

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

17/12/2021

Menu No. 3



Congratulations to Class 3 who have 98.7% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

What we have been up to this week:

We are delighted to have made it to the end of term without having to cancel any of our events. With all the current uncertainty around the new omicron variant it feels like a real victory.

We have had a fantastic week in school; starting with the EYFS/Year 1 Nativity. Once again we were treated to confident children who stood up and said their words, and beautiful singing that held it all together. As expected there were lots of tears; both from the children and the audience. We are very grateful for all the time and effort the EYFS and Year 1 put into learning the songs, sorting costumes and staging and making it such a special event. We will let you know when the link is available for you to download it and watch it at home.

The parents of children in Nursery were also able to come in to see the children singing and enjoying their Christmas songs and rhymes. The children were all very brave and once again we all celebrated with lots of tears. The Nursery staff have done an amazing job this term getting all the children into nursery and settled so that they were able to learn lots of rhymes and songs to share with you all.

Nothing but smiles punctuated all the Christmas parties as the children played games, ate lots of chocolate and snacks and had a fabulous time together. The sound of Christmas music has filled every corner of school all week, along with lots of chatter and laughter. To top it all we had lots of visits from Santa, bringing gifts for all the children.

The children have still been working hard and have all produced their Christmas cards and calendars as they do every year. They have all put lots of effort into their design and production and the staff have all been busy making sure everyone's is finished and ready to come home.

Thank you to all of you for your generosity in sharing and supporting our school and the charities we have been collecting for this term. The school council have been delighted with the success of the December Dress Down Days, as have the PTFA with the Christmas Hampers and Bags to School collection, and Mission Christmas with all the Christmas present donations. Thank you everyone.

We are expecting to be back in school on Tuesday 4th January 2022, but if anything changes we will be sending out a message on Tapestry on Monday 3rd January to let you know what's going on. Have a great Christmas and New Year and we will see you all in 2022!

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary:

4.1.22	School opens
13.1.22	Y5 Basketball Tournament
18.1.22	Governors Meeting 6pm
26.1.22	Year 6 Robinwood
2.2.22	KS1 Volleyball Tournament
14.2.22	Cross-country Tournament
15.2.22	Year 5 Trip
18.2.22	School closes
28.2.22	School opens
1.3.22	Y6 Volleyball Tournament
3.3.22	World Book Day
9.3.22	Year 2 Trip
14.3.22	Assessment Week
15.3.22	Year 1 Trip
18.3.22	PTFA Dress Down Day
21.3.22	Mother's Day Gift Shop
29.3.22	Parents' Evening
30.3.21	Group Photographs
31.3.22	Parents' Evening
1.4.21	School closes
19.4.21	School opens
2.5.22	School closed (Bank Holiday)
9.5.22	Year 6 SATs Week
29.5.22	School closes
6.6.22	School opens
6.6.22	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13.6.22	Father's Day Craft Shop
13.6.22	Year 4 Times Tables Check
20.6.22	Assessment Week
21.6.22	Morley Sports Day
22.7.22	School closes

PTFA Events

We have raised a massive £886.86 on the Christmas hampers, £400 on the Film nights and £102 from Bags 2 School. Thank you for your support.

KS2 Robotics After School Club

Tickets now available for the next block of iZWiz Robotics Club for KS2 children starting after Christmas. Mon 10/01/22 - 14/2/22. 3:30pm - 5pm. £36. www.iZWizrobotics.co.uk Limited spaces remaining. Past, present and new members welcome.

Pinnacle Vacancies

Vacancy—Facilities Assistant for East Ardsley Primary Academy—See attached job description

Vacancy—Cleaner for East Ardsley Primary Academy

Pinnacle have a vacancy for a cleaner Monday to Friday 16.00 to 19.00

£8.91 per hour—term time and holiday time—25 days holiday plus 8 Bank holidays

Contact Mike Hall on 07525392585 for further information

A free online safety guide on 12 Top Tips to Supporting Mental Wellbeing Through Nature.

‘Nature’ is a superb choice as the theme of this year’s Mental Health Awareness Week, as there’s clear evidence that getting access to nature is excellent for our mental health. With Covid-19 restrictions beginning to ease, it’s the perfect time of year to rediscover the natural world and give ourselves a calming, uplifting treat. You don’t have to drag the family on a four-hour hike, either – just 10 minutes each day in the garden, in the local park or your nearest green space could really help. Here are 12 suggestions for ways you can benefit from nature ... both online and off.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as giving Geocaching a go, ditching your phone and playing sports.

