

Arkleston Advertiser

Edition 1 Session 2022 -23



Message from the Head Teacher

It has been wonderful seeing the children back in school again and we are delighted with how well they have settled into their routines. Our new P1 children have been incredible, and we are enjoying getting to know more about them, as our newest Arky Stars. Thank you for ensuring your children were ready and prepared for learning on day one. It is nice to be able to start the year with a sense of normality and no restrictions. We are all looking forward to this session, particularly since we are celebrating the official opening of the school 50 years ago. A lot has changed since then and we hope that you will be able to join us in our many events throughout the year.

We live by our values at Arkleston, **Success, Team, Attitude** and **Respect**. These underpin everything that we stand for as a school and all of the work that we do. We are proud of our pupils and want to give them opportunities to experience new things and take part in activities that allow them to shine brightly. Our curriculum focuses on supporting our children to be the citizens of today, ready to be the leaders of tomorrow. This requires them to reflect on growing up in Renfrew, Scotland and the world and how they can play their part as a global citizen to make the future brighter for everyone.

We will send out a newsletter once a term, via SEESAW. It will also be posted onto the school website. We use SEESAW as our primary method of communication with parents, so please make sure that you have access to both apps. SEESAW Parent and Family app is that app for seeing your child's journal, where they will post work that they complete in class and is also the app that allows us to communicate with you. We used your email address to send you an invite to this app. SEESAW Class App is where children's homework will be posted and can be completed. This requires a code to sign in to. If you have any issues, please let us know. We look forward to working with you this session.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 31 August	P7 Ardentenny meeting 6pm
Wed 31 August	Parent Council meeting 7pm
Mon 12 Sept	Whole school anniversary photo – Uniforms please
Thur 15 Sept	Parent Council School Fayre 6pm-8pm
Fri 23 Sept	School Closed
Mon 26 Sept	School Closed
Fri 30 Sept	Sparky Arky Day – Respectful and Responsible Citizens – Houses
Mon 3 Oct	P7 Ardentenny (Mon-Thur)
Wed 12 Oct	Individual and Family photos only
Fri 14 Oct	Base 4 – Harvest Assembly P4 and P4/3 parents welcome 9.30am
Fri 14 Oct	School closes 3pm for break
Mon 24 Oct	Inset Day – School open to staff only
Tue 25 Oct	Pupils return

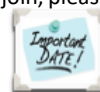
Parent Council

Our Parent Council will be holding their first meeting in the school on Wed 31 August at 7pm, please come along and join us if you want to find out more about us.

Chair: Saima Aslam
Vice Chair: Debbie Elms
Treasurer: Laura McColl
Secretary: Gemma Flemming

If you wish to find out more about the work of the Parent Council or wish to join, please visit their Facebook Page or Twitter.

<https://m.facebook.com/arklestonparentcouncil/>
<https://twitter.com/ArkyPC>



Parent Pay

P1 parents have now been sent out letters for Parent Pay. Thank you to those who have managed to complete this process. We recommend that all parents create an account as this is the vehicle used by the school to collect charitable donations etc. Whilst P1-5 children don't need their accounts for school meals, your child may also attend breakfast club and will require a Parent Pay account to purchase items.

Breakfast Club

Following successful interview, Miss Brown and Mrs McEwan are now supervising in the Breakfast Club from 08:15-08:45. The Breakfast Club is delivered by Environmental Services. Children should enter via the ramp in the car park and we ask parents to park out with school grounds. Please complete an emergency contact form for your child on their first visit. Breakfast Club charges a flat rate of 50p, payable via Parent Pay. Children are expected to uphold our school values at Breakfast Club.



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Head Teacher - Ms C Crawford

Respected and Responsible Citizens

This term we are supporting our youngsters to have a better understanding of what it means to be a respected and responsible citizen. This has begun with each class creating their class charters by reflecting on the rights of the child. As a UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School, we want our children to know what it means to be a respectful citizen of Arkleston. We care for each other and learn how to respect the rights of others and ourselves. Each of the class charters is referred to regularly in class to remind children of what is important within their class community. Once the charter is created, children and staff will all say and sign their Class Respect Pledge and be reminded of what respect looks like, feels like and sounds like in their base. Photographs of the charters will be put on SEESAW and Twitter once completed. Please ask your child to tell you more about it.



