



Archibald First School

Summer Term Newsletter 1

May 2022



So many CONGRATULATIONS to share...

Deputy Head
Teacher



I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Mullick has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher (Full time). Mrs Mullick has been a huge support to me over the last 7 months and risen to every challenge presented to her. I look forward to working even more closely with her in her role as Deputy.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Howard who are expecting their first baby together in October. As ever the staff are very excited and are already debating who will get the first cuddle when we get to meet Baby Howard.

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♥ 2022



Miss White started with us as a PGCE student before we grabbed her with both hands to become a member of teaching staff. It has been an absolute pleasure to have her as part of our teaching team. Over the last 7 months, Miss White has also stepped into the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher – for this I must say a huge thank you!

However, it is now time for Miss White to venture to pastures new as she leaves Newcastle to settle with her partner near his home town. We have already sent messages to her new school to tell them how lucky they are!

Mr Morrow and his wife are expecting a sibling for Jacob. Baby number two is due in October. We wonder whether it will be Baby Howard or Baby Morrow who arrives first...



After a very rigorous selection process, Mrs McNally has been appointed as our new Early Years Leader. Mrs McNally is already bursting with energy and ideas to continue to ensure our unit provides the very best for all of our children and staff. We know that she will be fabulous!

Parent Governor

We will be hosting an election for the role of parent governor in the new academic year. Please feel free to speak with any of our current governors to find out more about this role.



Year 2 Updates

Last Friday, Year 2 represented Archibald at the Newcastle Citywide Key Step Gymnastics competition. We are so #AFSProud of the pupils who attended as, not only did they show brilliant self-belief and passion, but they also respected & celebrated each and every gymnast they competed alongside. To top it off, they came second across the city! 🏆



Shh! Top secret information! Year 2 pupils have qualified as Secret Agents! They have worked their socks off completing a variety of tasks for Special Agent KS12456. They have thoroughly enjoyed tackling these tasks, completing Blooket quizzes, crack-the-code activities, and Draw with Rob sketches, too! To quote the children, it was the 'best day ever!' To celebrate, Special Agent KS12465 organised a graduation ceremony complete with Secret Agent equipment for the future! Well done, Year 2, you are all brilliant!

This half term Year 2 have been lucky enough to have Matthew from PE Sports Service in each Friday to take our PE sessions. He has taught us skills needed for striking and fielding and in the words of the children, it has been 'totally awesome'.

Class 5 have absolutely adored visiting Forest School this half term with Mr. Holman! We have enjoyed creating art with natural materials such as charcoal from the fire pit, as well as using potato peelers to whittle a stick into a wand. We have played lots of fun outdoor games and found lots of creepy crawlies and even a frog! Thank you Mr. H!



School Uniform and Shoes



Our updated uniform policy will be available on the school website as of 7th June.

It requests that all children have a school jumper/cardigan and a PE t-shirt with the Archibald logo on. These can be purchased from Tots to Teams.

All other uniform can be purchased at any store in the school colours.

This does not mean that current jumpers/cardigans need to be replaced. We ask that when you do replace current jumpers, cardigans and PE T-Shirts that the logo versions are purchased.

*****All jumpers, cardigans and PE T-Shirts should have the logo on by September 2023*****

Thank you for supporting us.

The school has a uniform of red sweatshirts, plain navy trousers, pinafores or skirts with white polo shirts.

Red and white checked summer school dresses may be worn in the warmer months.

Jeans, striped tracksuit bottoms or combat trousers are not allowed.

School shoes should be plain and dark in colour, appropriate to the age of the children and provide adequate protection for your child's feet. Football shoes and trainers, irrespective of the colour or type, are not allowed.

School sweatshirts/cardigans and PE t-shirts must have the school logo on. All other items can be purchased with or without the school logo.

There is the option to purchase a PE hoodie with the school logo for PE days only. No other hoodies may be worn for school.

Items with the school logo can be purchased from Tots to Teams at Kingston Park.

World Book Day Reading Challenge

A huge thank you to you all. We raised a whopping £2000 in our sponsored read and book donation initiative. Class libraries and school cupboards have been replenished with a vast array of new texts.



Do Something Daft to Make Someone Smile

Our Daft Day at school raised £570 which will be shared between the two charities of the Gosforth Schools' Trust: Daft as a Brush and Café Beam.

