



School Newsletter

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024
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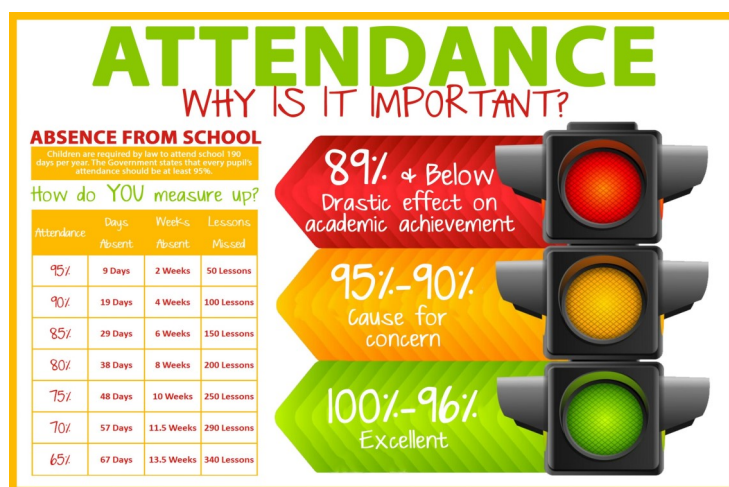
MESSAGE FROM MR LAMORTE - HEADTEACHER

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening on the 27th and 29th of February. It was lovely to see so many of you in school, supporting your children's education, and looking at some of the fantastic work they have been doing in core subjects. It was great to see some of you accessing the uniform SwapShop and trading in old grown uniforms for new bigger ones, with even a few purchases made for a small nominal fee. It's great to be able to share some of these old uniforms during a time when everything is becoming more expensive.

It was also great to see so many of you visiting the food tasting stand in the KS2 hall, hosted by Chartwells and cooked by our wonderful chef Mrs Parry. The chicken pasta bake and veggie chilli went down a storm, as did the desserts and fruit. A huge thank you to Chartwells and Mrs Parry for preparing for this event in school. See photos below. ***Doesn't both Mrs Parry & the food look wonderful!***



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL - Please be considerate when parking around school. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ACROSS THE DRIVEWAYS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.



Research shows that a high level of attendance in school enables children to progress well and achieve their best. Effectively, those children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better academic outcomes. Attendance at Wychall is not as good as it should be and is below national expectations. As such, I have been supporting the Attendance and Pastoral teams to conduct home visits. Whilst we are here to support families to improve their child's attendance, where this does not occur quickly enough, we are required to inform the Local Authority and fines may be issued. This is also the case for unauthorised term time holidays. So far this academic year, £728 worth of fines have been issued to parents at Wychall Primary School and 7 further cases have been submitted to the Local Authority. This is not something we do lightly, but it is important that this is shared with parents. Attendance was discussed at parents' evening this week. If your child's attendance is below 90%, it is a cause for concern, and an absence cannot be authorised without medical evidence. Our target is for all children to achieve 95% and we currently have 90 children who have 100% attendance this term, which is great!

Key Dates and Information

- Tuesday 5th March - 6ST Parent Meetings
- Thursday 7th March - 6JF Parent Meetings
- Friday 8th March - World Book Day - Dress up as a book character
- Friday 8th March - Nursery Workshop 9:15am-9:45am - Please go to the KS1 Hall
- Monday 11th March—Friday 15th March—Assessment Week (Years 1 to 5)
- Tuesday 12th March—Y1 Ikon Gallery Visit
- Thursday 14th March - Year 2 Multiplication Workshops (pm)
- Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day - Wear something red and bring a donation.
- Monday 18th March—Friday 22nd March—Assessment Week (Year 6)
- Wednesday 20th March - Autism Awareness Day - 'Light it up blue' - Wear something blue day.
- **Please take note of this Date Change:** Thursday 21st March - Parent Voice Meeting (Previously called Parent Forum / PCAF) - 2pm (all parents/carers invited)
- Friday 22nd March - Spring Disco
- Friday 22nd March - Year 4 Local Walk Visit
- Monday 22nd April - Year 5 Reading Workshop
- **Thursday 2nd May - School Closed for Voting Day (Open for Year 6)**
- Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - SATS Week
- Thursday 23rd May—Friday 24th May—Road To Paris PE Workshops Years 1-6

WORLD BOOK day

MAINS

Toad in the Hole

(Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potato,
Pork Sausages or Veggie Sausage
and Onion Gravy)

SIDES

Peas and Carrots

DESSERT

Buried Jelly Treasure or
Sticky Marmalade Roll with
'Eat Me' Custard

Menus may be subject to change



SEND
BIRMINGHAM

NHS
Birmingham Community
Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Occupational Therapy

NEW and FREE

Transitions Through Education

Online Training for Early Years and Schools

Click on the dates to access the booking link!