P7 Class Charter

Achieving Citizens

Now that the children have been back at school for a few weeks, we have planned our Meet the Teacher Sessions, to allow you the opportunity to come to the school and meet with the class teacher/s, who will give you an overview of the learning that will take place in the class this session and suggestions for how you can support at home. These sessions will be offered to you in person, but we will also offer an online choice, for those that can't attend. A letter will be sent with information attached and we ask that you return it to school as soon as possible.

This is a generic session for parents. You can let us know in advance of any particular questions that you would like to ask or know more about and we can try and add this to the presentation. It is not the forum to discuss individual concerns about pupils. These should be brought to the attention of the senior management team to discuss with you further.

Base 2 - Wed 7 September 2pm

Base 3 - Thur 8 September 2pm

Base 4 - Tue 6 September 2pm

Base 5 - Fri 9 September 2pm

Base 6 - Thur 15 September 2pm

Base 7 - Fri 16 September 2pm



Respected and Responsible Citizens

Each class is currently studying a decade of the history of the school. Learning about history helps us to reflect on the past and learn from it, to make today and tomorrow better. We talked at our whole school assembly about life in the 1970s and how it was different to the experiences children have today. We did discover that some things haven't changed much. Children went to PE, took part in gymnastics and got to climb up ropes, just like we still do. Each week we will cover a different decade and over the term the children will learn some things about the history of the school. We are planning to hold an open day on Tuesday October 25th, when parents and families will get the chance to come and join their children in their classes to find out more about what they have been learning. The school will then be open at the end of the day to ex-pupils and staff to see the work of the school.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

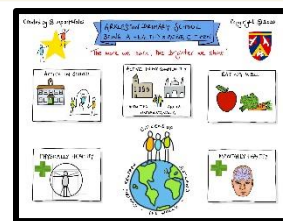


Our pond being dug a long time ago and a familiar face in the background.

We know that part of being a respected and responsible citizen means that we also must be aware of what is happening in the world. We are aware many families from the Ukraine have become displaced, having to flee their homes and communities due to the ongoing war with Russia. We have Recently welcomed some new pupils to Arkleston from Ukraine are delighted to welcome them into the Arkleston family. The children have done their best to ensure their new classmates feel included and we have welcomed back Miss Jeffrey, who will work with us until October to support the children.



Healthy and Active Citizens



Article 15 – Right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Article 31 – Right to relax and play

Article 29 – The right to become the best that you can be

We continue to think about how we can promote healthy and active lifestyles at Arkleston. Children are advised to wear their PE kit on their PE days or to wear it under their clothing. PE kit should be shorts/leggings or joggers in school colours and a white or blue polo top or school sports top. Classes will also have outdoor learning sessions and children should ensure that they have a waterproof jacket with a hood to ensure they can participate, regardless of the weather.

Many classes are continuing to participate in The Daily Mile. This is no more than 15 mins of jogging/running - at a pupil's own pace - around the track we had drawn a few years ago. The daily mile is designed to improve levels of fitness in children and to provide that brain break that is sometimes required. For further information, watch the video linked below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0RahcsF4aI>

Arron Dougan, our Active Schools Coordinator, has been in to discuss school clubs. We have posted a link to the community groups, based at Trinity High School on SEESAW. Please sign up via the link attached. Clubs based within the school will be agreed over the next few weeks and a link will be posted for you to sign up to them

