

Dear Parents, guardians and families,
We have had another great month here at the Arbours. The pupils dedication to good causes with the recent Red Nose Day were fantastic. I have been very impressed with the pupils books recently with some excellent responding to teachers marking with pupils taking a real pride in their work. It is lovely to see the pupils looking smart and tidy in their uniform. Have a safe and happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all on the Wednesday 19th April.
Miss Cotchin - Head Teacher

After School Clubs

Clubs will restart on Monday 24th April

There will be no clubs on the Wednesday 19th,
Thursday 20th or Friday 21st April.

Hula-Hoop with Janine has also been cancelled due to lack of children, so will not run in the Summer term

Don't forget our **Tea & Chat** every Friday afternoon



Year 1 classes have been given new tables. All looking very smart!



Reception

WOW! What another fabulous term. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of them.
We had an amazing trip to Dino World on Thursday. We made some gooey dinosaur slime, dug for dinosaur fossils and rode on a tractor! We even went to the farm and looked at the animals! It was so exciting. Next term, the children will be exploring Mini-beasts, so be prepared to have lots of discussions about creepy crawlies! Please will free to share your experiences on Tapestry or bring in your child's favourite Mini-Beast story to share at story times. Please continue to read your child's reading books and practise their key words at home. Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Exercise:



Enjoy skipping with your child! Jumping rope is an excellent way to get your heart pumping and burn some calories. Top tips; hold the handles near the end of the rope, keeping your grip light; keep your elbows close to your body and relax your shoulders and bend your knees slightly; use your wrist to turn the rope, maintaining a smooth arc as you swing the rope over your head; keep your head up and your back straight! Enjoy your skipping!



Just a reminder that **smoking** is not permitted on school premises. This also applies to electronic cigarettes.
Thank you

Please remember to remove all nail varnish and fake tattoos from your child/children before coming back to school after the holidays. Thank you.



Just Two Servings of Fruit and Veg Per Day Increases

Wellbeing...

Among a sample of 171 children, who consumed an extra two servings of fruit or veg per day for fourteen days reported an increase in psychological wellbeing!

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 may result in a ban from school premises.**

RED NOSE DAY



We raised a brilliant £458.08. Thank you for your support with the children wearing red, netball and a fantastic cake sales. Many thanks to the cooks!

I'm sure you'll be delighted to hear that the netball game finished Teachers 6-2 Year 6.

Miss Gunn (3), Mr Roberts (2), Miss Jones with the hoops. Great fun!!

Thank you for allowing game to happen. Need to challenge Yr 6 to 5-a-side football game next!!



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Thank you to everyone who attended parent's evening, it was lovely to see you all! The children have had a fantastic few weeks and they have done lots of amazing things. We have done some fun science experiments, met some firemen and had a fantastic art lesson as part of our 'hoot for a boot' topic. We hope that next term will be just as busy and exciting!

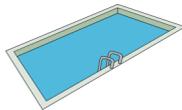


Digital Leader

DIGITAL LEADERS

The Digital Leaders team are being offered new opportunities and will soon be helping out much more across the school.

If you have an eSafety question or need some help with computing equipment, why not check out our new display board in school so you know who we are?



5VO are nearing the end of our time swimming this year and we've had a fantastic time every Thursday—all the children have been brilliantly behaved and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves - a big thank you to Miss Marshall for organising the swimming and teaching some of the children! We can't wait for next term where our topic will be 'Attenborough's adventures' - have a good Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all back ready to keep learning - Miss Osmond and Miss Appleby

DRET WINTER CUP SUCCESS

On Tuesday 14th March, The Arbours took part in the DRET Winter Cup.

After months of practice the netball and football team went to Malcom Arnold to compete against 12 other schools from across the trust.

Both teams played extremely hard in the morning.

The football team won all 3 of their games, including one which ended 7-0 to us, and then went through in the afternoon to play for the cup. After playing another 3 games which ended in 2 wins and 1 loss they were able to achieve 2nd place and won silver medals. The netball team played extremely well and won 2 of their games in the morning which ended in 4-0 and a massive 7-0 to us. In the afternoon they went through to play for the Winter Cup plate and continued their winning streak with games scoring 7-0, 8-0 and 9-0.

Due to their fantastic effort and the consistency of their performance, they won the winter cup plate and all received gold medals. The children all had a fantastic day showed great sportsmanship and represented our school brilliantly.

Miss Marshall, who took the children, is extremely proud of all the hours work the children put in, on the lead up to the event (giving up lunchtimes and after school to practice). She was also immensely proud to watch them demonstrate such incredible teamwork, respect and sportsmanship too.

re-charge batteries, but it is also important to keep our SATs preparations ticking over. There are lots of KS2 revision sites on the Internet, as well as past papers. Times tables should be brushed up on and spelling rules re-visited. 30-40 minutes a day would be a reasonable amount of time to put in.

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.

CODE CLUB

This month, we have started using the MicroBit and we have started to program it. Mathew Trebilcock even created a program which kept a score during a game! We thank Jon Gallimore for ordering the MicroBit and for all of the amazing opportunities he continues to give our children at CodeClub.



If you are interested in a KS1 or KS2 lunchtime CodeClub, please see Mr Hickman for details!

Are you following us on Twitter? - @Arbours_4TK @Arbours_4IH



In Year 4 we have been really busy recently. We went to the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery where we learnt all about the history of shoes. As well as this, we got to try on a range of shoes from different periods in History. Most of the children were shocked to learn that Kings used to wear shoes with high heels or really long points at the front... apparently this showed their power!

As well as this, we have been learning about #BrilliantBootsAndSensationalShoes

The children have learned all about the shoe industry in Northamptonshire, how the towns and some of the villagers increased in size because of the industry. We have looked at the areas which changed most during the revolution of the shoe industry and we have also considered how the decline in the shoe trade has impacted the towns now, as well as what is happening with the empty and derelict factories.

Whilst we have been learning about lots of History and Geography, we have also been looking at the different styles of shoes during time, considering particularly the way that shoemakers decorate shoes with patterns and with colours.

In English, we have also written a setting description, based in a shoe factory. The children were brilliant at adding a spirit or a spectre in the shoe factory and wrote using some fantastic figurative language. We are just finishing our instructions too, these are to make shoe or boot shaped biscuits, cookies or gingerbread. We will hopefully get to make...and eat them before the end of the half term too.

On Friday 31st March, we are going on a trip to the West Stow Anglo Saxon Village, near to Bury St. Edmunds. This is a pre-WOW for our new topic after half term.

SATs Countdown

Not long to go now! We now only have a short time until SATs week, which begins on the 8th of May. You should all have received detailed information on the week, including a day by day timetable. Year six have worked incredibly hard in preparation for the tests and they are certainly ready, but the Easter holiday falls at an awkward time. When we get back from the break, we will have just three weeks to get back up to speed. It is essential that we all enjoy the break and use the time to