Preparing for Secondary School

[Friday 15th March 2024](#)

10.00 - 11.00am

[Wednesday 24th April 2024](#)

1.30 - 2.30pm

For tips and strategies to support young people who are moving from Primary School to Secondary School

Getting School Ready

[Friday 26th April 2024](#)

10.00 - 11.00am

[Wednesday 5th June 2024](#)

1.30 - 2.30pm

For tips and strategies to support children who are moving from an Early Years setting to Primary School

If you have any questions or problems with booking, please e-mail:
bchc.sendtherapy@nhs.net



SEND Therapy Team

A Message from Ms Porter

Attendance

- Just a friendly reminder that if your child is absent then please notify the office or attendance by 8:30am or at your earliest convenience.
- Please make sure you provide a valid reason for absence.

Competition

- Congratulations to Ahmed in 2PW who won last term's attendance raffle prize of an android tablet.
- **This term's attendance raffle prize is a mystery family day out!**
- To be in a chance of winning then you must have 97% or more attendance by the time the prize is drawn on 21st March 2024. Good Luck!



Old Uniform

If you have any old uniform including pumps, tights and socks that you no longer need and would be happy to donate to school, please bring these into the office.

Thank you

Food Aid

If you are in a position whereby you are struggling to provide meals for yourself or children, please come and see us. We are a food bank referral agency.

The B30 foodbank operates from Friends Meeting House in Cotteridge on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly.

If you feel this service would benefit you please come and speak to Miss Stanley or Mrs Jones in confidence.

What to do if you are worried about a Child

We are very lucky that we have such a supportive community, whereby families often contact us directly if they have seen or know something of concern relating to any of our pupils. We appreciate that families and the community are the eyes and ears for vulnerable children so please see below organisations that you can contact directly if you have genuine concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any child.

West Midlands Police - 999 (if the child is in immediate danger)

NSPCC - 0800 800 5000 - Report child abuse

Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 or cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

Online Information from the NSPCC for parents can be found at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Household Support Fund

Household support fund is still taking applications until March 2024. If you have not made an application within the last 12 months please email enquiry@wychall.drbnitemat.org with your contact details and a member of the pastoral team will call you for more information.

Arbor Parent App

Why are we moving to the Arbor Parent App?

DRB Ignite Multi Academy Trust is transferring all of its schools from ScholarPack to Arbor. The company Arbor own ScholarPack which is no longer being supported for development.

Moving to Arbor will also help us to reduce the number of Apps that we ask parents to use This was raised by the Parent Voice Group.

Arbor is efficient and a secure system which will support communication between yourselves and us.

Take a look at the information below to find out more about the Arbor App!

What can you do on the Arbor Parent App?

- Make payments for school dinners
- Make payments for and trips
- View your child's attendance
- See messages sent by school
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Coming Soon

- View your child's Behaviour information
- View and book onto clubs
- View and book parents evening appointments
- Further areas may be available moving forward

What you need to do

Follow the guide on the second page on how to download the app.

You will receive an email or text message from us with a link to create your account. **If we have an email on file for you, the message will default to email.**

If you do not receive an activation email or text message, please contact the office. To ensure your email is correct with us, please check with the office.

Parent Pay Payments

Payments can be made using Parent Pay until the end of next week (Monday 11th March 2024) to clear payments currently due to date.

From Wednesday 6th March 2024, you can make payments through the Arbor Parent App. Balances on this day will be for meals from Monday 19th February onwards. Remaining Parent Pay balances will be added to Arbor in the upcoming weeks if not cleared by Sunday 17th March 2024.