Arky Stars: Article 29 – Your right to be the best you can be

- Carly P5 won 2 trophies at an awards ceremony at her dancing school. One of them was for being a 'Terrific Turner'
- Bonnie P5 has achieved her Stage 2 camping badge at Brownies and Leah P7 now has all her Brownie badges
- Willow P5 learnt 5 sheets of music in 45 minutes for the drums at a club she goes to
- Allie P5 scored a goal for her football team from the halfway line. Harry P4 got a medal for being a top goal scorer.
- Ava P4/3 got a Rainbow badge for untying knots
- Jacob P4/3 got a Beaver's badge for starting a fire
- Ruby P4/3 got a badge for her 6m swim, Kian P4 managed a breadth of the swimming baths
- Murray P7 ran a 7K and Tyler P6 came 2nd in his age group at the Paisley 10K event. Lois, Max C and Cameron P6 also complete the Paisley Fun Run.
- Darcy P3 got a medal for football for being a good goal scorer, Freddie P3 won a football medal and Liam P3 won a football tournament
- Abdulmateen P4 played football in Manchester during the summer with his whole family
- Lucy and Blake, P2, have learned new skills in football
- Jace P3 won a fun run race and got first place
- Rayan P3 won a medal at swimming and Ayla P4 has almost finished her 7th stage of swimming lessons. Marli in P2 is moving up to Level 2 swimming, Ella P2 learned how to swim independently and Avaya learned how to do a backflip into the pool. Ollie and Robyn P1 have moved up a level in swimming
- Mila P3 got a trophy for cheerleading
- Struan P4 got a red belt in judo
- Maisie P4 has started dance classes and Lily P1 has moved to Level 2 dancing
- Ellie P P4 has learned how to do a back walk over in gymnastics and Miley P4 has joined a new studio
- Zainab P2 has been singing to her family
- Kayden P1 moved into the football team at Renfrew Juniors
- Frankie P1 got a certificate for gymnastic



We are keen to find out about your child/ren's achievements out of school. Please let their teacher know via SEESAW.

Who will be working with your children this session?

Base 2 Primary 1A Primary 1B Primary 1C	Mrs L McManus (P1A) Mrs K Reid (P1B) Miss Lister (P1C)	Base 7 Primary 7	Mrs A Sinclair (P7A) Mr D Bonnar (Mon)
Base 3 Primary 2 Primary 3	Miss L Rainey (P2) Mrs L Campbell (P3)	CA/ASNA CA - Classroom Assistants ASNA – Additional Support Needs	Miss K MacKinnon (CA) Miss M Black (CA) Mrs H Liddle (CA) Miss M Brown (CA) Mrs L Craig (ASNA) Mrs L Stewart (ASNA) Mrs T Williamson (ASNA) Mrs J Van Neirop (ASNA)
Base 4 Primary 4/3 Primary 4	Miss E Orr (P4/3) Miss V Clark (P4)	NCCT	Miss J Gilbert Science P1-4 until Oct Mrs A Sinclair Science P5-7
Base 5 Primary 5	Mrs M Mitchell	Head Teacher – Ms C Crawford Depute Head – Mr D Bonnar Principal Teacher – Mrs S Kajla (returning October) Acting Principal Teacher – Miss L Miller Miss V Clark	
Base 6 Primary 6A Primary 6B	Mrs I de Pellette (P6A) Miss K Simpson Mon-Thur (P6B) Miss L Miller (Thur-Fri)	Senior Clerical Officer - Mrs A Richardson Clerical Officer - Mrs Carolyn Bain Facilities Operatives Mr McCall Mr Stewart	



Over the session there will be many visiting specialists, students and volunteers working within the school to support the children.

Some of these are:

Vacancy -

Home Link

Mrs Lisa Henderson – Educational Psychologist

Mr Arron Dougan – Active Schools

Mrs L Thomson/Mrs J Sinclair P7/S1 Transition Teacher

Steven Barr (Pastor)

Mrs Zino (Parent Helper) –

Mrs Julia Barron –

Music Instructor

Ms Caitlin MacDonald - Chanter Instructor

Mrs Hazel Douglas – English as an Additional Language

Mrs Catherine Kenny and Corub

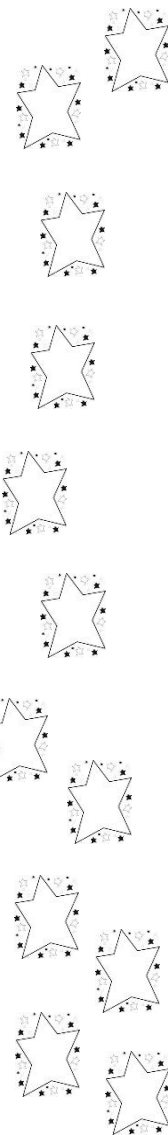
Reading with Dogs

Ms Vicky Mulholland –

Calm Minds (PEF)

