



# Archibald First School

## Spring Term Newsletter 2

### February 2022



#### Nursery Applications

We currently have one space for Nursery 2, for children who turned 3 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Archibald First School offers 15 hours of free nursery provision to children who are aged 3 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The hours are offered as either Option 1 or Option 2. We also offer Option 3\* (full time) for 30 hours per week.

#### **Option 1:**

Monday 8.45 – 3.15  
Tuesday 8.45 – 3.15  
Wednesday 8.45 – 11.30

#### **Option 2:**

Wednesday 12.30 – 3.15  
Thursday 8.45 – 3.15  
Friday 8.45 – 3.15

#### **Option 3\* – 30 hours per week:**

Daily, Monday to Friday:  
8.45 – 3.15

\*Option 3: For those parents who are eligible for the 30-hour code. Please see the [Prospective Parents Area](#) of the website for more information on this. Here you will also find our Prospective Parent video and visit dates, as well as how to book your place. Due to the current climate of Coronavirus, we may need to rearrange these evenings. We hope our 'Welcome' presentation gives you an insight into life at Archibald!

#### **Nursery Deadline Dates for a September 2023 start**

Nursery applications will be available online from January 2022. The 2022-23 Nursery application form must be used and returned directly to the school. Please note that your child's birth certificate and proof of your home address must be shown with the application form.



**Deadline for applications: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

**Children's Cancer Run Newcastle**

The Children's Cancer Run as we know and love it will be back in 2022! Runner entries open on 1st January 2022.

15 May 2022

Find out more >

#### **Children's Cancer Run 2022**

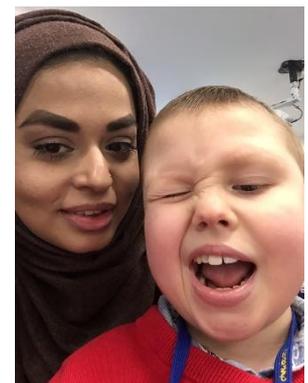
Have you and your family signed up yet? Remember to join the Archibald First School team.

As well as having fun, let's see how much money we can raise as a community to help research and treatment for children's cancer – an illness that has sadly been, and currently is, a part of our community.



Daniel McAdam

*Always a part of Archibald*





Prior to Covid, our library was run by our PTFA but it came to a standstill with restrictions linked to the pandemic. We have now recruited new parent helpers to run the library borrowing service each week.

In addition, listening to children's voice, we are in the midst of creating a calm outdoor reading space which the children can access each play and lunch break.

To sustain this, and the library being used every day, the children can also volunteer to be library listeners so that children can come for help with their reading or for the opportunity to simply share a book.

We are fully committed to promoting reading from Nursery to Year 4, at home and in school, and by the children, staff and parents!

As we work to re-establish our library we have taken stock of our reading resources. Sadly, we have discovered that whilst our shelves are/were full, we do not have a range of high quality, diverse texts which will captivate, interest or enthuse our children as readers.

The reality is that many of the books were dated - we opened in 1908, and whilst not quite that old, the books certainly appeared that way to the children; many contained themes not appropriate to the modern-day era e.g. referring to boys and girls 'jobs'; we have huge collections of books such as Rainbow Fairies, Jacqueline Wilson, Beast Quest and Horrible Histories but lack diversity, and as for our nonfiction and poetry selection... mmm.

In short, we have had to remove many books (please note that where possible we have donated these to charity). This means that our shelves are sparse. We need a significant spend on a range of genres, authors etc. and this is vital if our relaunched library is to be successful.

As we lead up to world book day, we are busy considering ideas to raise funds for books. Currently we are considering:

- A sponsored read
- A donation on ParentPay
- An amazon wish list for donations

A colorful logo with the word 'NEW' in red, orange, and yellow, and 'BOOKS' in green, blue, and purple. The letters are bold and have a white outline.

**Please take part in our survey <https://forms.office.com/r/axisG5Yj6f> regarding fundraising ideas prior to 10.30am on 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

## **Clubs at Archibald**

We are excited to announce 2 new clubs, for spring term 2.

