



School Newsletter

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

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MESSAGE FROM MR LAMORTE - HEADTEACHER

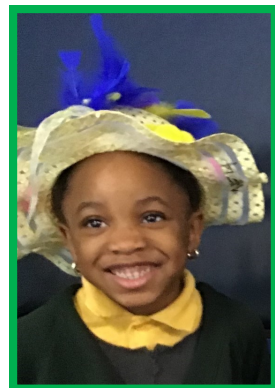
Well, the Easter holiday certainly went by in a blink, but we're really looking forward to seeing the children back at school tomorrow. We had a really busy last few weeks of school, which included a very well attended 'Parent Voice' meeting, where we discussed how to develop the community feel around school. This included the request to hold coffee mornings so that parents/carers and family members can meet and talk. We are really hoping to facilitate this during the Summer Term. We also discussed our 'Golden Charter' as we look to revamp our school rules for September, and attendees contributed brilliantly. It was great to see so many new people and we hope this continues in future meetings.

Diversity week was a real success and it was lovely to see many different varieties of the colour blue being worn by the children, on Wednesday 20th March, to raise awareness of Autism. An assembly was held for all children to discuss what Autism is and the impact that it can have for those that have it. Questions were raised in the 'Parent Voice' meeting about how well the children understood what Autism is, however the pupil voice conducted by Mrs Foulds with a good number of children, showed a wide range of age appropriate understanding, e.g., A Y6 child stated, *"It is where a kid's mind is functioning differently and thinks differently about everything. They might need help with certain things – they might find some things easier and some things harder."* A Y2 child stated *"It's when you see the world in a different way, its when you do different things and some activities are harder and some are easier."*



We also enjoyed our Easter celebrations, where a special assembly was held by Mr Andy Mullen from the Gospel Hall, who came into school to tell us the Easter Story and the special message it carries for Christians. He even played the piano for us which was a a very special treat. A huge THANK YOU to him for joining us.

Early Years looked seriously cute during their Easter Bonnet parade, and it was lovely to see that such a big effort was made to ensure a successful event. The children looked wonderful and it was obvious that family members who attended were very proud of their children, and rightly so! The singing was enthusiastic and the smiles were infectious. Thanks to the children and staff for putting on this lovely event and to the parents / carers for supporting it to well. It was also lovely seeing children hunting for Easter Eggs at playtime to see how many different eggs they could find. 12 was the answer and well done to 6ST who were the closest in KS2 and to 1AB for being the closest in KS1.



I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mrs Watson will be retiring this year, with her final day of school being Friday 19th April. Mrs Watson has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Wychall Primary School for almost 16 years and she will be missed by the children and staff alike. She has made a positive contribution to school life and has always wanted the very best for the children in her care. We wish her a long and happy retirement, but know she will be back to visit us.



Key Dates and Information

- Tuesday 9th April - School re-opens
 - Monday 22nd April - Year 5 Reading Workshop
 - **Thursday 2nd May - School Closed for Voting Day (Open for Year 6)**
 - **Monday 6th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday**
 - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - SATS Week
 - Thursday 16th May - No Swimming for Year 3
 - Thursday 23rd May - Friday 24th May - Road To Paris PE Workshops Years 1-6
 - **Friday 24th May - School break up for Half Term**
 - Monday 3rd June - School re-opens
 - Friday 15th June - SEND Festival
 - Monday 17th June - Friday 28th June - Year 6 Swimming (Specific days to follow)
 - Friday 19th July - School breaks up for Summer - parents / carers invited to collect children at the following times.
- ⇒ 1.30 = Early Years - Year 4
- ⇒ 1.45 = Years 5 & 6

Good attendance is essential in order to ensure children can achieve their very best. Whilst attendance is steadily improving, our attendance is low compared to other schools nationally. If you need support to ensure your child attends school regularly, please speak to Mrs Porter - Attendance Lead, and Miss Stanley - Lead Deputy Lead for Safeguarding. Our aim is to ensure all children have attendance of at least 96%

ATTENDANCE

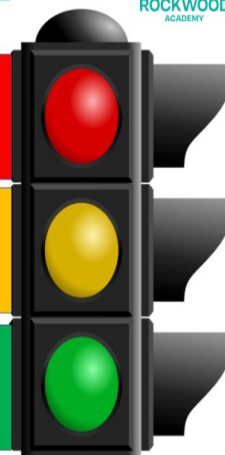
Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

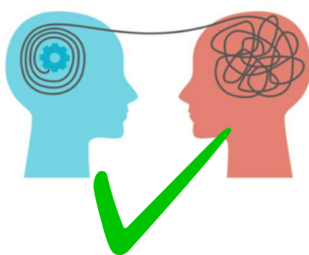
100% - 97%
Excellent!