Brian Donnelly – Orbis (PEF)

Julie Bell – Head Strong (PEF)



Pupil Information / Attendance

The annual data check forms have been sent home. We would appreciate it if you complete these and return these as soon as possible. It is important that we have the most current and up to date information about each child on our system in case of an emergency. If your details change over the course of the session, please let the school know.

We appreciate that sometimes parents have to make last minute changes to their child's arrangements at the end of the day. Please contact the school as early as possible if this is the case.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school to ensure that the registers have the correct information. Safe and well text alerts will be made to the parents/carers of any child marked absent on the register after 9.15am. If you receive a message please contact the school.

As we have a staggered entry at the moment, there is flexibility between 08:50 and 09:00. If your child arrives once the doors are shut, they should report to the office before going to class. Attendance is monitored regularly and where a child's attendance/late coming is becoming a concern, we will contact you to discuss the reasons. Attendance is monitored at the end of each session and you may receive a letter from us noting any concerns for your records.

Drop Off



As part of our authority Travel Plan and to ensure your child's safe arrival at school, we would ask that children should be dropped off at the main gates of the school or Tesco car park and not in the driveway/car park. The janitor will be at the school gates each morning and afternoon to ensure the driveway is clear. Only parents with a parking permit will be allowed access to the grounds. These are given on an individual basis after discussion with the head teacher. Parents requiring a disabled parking space will find two within school grounds. Please do not park in these unless you are displaying your blue badge.

Medicines

If your child requires prescription medication during the course of the school day, please complete a permission slip at the office. All medicines must be handed into the office and refreshed regularly where appropriate. Children are allowed to have their inhalers in their school bags if they are old enough to manage the administration of their medication.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle with them. They are allowed to drink still water throughout the day, which can be topped up at our water coolers.

Missing Items

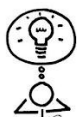
Please ensure all items of clothing and possessions are labelled with your child's name. This ensures we can return lost items promptly.

Your Thoughts Matter and Make a Difference

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve the work that we do please email

arklestonenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

and put Family Feedback in the sub-heading



What have we been up to?

Base 2 - have settled into school and have been learning to follow lots of routines. We have been busy making new friends and working hard to complete our 'must do' jobs. In Literacy, we have been learning some new sounds (satpin) and we will now begin to use these to build some words on our magnetic boards. We have enjoyed reciting some of our favourite nursery rhymes together and listening to find pairs of words that rhyme. We have been completing lots of tasks to improve our pencil control and help us as we learn to write. In Numeracy, we have been counting forwards and backwards to 10 and 20, beginning and ending on different numbers. We have been trying hard to count groups of objects accurately and say how many are in the group. We have also been thinking about the different ways that we can sort a group of objects, such as by colour, size, type. We are enjoying working and playing together, and we all think we are going to have a great year in Base 2!



Base 3

Primary 3 have settle well into life in Primary 3. We have already been completing our must do jobs and have been tracking them off using our 'P3 Star Jobs' display. In literacy, we have been doing lots of spelling revision and practising our tricky words in lots of different ways. Using the scrabble tiles and jelly keyboards are two of our favourite ways to practise! Our class novel this term is Matilda and we are already exploring the three sharings, talking about our likes/dislikes, connections and puzzles. In numeracy, we have been learning to order 2- and 3-digit numbers and talking about the value of each digit in any given number. We enjoy doing a 'number' of the day together and then independently completing our tasks. We enjoy spending time at the teaching table to get an extra challenge. This year, we hope to keep our strong connection with our connected classroom 'Baby Steps' all the way over in the Republic of Congo. We hope to hear from our friends very soon! We are looking forward to our trip to the BBC studios in Glasgow to support our peers taking part in the CBeebies – Get Set Galactic programme. We can't wait to be on TV!