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

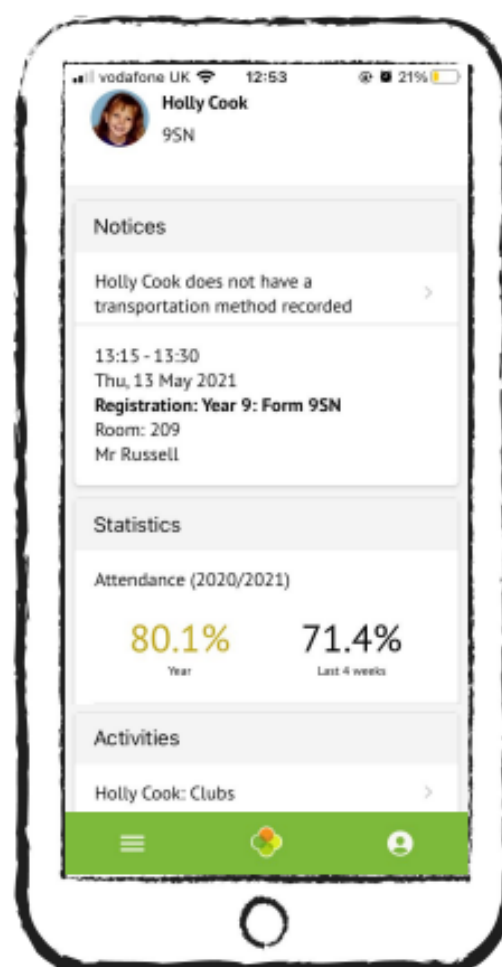
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

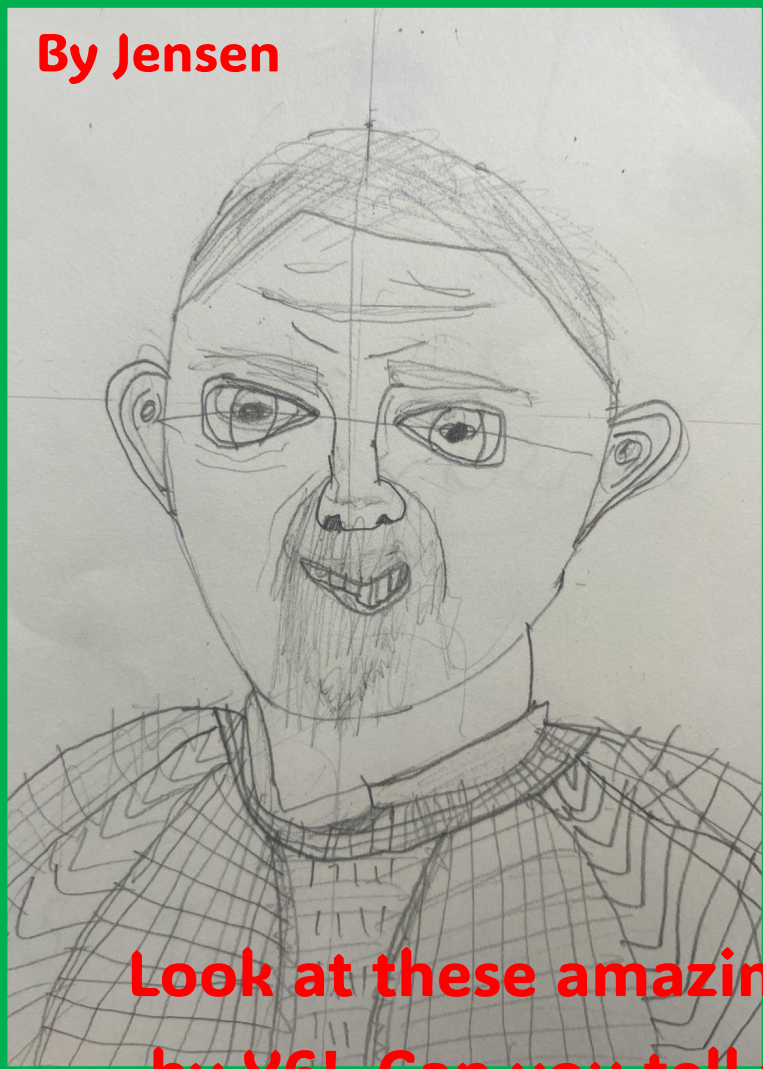
To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

