



# Archibald First School Autumn Term Newsletter 2 2021



## Healthy School

### Keystage 2 Fruit Snack

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day. All children in Year 3 and 4 are also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit for breaktime; apples, bananas, tomatoes, cucumber, tangerines... It would be great if we could encourage all our children to eat more fruit every day!



### Drinks in school

Water bottles should be brought into school every day. Only plain, still water must be in the bottles. Juice and flavoured water are not permitted.



### Balanced Packed lunches

As a healthy school all meals prepared are balanced. We ask that parents supplying packed lunches from home consider this carefully and provide a balance of savoury and sweet along with fruit. No pop or fizzy drinks should be included. We ask that all chocolate spread, sweets / confectionary are kept for treats at home. **No nuts (including Nutella) please!**

We are working hard to renew our Healthy Schools Award in February 2022 for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive time!

## Table Manners



We are sure that you agree that table manners are very important and how we eat at school should be the same as at home and when eating out. Please support us in ensuring your children use a knife and fork to eat their meals, can cut up their food and will eat with super table manners.



## Headlice

Please check your children's hair over the weekend for headlice. It is the perfect time to treat them and fit in a second treatment at the end of next week to make sure any eggs have also gone.



## No Mud Please!

As the grass is now wet and muddy, please stay off the adventure playground before and after school. This keeps you safe from slipping, your shoes and clothes clean from mud, and the school carpets spotless!

## Equipment

Please do NOT allow your children to climb up the red goals – these are going get broken. Any equipment in the Nursery yard should also be left alone at the start and end of the day.

Thank you for your support and encouraging everyone to be responsible and respectful.

## Applying for Reception and Middle School Places

Please ensure that you apply for the next stage of your child's education by the closing date below. Attending our Nursery does NOT guarantee your child a place in Reception. Details can be obtained at

<http://newcastle.gov.uk/education-and-learning/admissions-and-schooltransfers>

### **Closing Dates**

Reception 2022: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at noon

Middle School 2022: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at noon

Nursery admissions begin January 2022 for a September 2022 start date.



<https://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/prospective-parent/reception-new-starters/>

*Archibald Eco Drives - Please get involved*



LET'S PLANT  
A BILLION SEEDS  
TOGETHER

## **#BillionSeedChallenge**

The past 18 months have shown us how important our local environment is. Whether it's our window boxes and front gardens or streets and local parks, we have all relied on our green spaces to give us space and a breath of fresh air.

In the past we might have taken our green spaces for granted, but inspired by how much we relied on them during lockdown communities across the country are coming together to make their local communities that bit better.

That's where the idea for the #BillionSeedChallenge came from; local communities wanting to improve their area together. So this October, when all eyes will be on the international climate conference in Glasgow we are asking everyone to join us in planting a billion seeds across the UK. It's a great way of keeping our community spirit alive and of showing we can all do our bit for the environment. But they are also a symbol of our hope that this meeting can make a difference.

The Challenge was launched on 23rd September as part of [Great Big Green Week](#). You have until 30th October to brighten up your local area and be part of planting a billion seeds across the country.

Get the street involved! Find a spot that needs livening up with some natural colour, brighten up your verges, parks and playgrounds! If we all do it together, we can plant a billion new seeds across the whole country which will brighten communities for years to come.

Please tweet us your images @ArchibaldFirst #BillionSeedChallenge



## Writing Implements

Used equipment can be placed into the green box in the hall.

## Batteries

We are pleased to relaunch our very exciting campaign called the Big Battery Hunt! Last year your child found out how important it is to recycle batteries and what happens when people don't. We were blown away by how many batteries were brought in to school and how enthusiastic our pupils were about recycling. Thank you for your help with this challenge!

Children in all year groups at Archibald are again challenged to find and collect

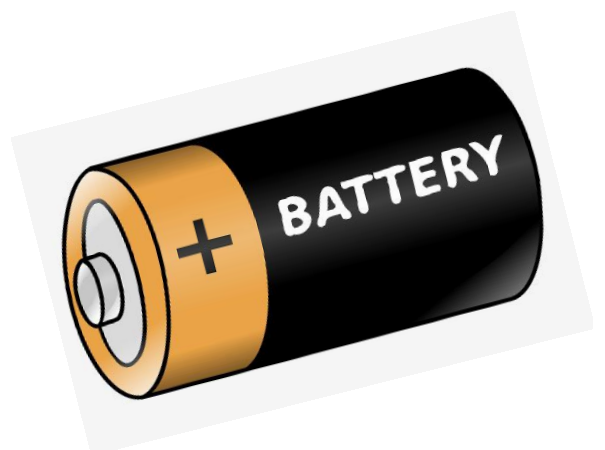
as many batteries as possible! They can be as creative as they like by going to work spaces, places of worship, local businesses and the wider community to enlist everyone to help make sure that no battery ends up in landfill.

All pupils at Archibald were supplied with a cardboard collection box to bring batteries to school and these were added to the main container in our school hall. You should keep using this box but if you need a new battery collection box then please ask your child to speak to a member of staff as we have a small amount remaining.

Last year our pupils really did something amazing by helping to save the planet and we hope this will continue this year!

Thank you for your continued support and happy hunting!

Mr S. Morrow



## Packed Lunches

### **Can you help us make our lunch boxes as eco friendly as possible?**

#### **Say NO to...**

- **Clingfilm**
- **Foil**
- **Individual juice cartons or bottles**
- **Plastic cutlery**
- **Individually wrapped snacks**



#### **Say YES to...**

- **Multi compartment lunch boxes OR mini reusable plastic boxes to stop individual wrapping!**
- **Buy in bulk (packets of biscuits, large pack of raisins, blocks of cheese, individual carrots). Chop/slice and pop in the reusable containers or compartments to stop the use of foil and cling film, and reduce rubbish.**
- **Metal cutlery**
- **Reusable water bottles—no more one use cartons and bottles!**
- **Reusable sandwich bags or beeswax wrapping.**



**✓ BULK BUY**

**#responsiblecitizens**