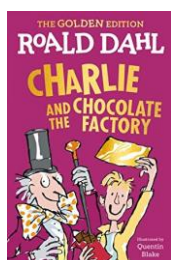
Primary 2 have settled in well and are enjoying learning new routines. Every morning we use our Star Booklets to track how we are feeling. We have been practising writing our full names. This term we are excited to learn about our chosen decade, the 80's, to celebrate Arklestone's 50th Anniversary. In literacy, we will be revising some Stage 1 phonemes before we move on to some new sounds! We will also practise letter formation to make sure we can write words properly. Primary 2 are already amazing at counting, so we are going to continue working on place value and learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10.



Base 4 –

Primary 4/3 The children have settled well into their new class and are enjoying sharing their time with P4. As a base, we have decided to have a flower theme for the class charter. It already looks very colourful, just like our year ahead. We are looking forward to celebrating Arklestone's 50th Anniversary. Primary 4/3 are starting to think about the 1990's. We will explore music and other main events of this time. At home, the children will be asked to practise counting in 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 10's as well as, weekly spelling and reading challenges. We are enjoying our class novel, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which will help children to explore the difference between poverty and wealth. We will discuss Charlie's poverty-stricken home which stands in the shadow of the Behemoth Chocolate Factory which is filled with untold riches. We look forward to a fun-filled term.

Primary 4 have settled into their daily routines and start each day with a smile! We have already started to complete our 'must do' jobs which we can complete throughout our day alongside playing with our friends. We have completed our class charter and looked at the different rights of a child. It is a big year for Arklestone and base 4 will be looking at the 90s decade! We have started learning the 6 times table and are looking at the place value of numbers beyond 1000. We work independently and within a group to help each other when we find things a little tricky. We are well underway with our class novel, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We have already picked up on some differences between the book and the film and look forward to hearing the next chapter the next day. We are looking forward to a busy year and can't wait for you to visit our school for the 50th anniversary and our base assembly which is October.

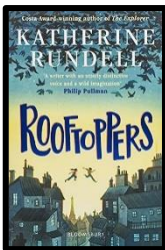


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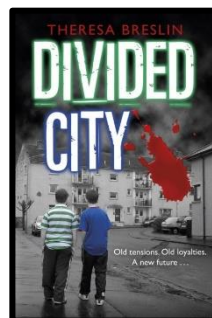
Base 5 have settled well into their new class! We are very lucky to have a whole base to ourselves which provides us with lots of space for our learning. We have decided on a Lego themed class charter and the children have been busy creating their own Lego themed characters. With our 50th Anniversary just around the corner, we have started to think about life in the 1970s! We have looked at holidays in the 1970s and designed some amazing Retro Volkswagon Camper vans. Over the next few weeks we will be discovering 1970s music (we all know some ABBA songs!), art, and researching some important events of the 1970s. We'll also take a look at our school archives to find out what children were learning at Arkleston Primary School when the school opened back in 1972. There is a rumour that a tiger came to a school assembly in the 1970s! At home, we will be practising our multiplication tables in order to help us with our Big Maths Beat That Challenges. We are also enjoying our class novel, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* which offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness which ties in nicely with our UNICEF lessons on children's rights.



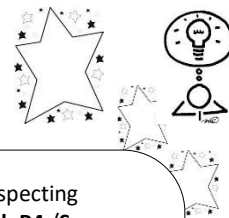
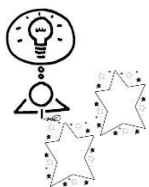
Base 6 have settled well into their new class and with their new teachers! Over the past 2 weeks we have been working on our class charter which we have been doing across the base. The children have been looking at the UNCRRC Rights of the child to help them decide what kind of environment they want to be learning in. When deciding on a theme for our class charter we asked the children to suggest different ideas and then we put it to a vote. As a result, our class charter will be Shrek themed. As it is the schools 50th Anniversary this year, we have started to think about the 2000's which will be our topic. So far, we have thought about major events which happened in this decade and as a base we thought about what we already know and what we would like to know. This has allowed us to get a better understanding of the type of things the children would be interested in learning about. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about technology, clothing, major events, art and music from the 2000s. Our class novel is "*Rooftoppers*" written by Katherine Rundell and we have all enjoyed reading about the journey Charles and Sophie have gone on. The children have also enjoyed visualising what the characters might look like and have been creating wanted posters.