Reception – Tumbles and Grumbles

The main aim is to empower your children and make First Aid and Life Saving skills fun by giving them an understanding of how to help themselves, family or friends in an emergency. With Tumbles the Tiger, the helpful Paramedic, and Grumbles the gorilla, the mischievous explorer to help take us through each session and all learning is child-led and done through fun, play, music and team-work.

KS1 and KS2 – STEMKids

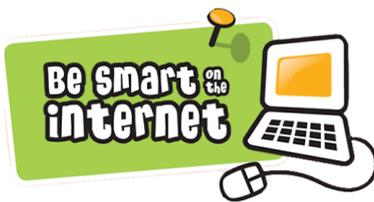
Young Engineers - Children construct a range of projects and all projects can be taken home.

Letters will be sent out soon for you to register your child's interest for these new clubs. Please wait for letters to be sent to you before registering your interest.

[clubsandvisits@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:clubsandvisits@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk)

We have a new email address to use for communications regarding any clubs, visits and events in school. Please use this address (not the admin address), so your email is not missed due to the huge increase in the number of emails being sent to admin. Thank you.

## **Digital Literacy & Safer Internet Week**



Safer Internet Week occurs in February 2022. We would like to invite you to a Parent Workshop at 5pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Digital Literacy (E-Safety) is well embedded into our computing curriculum with lessons delivered to every year group at the start of each academic year. Further lessons are then delivered through our PSHE curriculum throughout the year and the key messages reinforced in our computing sessions. During Safer Internet Week, each class will dedicate their computing lesson to an additional session



Can your child tell you 5 ways to stay safe using technology?

Watch out on our Twitter feed @Archibaldfirst for our Wake-Up Wednesday posts linked to online safety and advice about the latest games, apps and platforms.



## Healthy Schools

You may have noticed the new TV adverts for the NHS food scanner app mentioned in last week's newsletter. If you haven't had a chance to download it yet, or navigate it fully, it's worth exploring. It can not only help you to find healthier food swaps, it also has an info tab which has links to a range of excellent family friendly recipes and information on the better health website. In the app store, you may also spot that the NHS has another app called 'Easy Meals' which has yet more meal ideas and advice.

### Safeguarding

Mrs Turner is our Designated Safeguarding Leader with Mrs Mullick, Mrs Graham, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Ward our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders.

If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us.

If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.

Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000

There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public.  
<https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public>

**Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility**



### Children's Mental Health Week

Our children's mental health and well-being is key every day. Staff will revisit key messages linked to this in association with Children's Mental health week.

Mrs Watson is currently completing her training to be our Senior Mental Health Leader in school.

**Parents  
Evening**

These will be the week of 14<sup>th</sup> March and invitations to book appointments will be sent out via Teachers 2 Parents shortly.

We will host these face-to-face for 1 parent to attend. Please arrive only 5 minutes before your appointment time.

## **Achievement Partner Report**

Our Achievement Partner visited school last week to look at the Behaviour and attitudes in school. He spent the morning in classes, outside on the yard with children, had discussions with the children and also gathered staff voice.

*'In summary the evidence from the morning of the visit advocates that positive behaviour and attitudes continue to be a consistent strength within the school. The staff team work hard to maintain this, and take effective action to address issues as they arise. Pupils enjoy their time in school and understand what they need to do if they are experiencing problems.'*



Support from the PTFA for school continues to be fabulous – thank you to you all for enabling this to happen. Including the mini Christmas fairs, the elf packs, the raffle and the Christmas cards we have raised **£1,773.33** this Christmas alone.

So far this year with the help of the PTFA...

- Reception have visited Seven Stories
- Christmas Tree
- Christmas crackers
- Nursery will take part in an art workshop
- Years 3 and 4 have had their work with 'That History Bloke' supported
- Year 1 have enjoyed an Artic Workshop
- New cushions and flooring for the gazebo to establish a quiet reading area outdoors have been purchased
- New seating for our indoor library has been purchased
- A school set of litter picking equipment has been purchased

**We are also looking forward to seeing who our new PTFA committee will be!**



Ladybird  
Children's Nursery  
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Welcome to Ladybird Playgroup who opened in the portacabin on 31<sup>st</sup> January. If you are looking for playgroup provision for your child, please contact Jenny on [jenny.ladybird@outlook.com](mailto:jenny.ladybird@outlook.com)



### Playground Pals

Our Playground Pals have got off to a brilliant start with children revelling in the responsibility of helping to ensure that playtimes are successful and happy for all their peers. Each play or lunch break, two children from each class are chosen as playtime pals.



