



Archibald First School

Autumn Term Newsletter 6

December 2021



Goodbye to Autumn Term!

What a brilliant first full term! It is hard to believe we are now nearly a third of the way through the school year, and we are so proud of the progress that each and every child has made. Check out the [‘Our Latest News’](#) section on the website to read more about what we have been up to.

We are already looking forward to exploring a range of topics with your children in the Spring Term. Please visit [here](#) to read through our Curriculum Booklets via the Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 tabs.

A Great Big THANK YOU!

This busy time of year would not have been possible without the support of you, our school community. Thank you to you as parents and carers for helping your children learn songs, for donating chocolate to support our fayres, and joining us safely and securely for our outdoor concerts! We would also like to extend our thanks to the PTFA and families who ensured our fayres ran smoothly for each class, whilst organising, ordering and preparing lots of festive treats such as elf packs for families.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our PTFA Second Hand Uniform raised £120. Thank you for your support. We will host another sale in the future to not only raise money, but live more sustainably! #ResponsibleCitizens

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

- Does your child qualify for Free School Meals? Click [here](#) to check eligibility.
- Do you work in the armed forces?
- Has your child been adopted, or are they classed as Looked After/Post Looked After?

If the answer is yes to any of the above, and you inform us, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources for your children. All information disclosed is completely confidential. Please ask at the office for more information. Whilst all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do get a free school meal, this is the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme and is DIFFERENT to the above. It is really important that you do let us know and complete the relevant forms to ensure that the additional funding available is released to the school.

Nursery Applications

We currently have two spaces for Nursery 2, for children who turned 3 on or before 31st August 2021. Archibald First School offer 15 hours of free nursery provision to children who are aged 3 on or before 31st August 2022. The hours are offered as either Option 1 or Option 2. We also offer Option 3* (full time) for 30 hours per week.

Option 1:

Monday 8.45 – 3.15
Tuesday 8.45 – 3.15
Wednesday 8.45 – 11.30

Option 2:

Wednesday 12.30 – 3.15
Thursday 8.45 – 3.15
Friday 8.45 – 3.15

Option 3* – 30 hours per week:

Daily, Monday to Friday: 8.45am
– 3.15pm

*Option 3: For those parents who are eligible for the 30-hour code. Please see the [Prospective Parents Area](#) of the website for more information on this. Here you will also find our Prospective Parent video and visit dates, as well as how to book your place. Due to the current climate of Coronavirus, we may need to rearrange these evenings. We hope our 'Welcome' presentation gives you an insight into life at Archibald!

Nursery Deadline Dates

Nursery applications will be available online from January 2022. The 2022-23 Nursery application form must be used and returned directly to the school. Please note that no applications will be accepted before January 2022. Please also note that your child's birth certificate and proof of your home address must be shown with the application form. **Deadline for applications: 18th March 2022.**



Applying for Reception 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 Date for Reception 2022: 15th January 2022 at noon.



A 'minion' reasons to be proud!

We continue to work our socks off each and every day at Archibald, and we have achieved lots in our extracurricular endeavours. Here are some reasons the children and staff are feeling proud:

I am incredibly proud of the staff at Archibald. They are an amazing team! They continue to rise to the challenges faced through ongoing changes to the education system linked to Covid and ensure that the children have had the best possible education possible. They work as a team at all times and can be selfless in their thoughts as they look after each other and the children. To the office staff, kitchen staff, facilities staff, classroom staff - thank you! Please switch off from work and focus on yourselves and your own families over the festive period.

– Mrs Turner

I'm proud of my colouring picture.

Nursery

I'm proud of my best friend Ernest.

We are proud of how confidently and beautifully they all sang at their Christmas concert for the parents.

– Mrs Watson & Mrs McNally

I am proud of Class 1 being kind friends and helping each other. - Mrs Ward

Reception

When I can say all the sounds in Phonics.

When I am a good friend.

I feel proud of the children in Reception all the time, however, I am especially proud of how they went out of school last week and visited Seven Stories, they were immaculately behaved. I am proud to be their teacher. - Mrs Nelson

I am proud of what a good big sister Edie is to her baby brother. – Mrs Mullick

Year 1

I am proud of how well the year 1 children are doing in their phonics. – Mrs Sinclair

I am proud of my friends for always being there for me when I am sad.

I was proud when I got an Archibald superstar certificate for my writing.

