

Dear parents and families,

WOW –we have had an amazing year at the Arbours this year! We have even more pupils taking part in music and sport than ever before. We now have three year groups going swimming—that's 180 pupils in total!

The Good level of Development for our Reception pupils has increased again to be 73%. Our phonics results for Year 1 pupils are the best ever at 75%! Our KS1 results for our Year 2 pupils are also on the up for Reading, Writing and Maths! Our KS2 combined results for our Year 6 pupils have also risen to 45%. Thank you to everyone who has supported the pupils and staff this year to make it one of our best yet.

I wish all our leavers, staff and pupils, the very best for their exciting new future adventures. I do hope our Year 6 pupils will keep in touch to let us know what they are aspiring for!

I hope you all have a very safe and happy summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in September. Miss Cotchin—Head teacher

### The Arbours Celebration Garden

The Arbours Celebration Garden was funded by the David Ross Celebration Awards. An application was made to transform a dull run down area at the front of the school into a calm and peaceful space. The area was designed by the children following discussions about it's function and costs. A simple area which focussed on reading, simplicity and peace. This Celebration Garden matches our school values of Peace, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Perseverance and Collaboration. Our pupils will demonstrate our values by:

- **Respect** – treating the area as it was designed to be used
- **Responsibility** – taking turns to ensure the plants are watered
- **Collaboration** – working as a team by watering, weeding and partner reading
- **Compassion** – taking care of plants and being aware of the needs of others
- **Peace** – having a space to reflect and use for quiet time
- **Perseverance** – ensuring that plants grow and are maintained whatever the weather...



School will be open on Tuesday  
29th and Wednesday 30th August  
between 09.30 & 11.30 to buy  
uniform!

After school clubs will  
restart on Monday 11th  
September

### Summer Fayre

Thank you to all those that supported the Summer Fayre, whether by attending, helping organising or providing tombola prizes. We managed to raise around £260 which will go towards providing even more playground equipment for the children to enjoy. Please remember the PTA is always looking for members to support and will be organising meet ups in September to plan more events for raising money for the children. Keep an eye out in September for more details!

### Year 3

The children in both classes have made a great start to Year 3 and have already started to learn about inverted commas while learning about the author Anthony Browne and The Gorilla. The children are now adding even more detail into their stories and have impressed us with their readiness for Year 3. In maths, they have practiced different calculations and money. Well done for all your hard work and hope you all have a great summer holidays!

### Arbours Sport

Another successful year of sport at The Arbours. There has been triumphs at football competitions, netball competitions and The Summer Cup to name a few. Well done to the children who have participated for the school this year! Next year we have planned in even more competitions. Hopefully you will be able to represent the Arbours! Please see Mr Warren and Miss Marshall if you are interested.



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## DRET Summer Cup news

Well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Cup. The children performed extremely well on a very hot and sunny day! They got to meet sporting heroes Colin Jackson and Sir Steve Redgrave. The hockey team managed to come 3rd in their group and the first ever Arbours Swimming Team achieved some great results in the pool. The Sports hall athletics team got the best result in The Arbours history, they managed to achieve a 6th place finish out of 19 schools. Well done! [A special mention to the relay team, Denroy, Skye, Moyo and Samuel finished first and ensured that we have now won the relay 3 years in a row!](#) Great job everyone!

Mr Warren



### **Year 2 news...**

Miss Henman and Mrs White would like to say a big well done to all the children who have just moved up to year 2. You have settled in to your new classes very well and we are looking forward to working with you all next year. We have sent a book bag home with every child in year 2, this bag will contain things for the children to do over the summer holidays. It contains an exercise book where we would like children to practise their spelling and write about their adventures over the summer, it also contains a list of common exception words for year 2, practicing these over the summer will support your child's learning in preparation for year 2. There are also some games and times tables to complete. We hope you have a great summer.

### **Safety on school premises**

Please remember to treat all staff at school with respect. **Any rude, aggressive or volatile behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in a warning and a ban from school premises. Thank you to the majority of our parents and visitors who do speak with staff appropriately.**



**Road Safety;** Please remember to park carefully outside the school. There is not much space so we must all try our best! Remember if you are parking **you must not block a pathway—a double buggy should be able to get through.** If you are blocking the path the police may be called on 101.

