

# Archibald First School Spring Newsletter 5 2024

## Hello Spring!

Wow, we are now nearly two thirds of the way through the school year! We are so proud of the progress that each and every child continues to make. Check out the 'Our Latest News' section on the website to read more about what we have been up to. We are already looking forward to exploring a range of topics within the Summer Term. Please visit [here](#) to read through our Curriculum Booklets via the Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 tabs, where our next topic will be added soon!

### #AFSCreative



We had so many eggcellent entries for our 'Decorate an Egg' competition.





Well done to our eggstraordinary winners!!!!

### School Uniform and Shoes

# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please remember that full school uniform including plain, dark school shoes must be worn when it is not a PE day.

On PE days, the school PE kit of plain royal blue shorts and a plain red t-shirt may be worn with a school jumper.

Trainers may **ONLY** be worn on PE days and no other sports kit is appropriate for school.

If you have an after-school PE club (and do not have PE that day), please come to school in uniform and change into school PE kit at the start of the club.

For anyone wearing hairbands and bobbles, these should be low key. We love the bows and the 'ears' but please keep these for home!!

### Free Food Boxes

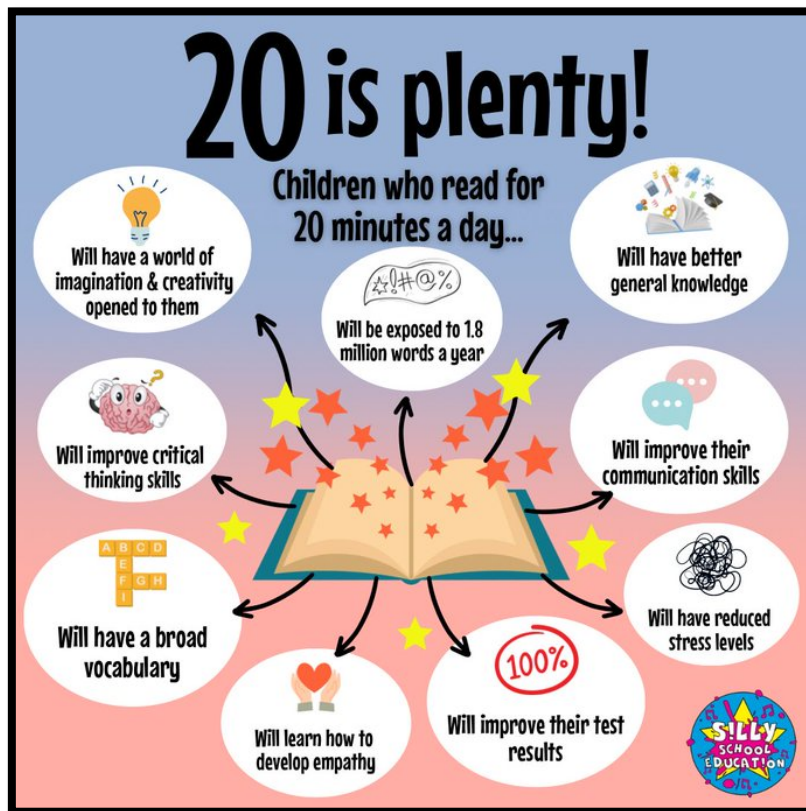
We are working with a company called Feeding Families who provides prepacked boxes of food. They supply boxes which would feed 2 people for 3-5 days. The boxes are filled with ambient food which does not require refrigeration and foods usually have a shelf life of a month minimum. E.g. 19 to 20 items such as UHT milk, canned goods, cereal...



**We have boxes in school ready to collect** so please do make contact if this would make a difference to you :)

**No questions, no forms, no proof of need, no judgements and total confidence**

#AFSReads



Just look at the impact of reading for 20 minutes a day... Reading together, being read to, being exposed to books at home and through the library are all brilliant ways to start your 20 is plenty challenge.

