occasions that matter the most.

If you would like to show your gratitude, consider a donation to a charity that will support those who are less fortunate.

Headlice – TAKE A PEEK, ONCE A WEEK!

Thank you to all those who have taken part in our 'Bug Busting' campaign.

Please continue to 'take a peek, once a week and check your child's hair.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Key Safeguarding Information for Archibald can be found here on our website [Safeguarding - Archibald First School](#)



Safeguarding

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

Online resources for parents & carers

Childnet have a dedicated area to support parents and carers with information on key online safety topics, advice and activities to share with your child.

www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

1. Key advice from us

Hot Topics

Information on key online safety topics including advice and conversation starters for children of different ages.

childnet.com/parents-hot-topics

Need Help?

Support and information on what to do if you think your child is at risk online.

childnet.com/parents-help

How to make a report

Advice for adults and young people on the reporting tools for popular games, apps and social media platforms.

childnet.com/how-to-make-a-report

2. Reviews and tools

Net Aware

Online guide with up-to-date advice and parents' views on popular apps, games and online platforms.

net-aware.org.uk



Expert reviews, advice and age appropriate recommendations on games, apps, films and more.

commonsensemedia.org

Internet matters.org

Step-by-step guides for using parental controls and privacy settings alongside support on a range of online safety topics.

internetmatters.org



Advice centre

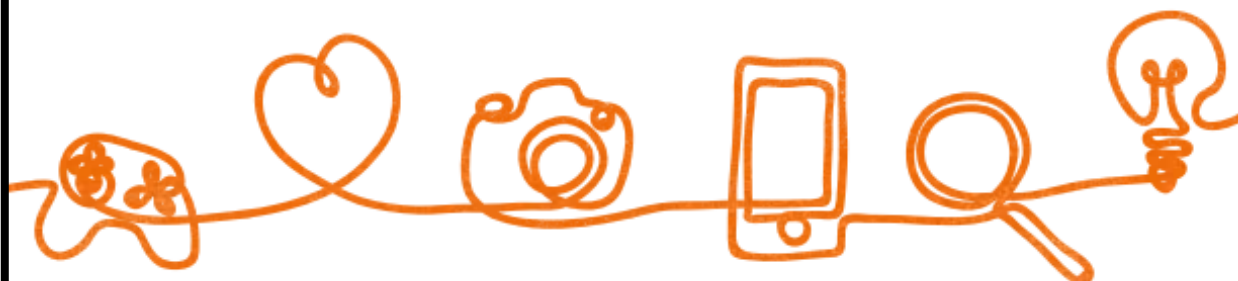
Advice centre with tips, guides and resources for parents and carers, adoptive parents, foster carers, health care professionals and more.

saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre

Safety tools on social networks & other online services

A set of guides highlighting safety features on popular social media services and messaging apps.

saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools



3. Get help and support

For parents / carers

NSPCC

Free support and advice for adults concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child.
0808 800 5000
nspcc.org.uk

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Free online safety support and tech advice.
0808 800 5002
nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

family lives

Free, professional, non-judgmental support and advice.
0808 800 2222
familylives.org.uk

YOUNGMINDS

fighting for young people's mental health
Free, confidential, expert advice on how to support young people's mental health & wellbeing.
0808 802 5544
youngminds.org.uk

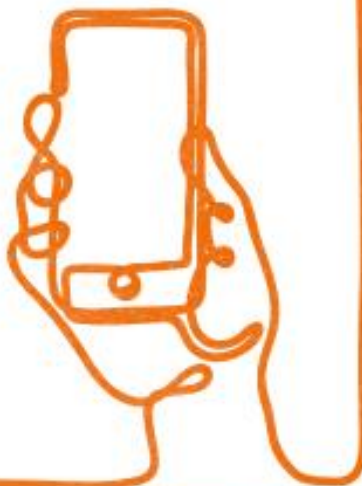
For children

childline

Providing help and support for under 18s.
0800 11 11
childline.org.uk

THE MIX

Essential support for under 25s
Providing help and support for 13-25 year olds.
0808 808 4994
themix.org.uk



4. Get specific advice

Childnet

From screen time and cyberbullying to gaming, we have practical advice on key topics.
childnet.com/parents-hot-topics

Digital Parenting

Free online magazine, resources and articles on online issues.
vodafone.co.uk/digitalparenting

Ask About Games

Advice and online guides about gaming and PEGI age ratings.
askaboutgames.com

Phone Brain

Information about paid for services such as premium rate numbers and in-app purchases.
phonebrain.org.uk

Get It Right From A Genuine Site

Find out which sites are legal for streaming and downloading films, music & games.
getitrightfromagenuinesite.org

5. Make a report

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP)

A police agency tackling child sexual abuse and online grooming. Their two websites include an online reporting tool and advice and activities for parents and children.

To make a report:
ceop.police.uk

For advice & activities:
thinkuknow.co.uk

Internet Watch Foundation

(Part of UK Safer Internet Centre)
The IWF work to remove online images and videos of child sexual abuse. Their online reporting tool can be used to anonymously report criminal content of this kind.
iwf.org.uk

Report Harmful Content Online

(Part of UK Safer Internet Centre)
Advice on how to respond to harmful content online, this tool also allows visitors to query inadequate reporting responses from other services.
reportharmfulcontent.com

True Vision

Information about hate crime and incidents and advice on how to report it in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
report-it.org.uk

Action Fraud

National reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
actionfraud.police.uk



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Sign up to our newsletter at www.childnet.com

[@childnetinternational](https://www.facebook.com/childnetinternational)
[@childnet](https://twitter.com/childnet)

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

29 Year 4 visit to Beamish

29 Class 5 Parent Lunch

December 2023

01 Reception visit to the library for Christmas stories

04 Year 4 Christmas Concert 2.00 pm

05 Early Years Stay and Play session 2-3 pm (Nursery 1 and Class 1)

06 Year 3 Christmas Concert 2.00 pm

07 Early Years Stay and Play session 2-3 pm
(Nursery 2 and Class 2)

11 Nursery 1 Christmas Songs 9.30am

11 Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.00 pm

12 Class 1 Christmas Nativity 9.30 am – 10.30 am

12 Year 2 Christmas Concert 2.00 pm

13 Class 2 Christmas Nativity 9.30 am – 10.30 am

13 Christmas Lunch

13 Nursery 2 Christmas Songs 2.00 pm

14 Reception and Year 1 visit to the Tyne Theatre
Pantomime

15 Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 visit to the Tyne
Theatre Pantomime

15 PTFA Bake Sale – class 8 3.15pm

18 Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party

18 Nursery 1, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Film Afternoon (wear your pjs)

19 Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party

19 Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Film Afternoon (wear your pjs)

20 Nursery Christmas Party (Nursery 1 am, Nursery 2 pm)

20 Archibald Christmas Service at Trinity Church (tickets for 1 adult per family for children in Reception and Year 4 only due to space) 1.30 pm

21 Nursery 2 Christmas Film Afternoon (wear your pjs)

21 Reception Christmas Party

22 School closes for the winter break at 3.15 pm