Wychall Behaviour Expectations - we have covered two this year and will complete them all by the end of the year. Ask your children about them.



Engage with Learning



Show Empathy



Be resilient



Cooperate with others



Respect Everyone

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 William in 3AT who won the Spring Attendance Raffle Prize of tickets to Cadbury World- I hope you have a lovely time.
- Well done to Emily (6JF), Jamie (6JF) and Graycie-Mae (3AT) who have made significant change to improving their attendance - keep it up!



A Message from Ms Newman

Thank you to all those who attended the Nursery Workshop on Friday 8th March.

100% of parents/carers attended!

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/>

Arbor Parent App

How to Log In

1. Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> or the App
2. Enter your username
3. Create your password
4. Please use this guide for further support: <https://shorturl.at/nGOQ8>

Troubleshooting

1. You are unsure of your username: Please ask at the office
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3. Please inform the office or email enquiry@wychall.drbignitemat.org for support

What can you do on the Arbor App?

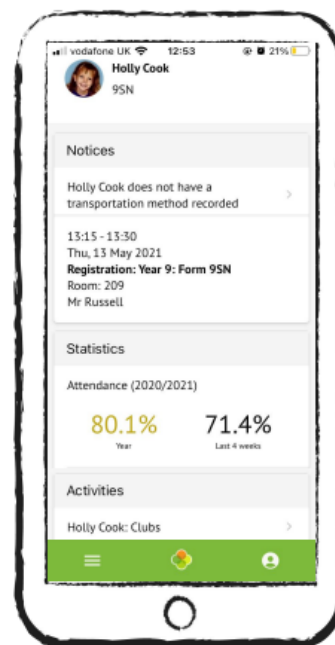
- Make payments for school dinners and toast and milk

Please note. Any due balances on Parent Pay are currently in the process of being transferred over to Arbor

- Make payments for and trips
- View your child's attendance
- See messages sent by school (This will be the main method of communicating information with you)

Coming Soon

- View your child's Behaviour information
- View and book onto clubs
- View and book parents evening appointments





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?

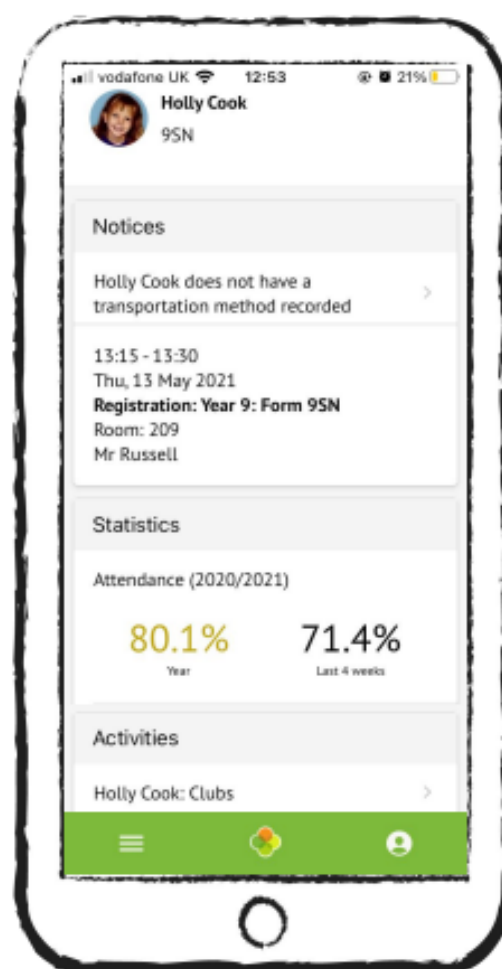
Need help using Arbor?

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.

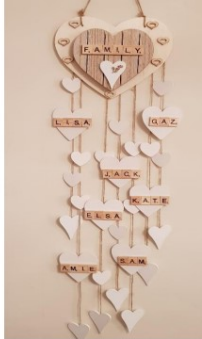
To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

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.



NOTICES FROM ALLENS CROFT



SEN/D Coffee Morning.
(For parents of children with special educational needs)

Family decorations



Please join us on Thursday 16th May 24
at 9.30-12.00
at Allens Croft Nursery School.
Come for a Coffee and a friendly chat
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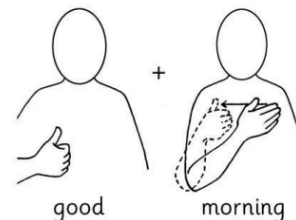
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Biscuit



Please



thank you



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Flat hand,
palm down,
covers top of
other fist.

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