## Computer Safety

We are working towards our National Online Schools Certified Schools Accreditation. The children and staff have completed their part. Please register for membership and we can send you a course to help us gain this accreditation <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/archibald-first-school>

You can also download their app. These are 10 ways in which the app can help your child keep safe online (see attached photo)

### 10 Ways You Can Get the Most out of OUR NEW APP

- CONNECT THROUGH YOUR PHONE**  
Registration and device linking is done through your smartphone, granting you the knowledge of what's on your screen.
- GET ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE INSTANTLY**  
Our database offers instant access to over 1000 pieces of information, giving you instant information whenever you need it - you rock!
- STAY UP TO DATE ALL THE TIME**  
Our content is always up to date, so you can stay on top of the latest news and updates. You'll always be up to date on the latest news.
- FIND WHAT YOU NEED STRAIGHT AWAY**  
Our content is easy to search and find. You can find what you need in seconds, so you can get on with your day.
- PERSONALISE YOUR CONTENT**  
Highlight and save the resources that are most relevant to you, so you can find them anytime you need them. It's all about you!
- MAKE YOUR SAY**  
You can make your voice heard by reporting any content that you think is inappropriate. We'll investigate and remove it if we can.
- PUT EXPERTISE IN YOUR HANDS**  
Our resources are developed by experienced online safety experts, so you can be sure you're getting the best advice possible.
- KICK OFF THE CONVERSATION**  
Our report content will give you levels of concern and advice on how to respond. It's all about you!
- FIND OUT ABOUT ONLINE RISKS**  
We've got hundreds of resources that explain the risks of online safety. It's all about you!
- GO TO THE TOP OF THE CLASS**  
Watch our insightful FREE parent course on 'How to keep your child safe online'. It's all about you!

National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

## Signs of Spring



**Gosforth Schools' Trust**

# Signs of Spring

## PHOTO COMPETITION

Take a picture to show signs of spring.

**COMPETITION DEADLINE**  
**APRIL 26**

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED**  
**MAY 03**

Email or hand in your photograph to your school along with your name and year group. A school winner will be selected for EYFS, Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6 and Years 7&8.

A GST winner will be selected for each group.

Show your photography skills to win a prize.

**GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!**

It feels like Spring has finally started and we have taken this opportunity to launch a project across all eleven schools in the Gosforth Schools' Trust.

We are asking the children to take a photograph which shows the signs of Spring. There will be a school winner for each age range (Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2). There will also be winners selected across the Trust for each of these groups. All pictures will be proudly displayed in school. The deadline is April 26th - please email your pictures into school or print a copy to hand in with your child's name and class written on the back.

Good luck - we cannot wait to see your entries!

## Walking and Wheeling to School

Archibald families - you are amazing at active travel to and from school! You love that healthy start to the day and you are fabulous at reducing pollution around our school. [#BigWalkandWheel](#) [@Sustrans](#)

Just look at our results for the last two weeks...



## School Dates - Summer 1 2024

### April 2024

- 15 Welcome back to school for the summer term
- 15 Year 2 visit to the synagogue
- 16 Year 4 visit to the Laing Art Gallery
- 16 Class 2 Parent Lunch
- 19 Post Adoption Lunch 12pm
- 19 PTFA Bake Sale – Class 4 3.15 pm
- 22 World Earth Day at Archibald
- 29 SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am

### May 2024

- 01 Year 4 optional visit to the Theatre
- 01 Class 8 Parent Lunch
- 08 Class Photograph Day
- 09 RNLI Safety Talks
- 13 – 24 Class 7 Swimming Sessions
- 13 Year 4 Safety Works Talk
- 15 EYFS to Whitehouse Farm
- 17 PTFA Bake Sale – Class 3 3.15 pm
- 20 SEND Coffee morning with Fiona Tierney from Daisy Chain autism charity
- 20 Class 6 Assembly 2.45 pm
- 21 Class 5 Assembly 2.45 pm
- 24 School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break



### Gosforth Voices

Gosforth Voices had a great day touring round schools in Gosforth. They welcome new members with open arms so if anyone in Years 3 or 4 would like to join, please look at the contact details on our letters page.

# learn from others

## School Visits

A huge thank you to West Jesmond Primary School for letting Mrs Turner and Mrs Mullick visit them. It was a great opportunity to see other schools in action and to talk with other school leaders.

Mrs McNally and Miss Lightfoot had a brilliant visit to [@holystoneschool](#) this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Watson for showing us around your wonderful EYFS setting.

