

Dear parents and guardians,

What another amazing month we have had at The Arbours. The Trust organised for us to have an Olympian visit our school to inspire our pupils in the art of commitment. Joe Roebuck was inspirational and shared with the pupils his stories of how to be successful. The pupils were fantastic and were eloquent in talking about how they use 'Perseverance' in their everyday lives just like Joe did to win his medals.

The Arbours has been praised again externally by our Chair of Governors for the high standards of teaching and learning in our school and the impact this has on our pupils to learn incredibly well. As a result our school is being used as a model of good practice for other school to learn from. Well done The Arbours!

Thank you to those of you who attended our One Trust parent event—the presentation will be sent out his week to you all. Also you will receive the One Trust home school agreement which will need signing by you as a commitment to supporting your child's education.

Best wishes

Year Five pets - 5VO have received our new pets - this time worms! We have filled our tank with good quality soil and are enjoying seeing the worms create tunnels along the side of the tank. We can't wait to see how the tunnels grow!



Year 2 We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and that the children had time to relax. We had a fantastic end to the Autumn Term with children meeting Father Christmas, making mince pies and jam tarts and celebrating the end of our IPC unit by having a party.



This term the children in Year 2 have completed their mock SAT's tests, this is to prepare the children for their SAT's tests in May as well as helping us to identify any gaps in learning. If you would like to know the results of your child's tests please speak to their class teacher.



During the tests we noticed that the children who are reading regularly at home out performed the children who do not read at home, to give your child the best possible chance please support them by reading with them at home.

We have started sending home an additional reading book to support your child with their phonics, these books must be returned to school every Monday, they need to be returned so that the next group can use that book. The children should be able to read these books by themselves and will be encouraged to talk about the story as well as answer questions from the back of the book about what they have read.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs White



Diet: Poor Diet May Impact Well-Being.

Researchers surveyed students and found that those with a greater intake of soft drinks, sugary drinks, and fast food were more likely to report lower scores in regards to sleep quality, happiness, and overall health.

School Games Values

12 Children from our school joined 9 other teams at Lings Forum to compete in the Primary Athletic Competition. The children had a range of athletics to perform which included relays, standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, soft javelin, speed bounce and chest push. A great deal of cheering and shouting encouraged the children on.



Come and Read - 4IH Thank you to the two parents we have had who have come and read with their children on a Tuesday and Friday morning. The children really enjoy having the additional opportunity to read to you and talk to you about the book they have read, or other books they looked at in school.

Hazard Alley – Year 4 Trip Last week, year 4 went on an amazing trip to Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes. Hazard Alley is an indoor safety centre which allows the children to learn many key life skills. While we were there, the children looked at how to cross roads safely, how to ensure you are being careful in the home, how to use a phone to dial 999 in an emergency, how to speak to the emergency call operator, basic first aid (including putting people into the recovery position) and many other things. The children had an amazing time and learnt so much, why not ask your child what their favourite skill they thought about was?



Reminder—School closes for half term on Friday 9th February and re-opens on Tuesday 20th February



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Arbours Sport—This term has been a really busy and successful one with Boccia, Sports hall athletics and Netball competitions. In all three competitions the children improved their skills and some even managed to get medals for their achievements.



On Friday the 26th of January, Joe Roebuck who was an Olympic athlete visited The Arbours Primary Academy. He told some inspirational stories, delivered some physical education master class lessons and some children were lucky enough to spend time in the swimming pool with him.



We still have plenty more opportunities and competitions this year and will keep you updated.

Mr Warren and Miss Marshall

Come and Read



Every Tuesday and Friday morning from 08:45 – 9:00, the year 5 classrooms are open for parents to come and read with their children. So far we have one amazing parent turn up for the event but we would like more! There is a new reading area outside of 5CA for those of you that would prefer to sit somewhere a little different and new comfortable reading chairs in the classroom that need trying out. If you want, you could always bring along your reading book and read along with your child. We look forward to seeing you.



500 Words Writing Competition

BBC Radio 2 have recently launched the 2018 500 words writing competition and we would love it if some of our pupils could take part. Children from all over the country will be submitting their 500 word creations and will have the chance to win a pile of books as tall as Chris Evans and 500 books for their school! There are lots of other prizes available too and all it takes for a chance to win, is an original short story with a maximum of 500 words. The competition is open for all children aged between 5 and 13 and they have until Thursday 22nd February to submit their story. To support your children with this exciting opportunity, Miss Appleby, Mr Hickman and Miss Osmond will be opening their classrooms at lunchtimes on Monday (5VO), Wednesday (5CA) and Friday (4IH) for children to come and create their entries.

If your child would like to enter the competition, they will need to enter on this website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4h26FXFQ4KfMV7VVSbJxY3g/500-words-2018> and they will need your help completing the entry form. This website has all of the information that you will need in order to enter the competition along with the prize list, rules and advice on how to get started.

Choir—On 11th January 10 lucky boys from The Arbours visited St Matthews church for the day and got to sing in an all boys workshop along side other Dret academy's in the area. They enjoyed a day of singing and learning how to read Music with a workshop run by St Johns Choir Cambridge.

Samantha Cordiner



Hazard Alley



Year 5 had an amazing trip to Hazard Alley on Monday 8th January 2018. The day was split into two parts with one class taking part in an eSafety session and the other class getting to explore the centre before swapping. The eSafety session allowed us to explore the types of internet sites that we use, the age restrictions applied to some of the apps that we have on our phones, what personal information is safe to post on the internet and how to create safe passwords. When we got to explore the centre, we encountered different hazardous situations such as a house fire, a dark alley, a petrol station and someone drowning. The children were talked through the hazards, how to spot hazards and how to stay safe. They were also able to make 999 calls within the centre and report some of the emergencies that they had encountered.

Golden Ticket winner this month.

Elliot, Ava, Tyler, Alfie, Eton, Alexa, Alisha, Jaydon, Matthew, Aiden, Veronica, Jessica, Christiana, Abdul, Diana, Jahreigne, Olivia, Kody, Ella, Eray, Tegan, Khai, Sarah, Jaedon, Raphael, Asha, Alina, Deina, Bethany, Keziah, Marius, Jodie, Alycia, Bogdan, Luca, Savana, Rutendo and Mario



Star Pupil Term 2

Miriam 1AS, Deina 1LR, Aleesha 2VW, Freya 2ZH, Jodie 3JT, Roxana 3NW, Amanda 4IH, Layla 4AB, Richo 5CA, Ewa 5VO, Rutendo 6SH, Iva 6JH.

Road Safety

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.**



Raffle—Prize winners

566 green ticket David 2VW Food Hamper
455 orange ticket Bethany 2ZH Toiletries hamper

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