Jubilee

Tomorrow the children will enjoy wearing red, white and blue or their party clothes. They will all get the chance to bounce on the bouncy castle or slide down the inflatable slide as well as having a school picnic together.

Year 4 Updates

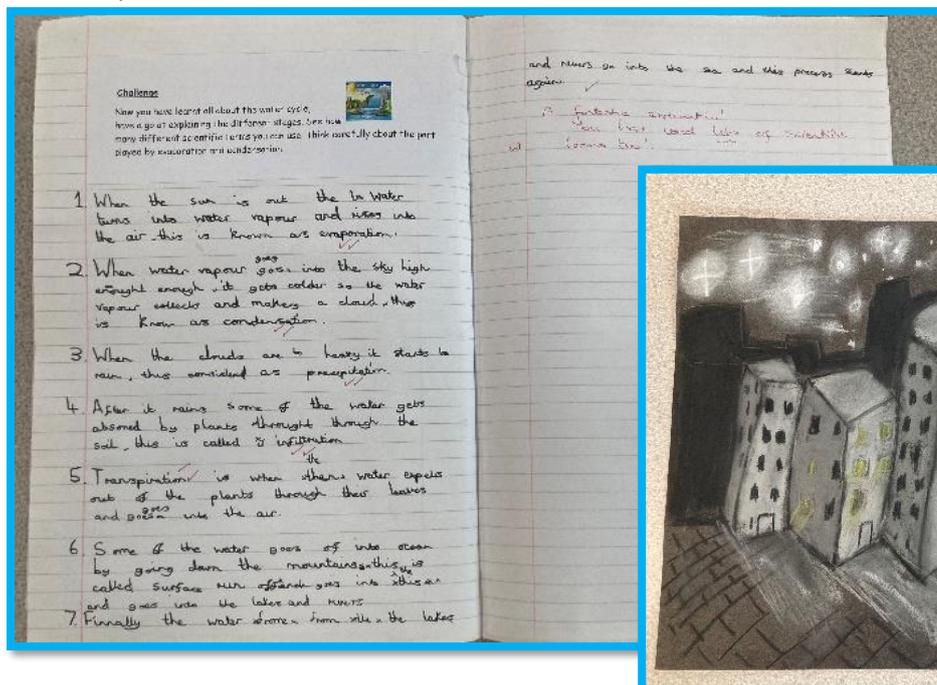
Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Beamish Museum, where they put their historical knowledge to good use and impressed everyone there! We had a great day experiencing what life was like for the young miners and exploring the pit village. A trip to the Victorian fairground was enjoyed by all before rounding off with a stroll through the Town and a visit to the famous sweet shop to sample some of its wares. After visiting the new 1950s town, which included a tour of Norman Cornish's house, we ended with a farm visit and a tram ride back. We all had a brilliant day and even the weather was kind to us too!



Two fabulous pieces of work below...

QiQi used chalk pastels to create a 3D skyline. We took inspiration from Georgia O'Keefe's famous picture of the Radiator Building in New York.

Marc wrote a fantastic explanation about the Water Cycle – the challenge was to include as many scientific terms as possible.





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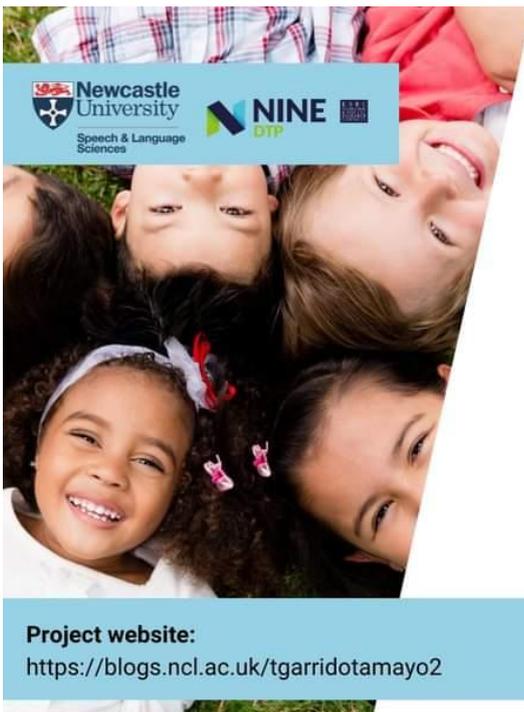
Get ready to spend **#30DaysWild**

Sign up for the UK's biggest nature challenge!

