



# Archibald First School

## Autumn Term Newsletter 3

### 2021



### World Mental Health Day

At a time when it's needed most, our school will come join together on Friday 8th October to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day.

Check out our Twitter feed for updates @Archibaldfirst.

Mrs West is looking forward to recommencing her weekly mindfulness sessions with the children in years 3 and 4. She is also hoping to hold a parents' session linked to mindfulness, what we do and why it is important. Watch this space...

### Just One Tree Day

This is on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Children are able to wear non school uniform in exchange for a pound. Every pound raised plants one new tree.

**We have had an amazing offer...** Ryder Geotechnical, support 'trees for life', and are focused on carbon reduction and offshore renewable energy generation. They have offered to DOUBLE whatever value is raised by Archibald pupils so if everyone donates a pound, over 600 new trees will be planted!



### Black History Month



Last year the whole school took part in Arts week and this was launched to coincide with Black History Month. Each class studied the work of Jacob Lawrence.

Can any of your children remember why we chose Jacob Lawrence?

This year, the classes have read stories and biographies with strong ties to Black History Month. Watch out for tweets.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/black-history-month-articles-from-bbc> has great links to clips and videos for children.

### Poetry Week

This week has been poetry week in school to coincide with National Poetry day. Can you read poems together at bedtime? What was your favourite poem as a child? Check out Twitter for the children's poems!




# Safeguarding

All the staff at Archibald have undertaken their annual safeguarding refresher training looking at the key themes in Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2021. The governors are also due to attend this training on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

In addition, the school staff took part in Prevent Training with Gail Forbes from the Local Authority. Prevent training is part of our safeguarding duties and focuses on safeguarding others from radicalisation and the protection of those people deemed vulnerable to this.


Our main Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be found on the school website. A paper copy can also be requested at the school office.

The main designated safeguarding leader in school is




Rebecca Turner


**In an EMERGENCY, if the above people are not available contact:**




Kelly Nelson  
Early Years



Kym Mullick  
Key Stage 1



Sarah Graham  
Key Stage 2



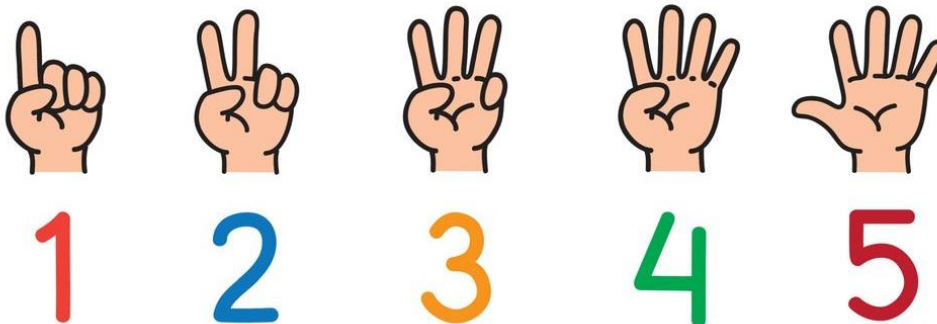
Angela Ward  
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## Designated Safeguarding Leaders at Archibald

## Trusted Adults

Whilst the leaders above would deal with and safeguarding concerns overall, the key message to the children is to talk to a **trusted adult**. In school this is any member of staff they feel comfortable, happy and safe talking to.

Please support us in reminding the children that they can talk to any adult in school if they need to. Could they say who this could be if the need was there?



If I have a worry I can go to...  
MY 5 trusted adults

# 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/>



LET'S PLANT  
A BILLION SEEDS  
TOGETHER

## #BillionSeedChallenge

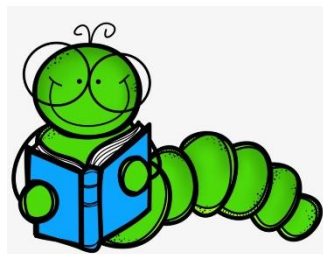
Have you planted your seeds yet?

Please tweet us your images @ArchibaldFirst  
#BillionSeedChallenge

## Reading at Archibald

It has been lovely to see the children settle back into school life and continue to be confident and enthusiastic readers; thank you for your support with your child's reading. As we move into next half term, we will continue to prioritise reading across the school.

### **Key Stage 2 Reading Worms**



Our reading worms are used as a reward system to promote reading, motivate pupils to read at home and to celebrate effort and achievement. Each child in years 3 and 4 is issued with a 'reading worm' which is kept at school.

Once a week, teachers will stamp entries in individual reading diaries, if a child has 5 entries, they can then colour a section of their worm. At the end of each half term, all pupils with a completed worm will go into a prize draw for a new

book; we will repeat this at the end of every half term.

Entries can be a written comment or a signature to indicate that your child has read at home. Reading can include school books, reading books from home, magazines, recipes, instructions for games, leaflets, posters etc.

## Early Years and Key Stage 1 Reading Recognition Reward

Each half term, class teachers will nominate a pupil for outstanding effort in reading and they will be invited to Mrs Turner's office to select a book of their choosing.

*Please remember that re-reading a school book helps children to recognise the key words, build fluency and confidence and can also focus on talking about the events and images.*



We hope to further raise the profile of reading at Archibald whilst celebrating individual achievement, effort and success. We look forward to working in partnership with you as we introduce these new systems.

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Graham



## Reading Helpers

We are still keen to recruit more reading helpers.

If you feel that you could support this by listening to children read for up to one hour a week, please get in touch.

## Breakfast Club Jobs

The closing date for the breakfast club leader and assistant roles is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. So far, we have only had one applicant which means that unless we get many more on Monday, we will be unable to host our planned club.

In this event, the posts will be advertised and we will aim for a later opening date..

Please spread the word to people you know.



## Rainbow Table



Rainbow Table will be starting again on a Friday in the dinner hall. Each week children who have shown qualities such as confidence, manners, responsibility, respect, friendship will be invited to have dinner with a member of staff (usually Mrs Turner) on a colourful table with a special treat given as a reward.

## Dates for your Diary

### October 2021

11 Launch of AFS Pumpkin Carving Competition

11 Harvest Festival – donations for The People’s Kitchen would be gratefully received on this day only.

15 Just One Tree day – non-uniform for a donation to plant new trees

18 Year 1 Reading and Phonics meeting (parents only) 5pm

19 Reception Reading and Phonics meeting (parents only) 5pm

21 Last day for Christmas Card orders for the PTFA

22 Book Order closing date

Don’t forget that our latest **Scholastic Book Club is now live** at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/archibald-first/digital-book-club>. There are hundreds of books to choose from at great prices. Select School Group then order at checkout Please place your **order online by October 22nd, 2021**.

22 School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break

### November 2021

01 School is closed to children for a staff development day

02 School opens at 8.45am – Welcome Back!

15-19 Antbullying Week – One Kind Word

15 Odd Socks Day for everyone at Archibald linked to Antbullying week

16 Antbullying Workshop for Parents 9.30-10.30am