This is part of our Mental Health Categories.

ents Need to Know About

Ace Club

We are continue running ACE Multi-skills Club. The sessions will start week commencing 10th January until week ending 18th February. The sessions will run from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and will be £9 for the half term. You will be able to pay for the club after you have completed and returned the below slip. Your child will not be able to attend until payment has been received.

Mondays - Year 1 - Classes Birch and Sycamore

Tuesday—Year 2 - Classes 3 and 4

Wednesdays - Year 3 - Classes 5 and 6

Thursdays - Year 4 - Classes 7 and 8

Friday- Year 5&6- Classes 9,10, 11 & 12

If you would like your child to attend, please fill in the slip below and return to the office as soon as possible.

This is part of our Gaming Yours faithfully,

J. Fletcher

PP: Ms. S. Talbot

Ace After-School Clubs

Name..... Class.....

My child will attend ACE Club Multi-skills. They will be attending: Year _____

Please set a password for when you collect your child from the club. Adults that will be collecting your child will be required to know the password for the ACE staff to ensure children are going home with the correct adult.

Password for collection will be _____

Contact Telephone Number (in case of emergency)

Signed.....

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ONLINE

1 Give something back to nature

A swift internet search should bring up details of any local conservation projects you could volunteer for, or litter-picking events that you could enrol the family in. It doesn't have to be a long-term commitment: most schemes are grateful for every bit of help!

2 Tranquil streams

Search your preferred music player for some soothing natural sounds. A few minutes' gentle audio of rainfall, ocean waves or birdsong are all great ways of unwinding at the end of the day to get you ready for an excellent night's sleep.

3 Give geocaching a go

If you've not heard of it, geocaching is a modern twist on the traditional treasure hunt. Participants look for items hidden in outdoor locations, using a GPS-enabled device like a mobile phone or tablet. We'd recommend that an adult accompanies young adventurers!

4 Share what you see

While you're out exploring nature, take a photo or video of anything you find that inspires you. Not only will it be a nice memory for you to look back on, but you could also share it safely on social media and maybe motivate others to engage with the natural world!

5 Watch the stars

Looking at the night sky can be incredibly calming. There are some comprehensive stargazing websites and apps to help you locate and recognise different stars. It can take 20 minutes or so before you can see stars fully in the dark, even on clear nights, so allow your eyes time to adjust.

6 Wildlife on the web

A Google search will bring up lots of sites that stream webcam footage of nature. From seals to barn owls, rabbits to badgers, you can get an intimate, heart-warming view of all kinds of animal communities from inside the comfort of your own home.

OFFLINE

1 Ditch the phone

Now the weather's improving, go for a walk in a green space nearby. If you're already familiar with your chosen route, you could always leave your phone at home to be completely free of the usual distractions and notifications.

2 Put down some roots

Planting flowers, shrubs, herbs or vegetables can be extremely rewarding. Not only does it help us to connect with nature – it also provides an ongoing project to draw pleasure from. If your home doesn't have a garden, no problem: a window box will do the job just as well!

3 A different kind of tweet

Most gardens in the UK attract a wonderful variety of birds, and just watching them for a few minutes can be immensely therapeutic. There are some excellent apps and sites to help you name any species you don't already know or even play a game: identifying bird song, like bird song bingo!

4 Feed your feathered friends

Hang a bird feeder where you can easily see it from a window. Then enjoy the feelgood factor of satisfied avian visitors perching where you can see them. For something more advanced, you could try building a nesting box to fix onto a fence or under a window sill.

5 Park your worries

If you're lucky enough to live within easy travelling distance of a park, you'd benefit from using it. Whether it's to play ball games, get on your bike, walk the dog or just get some fresh air into your lungs, the potential bonuses for mental health are enormous.

6 Art and soul

Younger children will enjoy drawing or painting animals or nature scenes, or writing a poem or song lyrics about nature. For extra art or crafting fun, you could collect natural materials – leaves, feathers, tree bark or seeds, for example – to use in your creations.