30 Days Wild is The Wildlife Trusts' annual challenge where we ask everyone to do one wild thing a day throughout the month of June.

You can sign up below to receive a FREE pack - either through the post or via email (business pack only available digitally) - and receive lots of fun activities from us throughout the month to keep you inspired. Please note that only the individuals & families pack contains wildflower seeds, but don't worry - the others contain lots more fun stuff!

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>



BILINGUAL & MULTILINGUAL CHILDREN NEEDED!

Please help us try out a resource that will assist in detecting developmental language disorder in children with English as an additional language.

We are looking for 5-7-year-old children from Gateshead and Newcastle schools who:

- Use languages other than or in addition to English at home.
- Either present or do not present language difficulties.

Participation will involve engaging in fun language activities! Parents and teachers will also be asked to share details on children's language development and use. £10 Amazon vouchers will be provided to thank families for their cooperation.

Project website:

<https://blogs.ncl.ac.uk/tgarridotamayo2>



For more details, please contact Teresa (researcher) at:
t.garrido-tamayo2@newcastle.ac.uk

PTFA Library Volunteers Wanted

Are you free on a Monday between 11.50 and 1.30?
Would you be able to help run our school library on a rota basis?

Please contact Anna, Lizzie and Rebecca via
archibaldchair@yahoo.co.uk



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Class Swaps

The teachers are busy looking at the children in Reception and Year 2 to formulate the new classes for September 2022 as the children head into Year 1 and Year 3 respectively. A letter will follow in June.

Forest School



We are so lucky to have both Mrs Ward and Mr Holman trained as Forest School Leaders.

During 2021-22, Nursery and Reception have taken part in Forest School all year. Over the school year we have also been able to give the children in years 1 and 2 three to four sessions each. We are hoping to take the children in years 3 and 4 out for a ½ day session too in the final part of the school year.

But in bigger news, from September 2022 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will take part in forest school for most of the school year whilst Years 2 to 4 will have at least 12 weeks of forest school across the year.

SEND Coffee Morning

Parents and carers of children with special educational needs are invited to come along to our coffee morning 9-10am on Wednesday 22nd June 2022.

Please come along to share your ideas, experiences and strategies over a cup of coffee.



Archibald Toddlers

Toddlers is open for September and Mrs West is taking names. Please contact Mrs West to register your interest diana.west@archibaldfirstschool.co.uk (new email as of 7th June)





Buckingham Palace

Does anyone recognise this very proud parent?

Mr Holman accompanied his son Ben, an Archibald Leaver, to Buckingham Palace to receive his award for completing his Gold Duke of Edinburgh challenge.

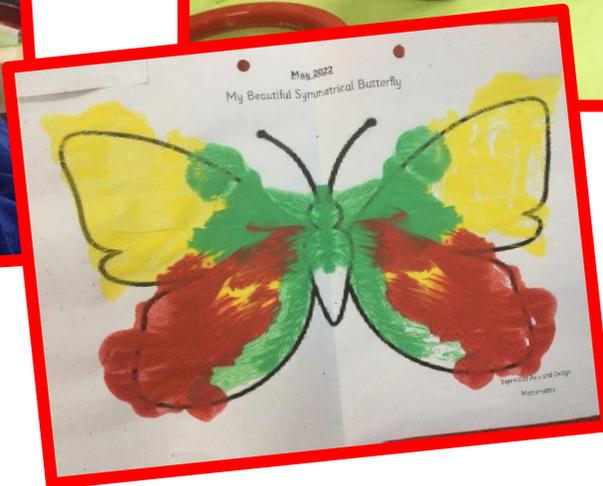
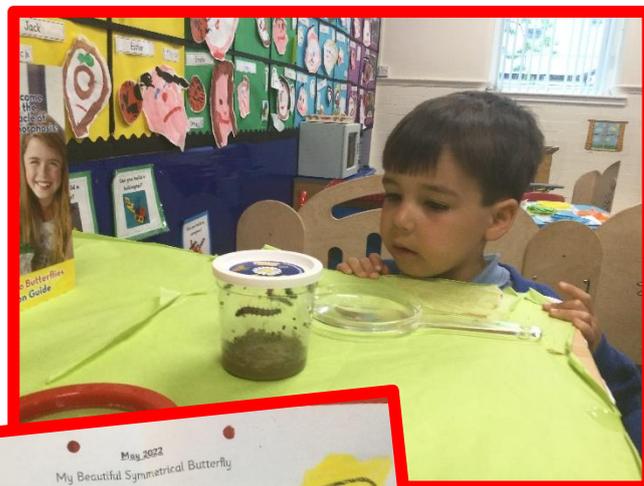
Congratulations Ben!