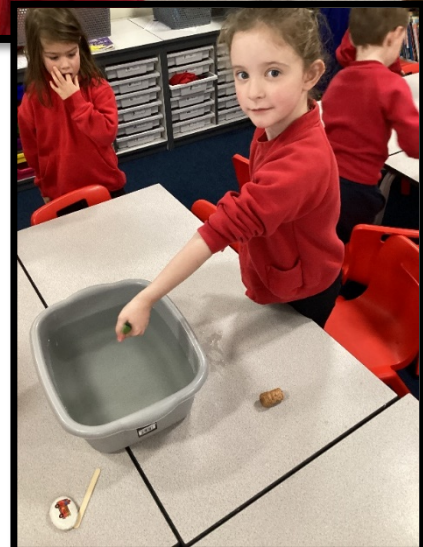
[#AFSEYFS](#)

## Year 1

Year 1 have loved being scientists this half term and carried out lots of experiments looking at floating and sinking.

We made predictions about different objects and began to think about why different things would float or sink. Then we tried adding salt to the water and this made an egg float!

We talked about density and even looked at Mrs Sinclair's chocolate bar and the air pockets inside. Maybe this could be an experiment to try at home!



Dear Families

We are hosting a coffee morning  
with  
Daisy Chain  
(Autism and Neurodiversity  
Support Agency)

9am-10am

Monday 20th May 2024

Please come along to find out  
what support and advice they can  
offer.

Dear Archibald Families

Please come to our  
Post Adoption  
Support Lunch

Please join us to share your  
experiences, strategies, support  
agencies with other families and  
Mrs West and Mrs Ward.

12.1pm

Friday 19th April 2024  
in the school portacabin

Dear Archibald Families

Please come along to our  
**SEND Support  
Coffee Morning**

Please join us to chat to each other and to  
Mrs West & Mrs Ward in a  
supportive space to share strategies,  
discuss experiences and ask questions

9am – 10am

Monday 29th April 2024

in the school portacabin

**\*Families & School Together\***

## WOODWORK WISH LIST

Beer bottle tops

Milk bottle tops

Ribbon

Washers - various sizes

Buttons

Beads (hama beads style)

Hardware – flat braces, dowels, hinges (the  
spares that come with flat pack furniture  
sets)

Thick cardboard

Corks

Cork mats/flooring tiles

Sandpaper

Wood – pine **WITH NAILS REMOVED**

Plastic lidded containers/old tupperware to  
store small parts



We continue to work our socks off each and every day at Archibald, and we have achieved lots in our extracurricular endeavours.

Each week we host a celebration assembly and award Superstar certificates to two children from each class.

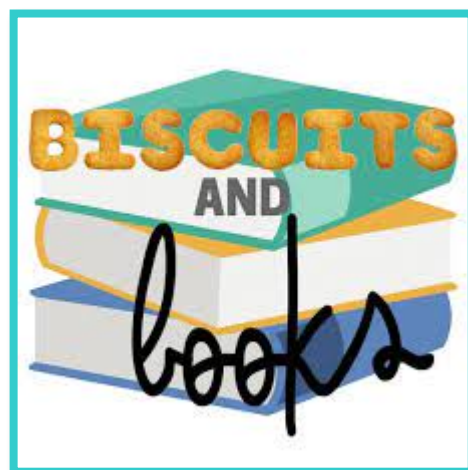
We also find out the winning team from each class which can be very exciting.

It is also a great opportunity to celebrate our children's successes and achievements out of school. We'd love to see certificates and awards brought in so we can share these with the whole school. (Please bring in on a Friday only)



### **Books and Biscuits**

Watch out for the invite to our Books and Biscuit sessions in the summer term!







## Early Years

Thank you to all the grown-ups who came to join us for our Easter Stay and Play. It was lovely to see the children showing you around and taking part in the Easter crafts. We finished off with some brilliant Easter singing using our Makaton. (Photos attached)



## Religious Celebrations at Archibald First School

Many of our families are currently taking part in Ramadan and it has been lovely to hear their journeys and experiences of Ramadan in Mrs McGurks assembly. We hope that Eid also brings happiness and a time for families to get together.

Following this, the children in Reception have also visited the church to find out about the celebrations of Easter and significant events which happen at Easter. Alongside this, we were lucky enough to have Reverent Shipton into school to deliver a whole school assembly about Easter.

Finally, Early years exploded into a multicoloured zone to share their learning about the festival of Holi! Each year group also had individual assemblies sharing their own personal experiences of festivals and their understanding and reflections of Holi.

At Archibald, this term we've definitely learnt the important of different faiths celebrating in their own unique ways. Thank you to the children for sharing these experiences. Please feel free to tweet us any photos or celebrations which you have in the holiday before our final summer term!

**THANK YOU!**

As ever, we are so grateful for the support and contributions, that you as families give to the school; thank you for the continued support!

The Archibald Team