If you see anyone who is parking dangerously or blocking a pathway you can report the registration number to 101. Please also be thoughtful to our neighbours

When parking by not parking across the driveways.

Thank you.



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### **Year 4...**

It has been great teaching **3GT**, as the new Year 4's! They have really stepped up and have been working hard to meet the Year 4 expectations, in readiness for September. We have some amazing role models in the class, who have been showing the values, especially: perseverance, responsibility and respect! We have been learning about length in Maths and have been writing a narrative based on Anthony Browne stories. In Science we have begun to think about what the digestive system is and how it works, thinking ahead for Year 4! All the best for September 4AB.

### **Another great year at The Arbours!**

Thank you J6H for making my final year at The Arbours a very special one. We have worked incredibly hard together, we have overcome obstacles and challenges together, we have laughed an awful lot together! I am proud of my time at The Arbours and I am especially proud to have been your year six teacher. I wish you well as your journey continues and I look forward to hearing about your future successes. Thank you J6H

## Year 5

Wow! These last three weeks have flown by! It has been fantastic getting to know you all, and I'm so looking forward to September. We've been busy writing fairy tales, improving our knowledge of multiplication and division and learning all about famous scientists. Our swimming has continued to be a success, and we're already well on our way to earning a whole class reward. Well done Year 5! I hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you back in September ready for even more learning.



### PTA News...

Miss Osmond our Year 5 teacher is looking to revamp the PTA for the new school year and is looking for any parents who would like to be Class Parent Representatives. If you are interested please contact the school office.

### Governors news...

We are excited to welcome three new Governors to our group. We will also be recruiting parent governors in September—please look out for the nomination forms!

### Celebration of Achievements

This is a time to celebrate and reflect on our successes and hard work this year.

**Pupil Voice** this has been a project to improve pupil articulation and involvement in their Academy. In our Academy we now have; Mini teachers, ECO Warriors, Arbours Learning pits to support the language of learning, Prefects, Head boy/girl, Bully Blockers, School Council and Student Governors.

**SMSC, BV & Values**—pupils have focussed on learning about these and how they link to learning within the classroom – this is a vital that pupils understand these and have improved understanding. The focus on Values, not just in the classroom have also had an impact on the pupils as better citizens.

**Enrichment** our pupils have had some wonderful opportunities, such as; Dance – Getting Dressed at The Corby Cube, Hoot for a Boot local project with artists, Circus skills, Homework club and other clubs, Team building activities, Assembly speakers, Morning Munch, Life Education bus, Warts and all Theatre, Screen Northants film making, Mother's and Father's Day events, Shakespeare Festival, grant application for Values and Quite Garden. We have also applied for the Artsmark award for the pupils work. Science enrichment has included a planetarium, joint parent activities, Atomic Tom science club and visitors. Pupils have also been on some amazing Wow's, Class trips and visits this year. The Choir went to perform at DRET events, experienced music outside of the Academy and we had 4 pupils who were successful at auditioning for Noyes Flude this year! We have also had Year 3 and 4 take part in whole class music lessons by NCC and individual music in house tuition and supporting pupils through music therapy

**Environment**—this year has seen a wealth of changes to the Arbours; Year 4 walls and doors, Display boards for children's work, Inspirational writings, Cabin (watch this space for it's transformation!) Playground markings Astro turf, Canopy, Values garden, Fencing for the Quiet garden, Reading circle, Maps posters, TV screens, Lockers for KS2, Vegetable garden, Star classrooms in all classrooms, new tables in year 1.

### Teaching and Learning

It is probably easier to say what we haven't changed or approached this year... Here are just some of the things our wonderful teachers have had to do this year to further improve our pupils chances; Introduction of reading strategy, introduction of new spelling strategy, introduction of Star Classrooms for all, Adaptation of Talk for Writing, Introduction of Effective Maths, New behaviour policy and detention, New handwriting policy with an expectation of 10 minute lessons daily, New presentation policy, New marking and feedback policy, New homework policy, New planning formats for all lessons, Introduction of Learning Objectives and Success Criteria stickers for differentiation, Introduction of The Arbours Learning Pit and stickers.

**Parents and pupils**—it wouldn't be right not to thank you all for your hard work, commitment and support to ensure that this is a great Academy to be part of. Thank you all.



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