Mr Holman – we love the suit!



Nursery Updates

We have been very excited in Nursery to welcome some special guests; five little caterpillars! The children have been very curious to watch as they have grown into bigger caterpillars and then into five chrysalises. The children have shown great care and consideration with our visitors, what lovely children we have in our Nursery. We all can't wait to see them turn into butterflies! Nursery have completed some amazing work about caterpillars and butterflies, we are so proud of all of our Nursery children!



Parent Questionnaire

If you haven't already done so, please see the results and feedback to the parent Questionnaire 2022 on the Letters page of the website.

Amongst the questionnaire returns there were a small minority who expressed dissatisfaction. We are sorry that your experiences at Archibald are not as positive as we would wish for.

Our door is open if you would like to take the opportunity to come into school so that we understand what has happened and address any concerns held. As the questionnaire can be anonymous, we hope these families can come and approach us before the end of the school year so we can work with them.

We also would like you to know that if you do have any issues, we are available throughout the year and can therefore address these with you there and then as opposed to waiting for the annual questionnaire to share these.



Sunflowers

How is your sunflower doing? Remember our competition (poster on the next page)

Lots of fun in year 1!

We have had so much fun in year 1 this half term.

Our pumpkins are growing well and are ready to be re-potted before we move them outside.



We have been looking at fruits and vegetables in DT, we learnt that fruits all have seeds. Some of us were very surprised that cucumbers, peppers and courgettes were actually fruits!

We also learnt the skill of colour mixing in art. We mixed primary colours to make the secondary colours and then used these to produce a final piece based on the work of Paul Klee.



Reception Updates

Reception have been reading the book *What the Ladybird heard on Holiday*. They were then made aware that the Queen's crown has gone missing. The children are very concerned about this as they know the Queen needs to have it back ready for the Jubilee.

But where has it gone? Who could have it? *Does anyone know of anyone who has been to Buckingham Palace recently?*

W/c 23rd May 2022



- To be able to spell words by identifying the sounds
- To be able to write simple sentences that can be read by others
- To begin to read back my work to check it
- To work on my handwriting style, ensuring I follow the correct routes for my letters.

How could we stop the Queens crown being stolen?



I think the crown has been lost becous the queen has left it in the bath when she was having a wash for the jubilee.

I think the crown is stolen. I am going to call the police the police will help me find it on 999.

I think the crown has been stolen becuz th a FeeF ha? broakin.

Let's Get Planting!

We are having a Sunflower & Pumpkin Growing Competition!



Tweet us your home grown sunflowers & pumpkins @ArchibaldFirst using the hashtags #AFSSunflowers & #AFSPumpkinPatch - we can't wait to see the final results!

We will have prizes for the tallest sunflower w/c 18th July 2022! In Autumn 2022, we will celebrate the biggest pumpkin, and we will host a pumpkin carving competition!



Happy Growing!



Dates for the Diary...

May 2022

27 School closes at 3.15pm for the half-term break

June 2022

- 06 School is closed to children for a staff development day
- 07 School opens for summer term 2 at 8.45am – welcome back!
- 08 Class Photograph Day
- 13 Class 8 Swimming Lessons begin for two weeks
- 14 Reception Circus Skills
- 28 Year 2 to the Aquarium
- 29 Reception to Year 4 Beach Trip

July 2022

- 02 PTFA Summer Fair
- 04 Class 2 Assembly
- 05 Class 1 Assembly
- 06 Year 4 transition visit
- 06 In school transition and new starter visits
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- 12 Year 4 Leaver's Assembly
- 13 Class 9 residential visit to Hawkhurst
- 18 Class 10 residential visit to Hawkhurst
- 18 Wellbeing Week
- 22 School closes at 3.15pm for the summer break



Watch this space for news about the PTFA summer fair and our sports days!!!