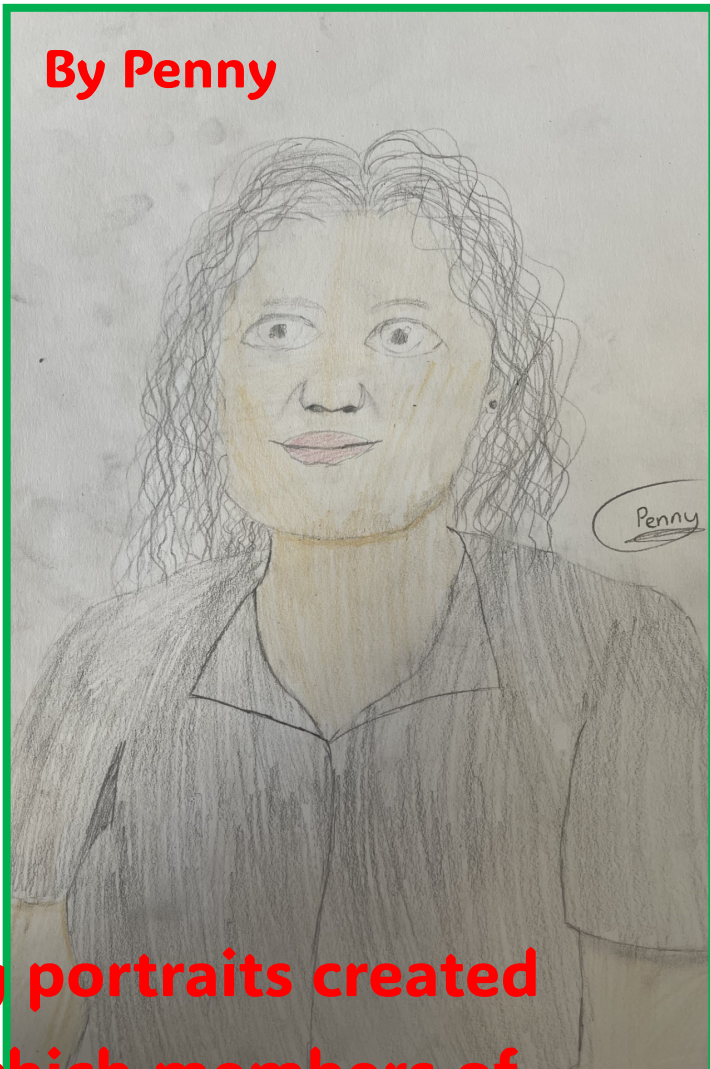
1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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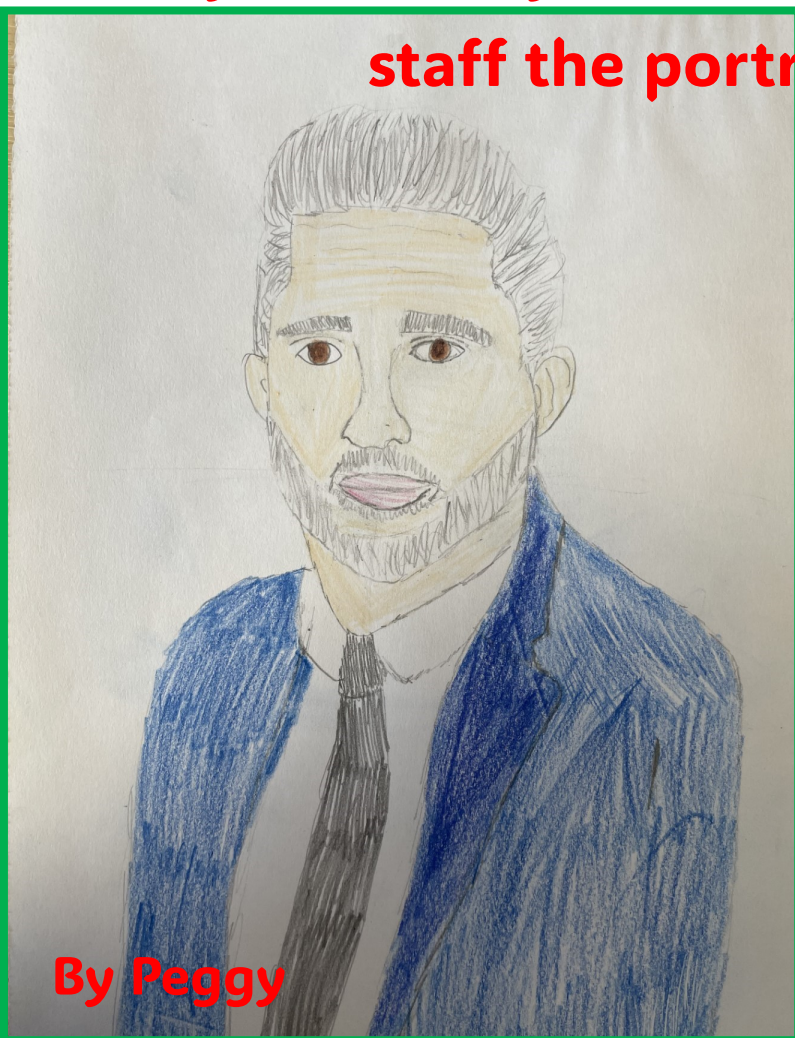
By Penny



Look at these amazing portraits created by Y6! Can you tell which members of

staff the portraits are of?

By Peggy



By Lilly