Base 7 are enjoying having choice and having time to explore free play. We love fun time Friday! After lunch we have a general knowledge quiz linked to learning and current affairs, with prizes! We may also get a chance, on a Friday, to further develop our outdoor learning skills. We enjoyed teambuilding in P.E. with Mr Bonnar and we are looking forward to develop our skills in ICT. We have started *Divided City* and we will be learning all about discrimination and inclusion. We have had a super time getting to know our P1 buddies and have risen to the challenge of being good role models, displaying the character strengths of kindness, being a friend and teamwork. We are working with Julie on a Tuesday from Headstrong, developing our skills in preparation for our transition to high school. So far, we have been talking about personal accountability, choices and the consequences of our actions on ourselves and others.



What do the pupils have to say?



We are very proud of our Gold Rights Respecting School Award.

P7 Rory

We are very good at helping each other and welcoming everyone.

P7 Anaya

We know how to celebrate everyone's success.

P7 Ryan

The teachers and parents work together to help all the children. We have time to play but also lots of time to learn new things through our play.

Jamie P5

Everyone can share their emotions with any member of staff. The teachers make us feel like Arky stars!

Willow P5

I love that we go on a school trip every year to see new places.

Jennifer P5

I love our school because we get choices. We are allowed to be involved in our learning.

Evie P5

Arkleston Primary is the best because we have so much space to play in. We can play on the MUGA or field. We have Beastie street and lots of trees..

Allie P5

The teachers work hard to make our learning so much fun.

Taylor P5

It is a Rights Respecting school. **Ruairidh P4 /Sara P4/3**

We get to see our teachers every day and we get to see our friends every day because we come to Arky **Ayla P4** It's been here so long; we should celebrate it **Miley P4** We are always respected in school so we should celebrate this.

Ethan P4

That we get to see our friends every day and have fun.

Kian P4/3

We feel included. **Dylan P4/3**

It is a nice place to meet friends. **Poppy P4/3**

Teachers listen to our thoughts. **Ruby P4/3**

Teachers give us help when we need it. **Codi P4/3**

Question

It is our 50th birthday. What makes Arkleston a school to celebrate?

Ms Crawford

Article 13: Your right to express your thoughts and opinions



It has got good teachers

Darcy P3

I love the playground and there are lots of things to do.

Jackson P3

We have lots of things to play with.

Maya P3

It has a nice design on the outside of the building

Corran P3

There are lots of things to learn about.

Zoeya P3

The boys and girls always shine bright like arky stars.

Mila P3

Arkleston is amazing because everybody is kind.

Jamie P2

Teachers and pupils are always friendly and help each other.

Olivia P2

I love Arkleston because we have the chance to play and have fun every day.

Isla P2

Because everyone is a shining star.

Theo P2

I like building new things – the toys are great. **Frankie P1**

I like doing my jobs.

Isaac P1

I love playing on the climbing frame.

Caden P1

I like building at the construction.

Rory P1

The school looks nice. **Lily P1**

Learning at the teacher's table is lots of fun.

Robvn P1

I liked learning about nouns and doing our noun cloud. **Amber P2**

I liked making my monster with playdough for funky fingers. **Harley-Jay P2**

I have liked being with my friends in class. **Maja P2**

I like doing counting in

I love the toys that we play with.

Keara P1

I love playing with the dolls.

Camden p1

I love playing in the sandpit.

Afiyah P1

It is a special school that respects everyone in it. **Curtis P6**

As a school, we make people who are new feel welcome. **Riley P6**

All the staff are respectful in Arkleston, that's why we should celebrate the anniversary. **Mirren P6**

All the staff are hardworking and deserve to celebrate their hard work.

Emaad P6

