



School Newsletter

FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024

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MESSAGE FROM MR LAMORTE - HEADTEACHER

Although the weather has been a little miserable, the sun is beginning to show itself and the children have started the Summer Term brilliantly. Nursery and Year 5 had a fantastic time in the Planetarium, this week, learning about Space. Here are some of the things the children said about it.

Tia - I enjoyed that it was dark inside and it was like you were actually in space. It was like we were in a rocket visiting different planets. It was great fun.

Thomas - I learned that Neptune, Jupiter and Uranus have faint rings around them, that you can only see by telescope. I didn't know this before. Flying through space and looking at the different planets was great fun.

We are beginning to make plans for the school allotment area and the children will be planting in the coming weeks. Our aim is for the year groups to share an allocated raised bed, and grow produce during the Summer. We hope to cultivate a crop of herbs, strawberries, vegetables - like peas and beans - along with radish and spring onions. We also hope to use the greenhouse to grow tomatoes and cucumbers. It's a really exciting project and we're hoping that children will become experts in the crops that they grow. Take a look at the picture below, and we'll update you with how the project develops over the Summer Term.



We will also be launching our in school sunflower growing competition soon, which was won by Senior Leaders last year!! We're planning on growing them initially in class and then planting them in the ground near the main entrance of the school. We'll keep you updated with photos. I wonder who will win the competition this year!

We will also be running a 'dwarf sunflower' competition for children to develop their green fingers at home. Soon, all children will come home with a plastic cup filled with soil, containing a carefully planted dwarf sunflower seed. We'd love children to care for their plant at home and towards the end of the academic year send in photos of how they look. The Eco Team will then choose their favourite three pictures to win a special prize. We will have a school of budding Alan Titchmarsh's and Charlie Dimmocks, in no time. It's going to be a very busy term!



I'd also like to, once again, say a HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs Watson, who is retiring today. We wish her a very long, happy and healthy retirement and hope she comes back to visit us soon. Please see a special message from her below.

Mr Lamorte



**A message from Mrs Watson -
Retiring on Friday 19th April**

"I would like to say that Wychall Primary School is an amazingly wonderful place, where children are supported and their achievements are celebrated. The children are all uniquely beautiful and have good hearts. I do and will always hold you close in my heart. Thank you all and wishing you the very best for the future."

Key Dates and Information

- 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
- Y3 Swimming 25/04/24, 02/05/24, 09/05/24, 23/05/24, 20/06/24
- 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
- Intensive Swimming Y6 Girls only 17/6/24, 18/6/24, 19/6/24, 21/06/24
- Intensive Swimming Y6 Boys 24/6/24, 25/6/24, 26/6/24, 28/6/24
- Swimming all Y6 6/6/24, 13/6/24, 4/7/24, 11/7/24, 18/7/24
- 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

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Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Free Live Family Q&A Session

Come and join
Occupational
Therapy for a
live Q&A
Session



Family Q & A

23rd October 2023: 10:00

Click here to book

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-q-a-session-tickets-728718856717>

Family Q & A

7th February 2024: 10:00

Click here to book

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-q-a-session-tickets-728731374157>

Family Q & A

24th May 2024: 10:00

Click here to book

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-q-a-session-tickets-728732146467>

Family Q & A

13th December 2023: 10:00

Click here to book

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-q-a-session-tickets-728722026197>

Family Q & A

21 March 2024: 10:00

Click here to book

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-q-a-session-tickets-728729227737>

Family Q & A

17 July 2024: 10:00

Click here to book

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-q-a-session-tickets-728741343977>

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

A Message from Ms Porter

Having good attendance in school is essential for children to achieve their very best. Every day and every lesson matters. We try to work closely to support parents and families to help improve attendance, however we do receive a number of term time holiday requests. Holiday requests will not be authorised and the local authority is informed when appropriate. **So far this academic year parents at Wychall have been fined a total of £3535.** During a cost of living crisis, supporting the Local Authority to issue fines is not something very palatable, so please ensure your child has good attendance at school. Our target for all children is at least 96%.

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

Special Menu—St Georges Day

Tuesday 23rd April 2024



Mobile Phones

Reminder—Mobile Phones are only allowed in school if your child is in Year 5 or Y6 and are walking home alone. Their phones must be signed in and out at the office from Monday 22/4/2024. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 - 0808 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
2. Please use this guide for further support: <https://shorturl.at/nGOQ8>
3. Please inform the office or email enquiry@wychall.drbignitemat.org for support

What can you do on the Arbor App?

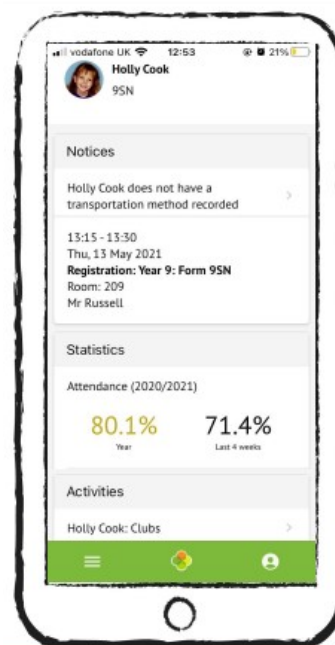
- Make payments for school dinners and toast and milk

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?

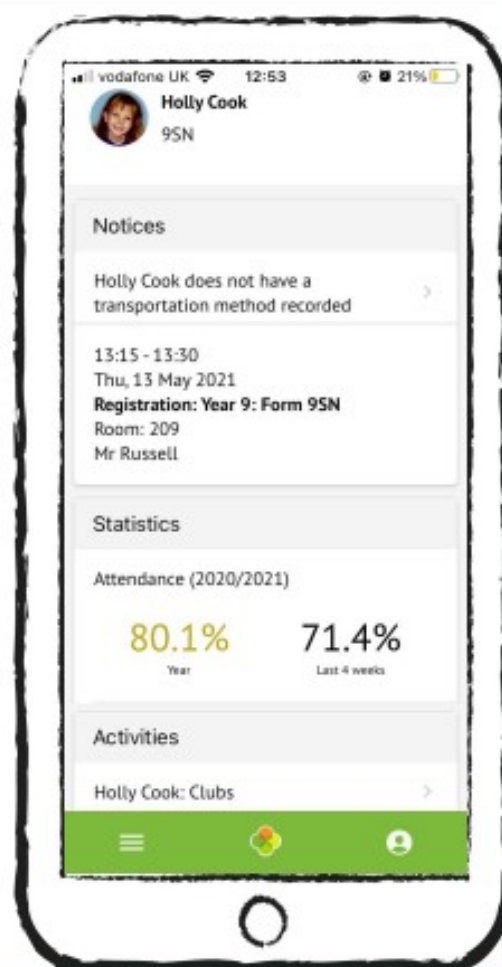
Need help using Arbor?

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.

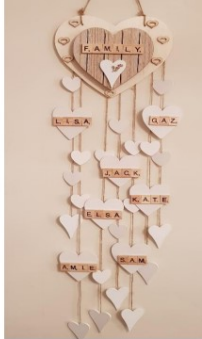
To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

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
with other parents.

Any queries please contact Ann or Sarah on 0121 675 0362

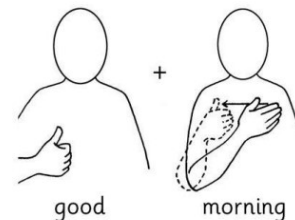
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Biscuit



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palm down,
covers top of
other fist.

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