I found the Dreidl Game tricky to start but once I learned the rules it was so fun and I wanted to play again. I felt confident! – Hughie

Year 2

I was nervous to sing to the grownups, but now I'm proud! – Oliver C

We are proud of how much effort the children put into both their work and manners every single day. We are proud that the children are happy at school! – Miss White & Mrs Howard

I'm proud of how much I learned about The Stone Age in topic. I also think I did very well with The Stone Age Boy in Literacy! – Alex

Year 3

I'm proud of learning my 4 and 8 times table because I didn't know them at all in Year 2 and now I'm very confident! – Isla

I couldn't be prouder of each and every child in Year 3. Not only have all of the pupils worked as hard as possible every single day but they have done so with enthusiasm, determination and a whole lot of smiles! – Mr Morrow

I'm really proud of the project I shared. – Isla

Year 4

I felt proud of the newspaper report that I wrote.

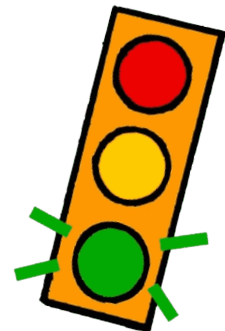
I'm really proud of how the children have balanced working at school and from home when they needed to. They showed lots of resilience! – Mr Nettleship

Looking Ahead to 2022!

LET'S RETURN SAFELY!

All staff and children need to have a **Lateral Flow Test** on **3.1.22** before returning to school.

This keeps us all safe.



Staff must also test over the festive period. Test packs can be ordered online, or collected from local pharmacies. Thank you!

Looking Ahead to 2022!

Welcome to Archibald, Mrs Miles!



Mrs Miles has spent the last few weeks visiting Archibald, getting to know the children, and completing some work with them. We have had a great time! Mrs Miles is now really looking forward to January, as she will be visiting Class 6 every Wednesday. With Mrs Miles, the children will complete weekly Science lessons, as well as RE, Handwriting, Music and Reading! What a lovely day you will all have. You may also spot Mrs Miles in Key Stage 2, where she will be working with some of the Year 3 and 4 children every Monday.

Remote Learning Opportunities



We are extremely hopeful that we will not need to revert to Remote Education in 2022, however we would like to request all families ensure they have logged on and have access to Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw (Key Stages 1 and 2) 'just in case'. New QR codes and instructions were shared with every child in October 2021. Remote Learning will continue for children who are well, but off school with COVID, however new activities will only be provided once **all** previously set work is completed and returned. This is to ensure it is manageable for both families and staff.

Exciting Enhancements to Learning...

We are looking forward to working with lots of external agencies in the new year. These exciting opportunities include, but are not limited to...

- Road Safety workshops for EYFS and KS1
- Balance Bikes for Reception and Smart Scoot training for Years 3 and 4
- GEM Education Computing Workshops for Years 1, 2 and 4
- Year 2 will work with Architecture Workshops
- Year 4 will begin 12 weeks of Ukulele
- Year 3 will begin 12 weeks of Samba!



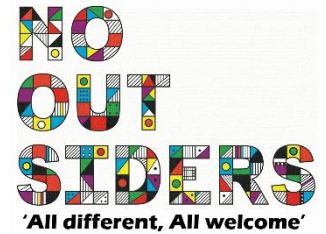
Digital Literacy & Safer Internet Week



Holidays are coming and this might lead to a new piece of technology, or a new game. If you need help, visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/> which has lots of guides for setting up your devices and what you can expect from different games. Safer Internet Week occurs in February 2022. We would like to invite you to a Parent Workshop at 5pm on 9th February 2022.

All Are Welcome Here

We have been a 'No Outsiders' School since 2018. Next year, we are going to relaunch our 'All Are Welcome' premise with a 'Come As You Are!' Day. Keep an eye out for more information in the new year.



Christmas Jumper Swap Shop – 2022!

We will host a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop in November 2022, so please don't throw them out! If your child has outgrown their current festive-wear, keep them in a safe place and let's make sure they go from one good home to another! #ResponsibleCitizens

Headlice



Please check your children's hair over the holidays for headlice. It is the perfect time to treat them and fit in a second treatment at the end of the holidays to make sure any eggs have also gone. Let's work together as a school community to stop lice bothering our children!

Winter Challenge!

I'm sure many of you will have some lovely new laces that need tied over the next few weeks. Who can learn to securely tie them over the holidays? [Click here](#) for a quick tutorial! There will be team points in January 2022 for anyone caught tying their laces all by themselves! Tweet us [@ArchibaldFirst](#) with [#AFSWinterChallenge!](#)



And Finally...

May your holidays sparkle with moments of **love** and **laughter**.

May the year ahead be full of **contentment** and **joy**.

Have a wonderful break, everyone!

Stay safe and well; see you on Tuesday 4th January 2022!

With love & best wishes,
The Archibald Team