### Play Spaces

We have also increased the areas the children can play in allowing them to burn off their energy and have more space to play and have fun in. The playtime game boxes are back out too!

Crucially, we have re-established the rota for the court area to enable everyone to have the opportunity to use the space and engage in a range of sports.

		<u>Sports</u> <u>2021-22</u>			
Day	Group on Court	Activity			
Monday	Morning: KS1, KS2	Netball			
	Lunch: KS2				
	Afternoon: KS1				
Tuesday	Morning: KS1, KS2	Basketball			
	Lunch: KS2				
	Afternoon: KS1				
Wednesday	Morning: KS1, KS2	Hockey			
	Lunch: KS2				
	Afternoon: KS1				
Thursday	Morning: KS1, KS2	Football			
	Lunch: KS2				
	Afternoon: KS1				
Friday	Morning: KS1, KS2	Handball			
	Lunch: KS2				
	Afternoon: KS1				

EYFS: To access Yard/Daily Mile suited to their own timetable.








We will look for feedback from the children in a few weeks' time to see how it is working!

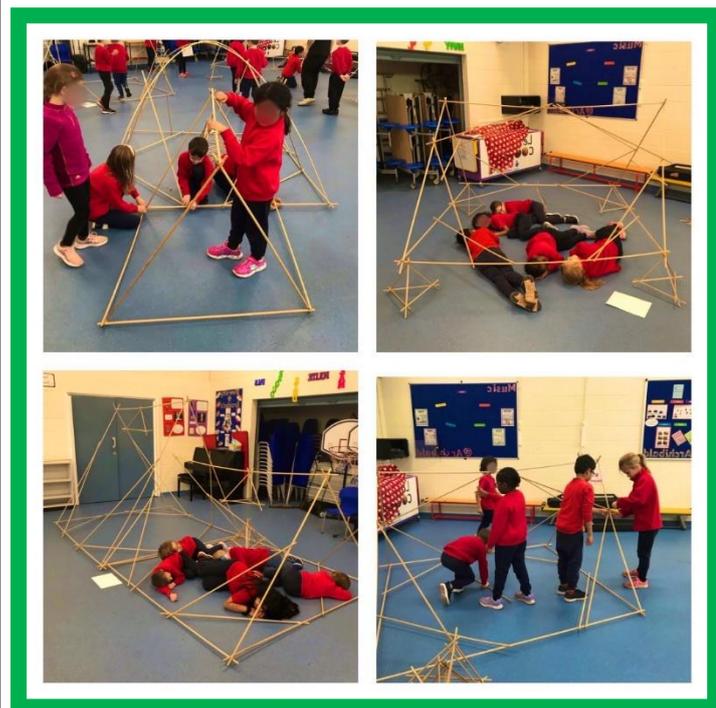


**Nursery** are really enjoying their weekly yoga sessions. The children are fantastic at listening to the instructions and making some of the tricky yoga poses. We are so proud of you Nursery!

Mrs McNally and Mrs Watson.

"I like yoga with my friends. We have fun!" - C

"I love listening to the story and making the shapes." – J



**Year 2** were lucky enough to have Martin from Architecture Workshop in to support our Grand Designs topic. In groups, we used our Knowledge to create a suitable structure for each location. We showed super determination, resilience and teamwork and our final structures were superb! Thank you for a wonderful day, Architecture Workshop! Read all about it on our school website: <https://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/news/year-2s-grand-designs/>

**Key Stage 1** had two lovely visitors come and teach us about road safety. We learned about safe places to cross the road, how to dress safely in the dark, and recapped our Green Cross Code. Thank you! #ResponsibleCitizens



**Year 1** had a super exciting workshop with Rob from Wilderness Outdoor Education. He taught us all about survival in polar climates. What to wear, how to eat, sleep and even how to use the toilet!

"I loved going in the emergency tent" – P

"You have to put all of your things at the bottom of the sleeping bag so that they don't get frozen!" – D

"I learnt how to survive in a snow storm" – L

**Key Stage 2 Updates to follow in Newsletter 3**