

Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing Monday 2nd October 2023

This week we received a request from a representative of the residents in Brookfield Close. They were respectfully asking that parents of children at Arunside School do not use their close as a parking/dropping off area in the mornings. The caller described a number of dangerous situations that they had witnessed over the past few days which raises concerns for the whole of Arunside community.

Science Selfie

Science Selfie is back for the October half term! Please take a photo of your child doing something science-y over the break and email it in, with the subject **#ScienceSelfie**, to: scienceselfie@arunside.school . Your photos could be of you and your family doing anything from:

- Exploring balancing on equipment at the park
- Exploring mixing and dissolving while baking
- Identifying plants or animals in your garden
- Exploring materials in your home, in your garden or at your local park
- Practicing using equipment like scales and measuring jugs
- Making unusual materials like slime
- Reading some science news
- Growing a plant from a seed or a bulb
- Exploring how fast you can make a toy car travel
- Whatever you like!

If you would like some inspiration for outdoor STEM activities, take a look here: <https://www.weareteachers.com/outdoor-science/>

There will be a winner selected from Early Years, Key Stage One, Upper Key Stage Two and Lower Key Stage Two, with exciting Science prizes! The deadline for the photos will be **Friday 3rd November**. We can't wait to see your #ScienceSelfies!

Stemettes Coding Workshop

This week we were lucky enough to be given a coding workshop delivered by the wonderful Stemettes which was fully funded by the Department for Transport. There were 32 girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 who had the opportunity to take part. They designed a futuristic mode of transport, imagined a story involving their transport idea and then coded a scene from their story! We were so impressed with their creativity, teamwork skills, deduction skills, coding skills and enthusiasm. Well done to everyone who took part!

Stemettes run free coding workshops throughout the year both in-person and online. Every event is free and they even provide free food at the in-person events. Find more information here: <https://stemettes.org/events/>

Year 6 EVACUATION DAY

As part of our History topic on World War 2, we have arranged for the Year 6 children to take part in an Evacuee Day to experience what other children may have felt whilst being evacuated during the war. We will be joined by the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership (SCRIP) who will teach the children about 'Planning a Railway Journey' and being safe when using the railway. We will then catch a train to Billingshurst. The SCRIP will join us in school to lead a workshop on Monday 6th November, prior to the trip. The children will also get the chance to interview a local resident who was evacuated during the war.

Our Evacuation Days will take place on:

*Tuesday 7th November 2023 for **Lime Class** and*

*Wednesday 8th November 2023 for **Rowan Class***

On the day of the trip, we aim to leave school at 9am to walk to Horsham station. We will spend about an hour at the station putting our learning from Monday's workshop into practice. We will then catch the 10:35am train to Billingshurst and return to Horsham on the 11:31am train. Once we arrive at Billingshurst, we will be having a morning snack. If at all possible please could you pack a traditional 'War Time' snack for your child, such as Jam or Spam sandwiches, digestive biscuits, bread and butter pudding etc. and a water bottle.

We will be having lunch when we return to school. In anticipation of delays and to therefore make things easier, we would appreciate it if you could provide your child with a packed lunch on the visit day. Families of children entitled to free school meals can order packed lunches from Easy Lunch via Ellen Gardner in the school office. Please make sure your child has any medication they will need for the day. We will be taking the inhalers that are held in school.

To make the trip as authentic as possible we would like the children to **dress up as WWII evacuees** and bring with them either a small suitcase or a pillowcase to carry. Please ensure that they bring a warm coat and wear comfortable shoes as the weather may be cold. The children will remain in their costumes for the whole day. There are plenty of low-cost and easy ideas online for inspiration.

Request for Donations

As we approach the completion of our new sensory space, we are seeking donations of the following items to complete the exciting new space.

- A Sensory Peanut Ball
- A Sensory Exercise Ball
- A wicker basket for shoes
- An artificial potted plant – 1 metre approx.
- A wireless Bluetooth speaker

Should you be able to help us, please contact Mrs Hills on senco@arunside.school

Key Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 4th October - No Drama Club after school
- Thursday 5th October – School Census Day
- Thursday 5th October – Y3 Trip to Butser Farm
- Wednesday 11th October – Individual Pupil Photos
- Tuesday 17th October - Open Afternoon (1.15pm) for our EYFS in-take September 2024
- Wednesday 18th October – Open Morning (9.15am) for our EYFS in-take September 2024
- Thursday 19th October – Year 3&4 Harvest Assembly (09.10) and Y1&2 (14.45)
- Half Term – 23rd – 27th October
- Year 6 Transition to Year 7 – Application Deadline 31st October 2023

PTA Diary Dates

- **Friday 13th October - Arunside Fireworks** - please note, there will be no after-school clubs on this day