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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Sources: <https://rhiforest.org/coronavirus-lockdown-we-need-nature-now-more-ever/> | <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/article/call-to-wild/> | 'Mental Health and Nature', Mind, 2018



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Facilities Assistant

**Location: East Ardsley Primary School
WF3 2BA**

Salary: £11,150.10 per annum

Hours: 22.5 per week

■ Purpose of Role

Co-ordinate the day to day provision of an effective, professional cleaning service focused on service delivery, providing supervision and guidance to staff.

■ Duties

- Monitor, record and deliver service levels in accordance with contractual requirements, liaising with the client as necessary.
- Provide support, guidance, training and full line management for all cleaning staff.
- Direct all cleaning staff in their duties ensuring the cleaning schedule is adhered to and targets are achieved to meet contractual requirements.
- Ensure that the cleaning function is appropriately resourced by managing the rota effectively including arranging suitable cover for sickness and holidays.
- Monitor staff attendance and maintain records to effectively manage absence
- Report the necessary procurement of new equipment to the Superintendent.
- Supervise the site and deal with all occurrences in accordance with embedded procedures
- Maintain the security of the school premises by securing entrances and exits as appropriate and reporting security breaches, this will include securing the premises at the end of the day.
- Provide cover of the school during out of hours use as required including Parents Evenings, Governors Meetings and school discos
- Undertake emergency, reactive and daily cleaning duties as required
- Report any faults in any equipment or building through the helpdesk or to your line manager, or repair as appropriate in line with personal skills.
- Complete cleaning in allocated areas during the shift
- Comprehensive induction of all contractors and visitors to school including emergency procedures as required.
- The Post will involve elements of manual handling, and you may also be required to work with substances controlled under COSHH regulations
- Be prepared to cover the school during holidays if the Superintendent is on leave

Every effort will be made to fill this vacancy internally. Please note that applicants are not guaranteed an interview for the position. However, all unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback on their application that may prove useful when applying for other advertised positions in the future.

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Facilities Assistant

Skills Required

- Experience/ knowledge of cleaning equipment, products, techniques and the ability to train staff in this area.
- Basic knowledge of computer literacy.
- Willing to undertake training and learn new skills
- Obligation to adhere to safe working practices and ensure due consideration is given to the safety of colleagues, school children, other users of the school and the public
- Planning & organisation skills
- Good communication skills
- Resilience under pressure
- Ability to work as part of a team and use own initiative
- To be able to demonstrate the behaviours required as outlined in the Living the Values section of the working for Pinnacle booklet

If you feel you would be able to contribute positively to the Leeds PFI contract, please apply with an up-to-date CV and cover letter to recruitment@pinnaclegroup.co.uk by 4th January 2022.

If you require any further details about the Facilities Assistant position, please contact Mike Hall on Michael.Hall@pinnaclegroup.co.uk

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Applying for Primary places (Reception) to start September 2022

The on line application process opened on 1st November and runs until the deadline of 15th January 2022. Parents/carers should have received a letter and 'quick guide' from admissions inviting them to apply for a reception place. Parents are able to apply for their child's reception place to start school in September 2022 using the online system: www.leeds.gov.uk. After applying, please check that you have received a confirmation and keep the email safe. If you do not receive a confirmation email, this means that some of the information has been omitted and the application will not be processed, therefore you will need to contact Admissions.

Parents will be informed of their school offer via email on **Tuesday 19th April 2022**.

You can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414 if you have any questions.

You can find information about schools, previous years allocation data, catchment maps and links to school admission policies on the 'find more information about a school' page on Leeds City Council website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/composite-prospectus>

You can find on Leeds City Council's website www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

- an address lookup tool - for families to check if their address has any priority, but not all addresses will have such priority
- the link to the online application form

Please remember to:

- use all 5 preferences, using only use 1 or 2 preferences decreases the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school;
- any supplementary information needs to be provided by the closing date (this applies if a child is previously looked after, is seeking admission under exceptional needs or if a family wish to apply for their child to be admitted out of chronological age group
- use the child's actual permanent address. Using that of a friend, relatives, childminder or renting a property to gain a school place are all considered fraud and places can be withdrawn.

Helpful telephone numbers- Leeds Anti - Social Behaviour Team: 0113 222 4402

Childline: 0800 11 11 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2 460401

Out of hours service for ongoing noise 6.00 pm -3.30 am: 0113 395 0143

NSPCC: 0808 810 800 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2460401

Home Start-Support and friendship for families 0113 244 2419 or email office@home-startleeds