

Archibald News

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Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”

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“Believe and Achieve.” “Věř a Dosáhnutí” “Uwierz i osiągnij” “Crede și atinge” “اندازواید مان” “相信与实现”

This week is Communication Week. Teachers will be looking to reward pupils who demonstrate their ability to communicate their learning in different ways in our celebration assembly on Friday morning.



The school Governing Body would like to inform you that following detailed discussions over a period of time they have made the decision to apply for Archibald Primary to become an Academy as part of Endeavour Academies. This is the same Academy Trust that leads Macmillan Academy, and the governing body are delighted that joining Macmillan in a Multi Academy Trust will provide further opportunities for our schools to work together in partnership. This has been agreed in principle by Janet Renou, the Regional Schools Commissioner.

We are now starting a period of consultation with parents, carers, staff and stakeholders, during which further information will be shared, and opportunities for questions to be answered will be given.

As part of this consultation process there will be a consultation meeting for all parents and carers at 4pm on Tuesday 27th February.

This is an exciting time in the history of Archibald Primary School and your opinions are important. For further information on Endeavour Academies please visit the website below.

<http://www.endeavour-academies.org.uk/>

There are some fantastic photos of Archibald pupils on the website!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded Initiative Awards in our Star of the Week celebration assembly last Friday.

- Class 1 – Thea Kelly
 - Class 2 – Harley Taylor
 - Class 3 – Tommy Jay Jolly
 - Class 4 – Sian Large
 - Class 5 – Ethan Brittain
 - Class 6 – Amber Everall Allan
- The prize was won by Thea Kelly**
- Class 10 – Alfie Johnson
 - Class 11 – Lewis Kibbler
 - Class 12 – Luke Khurana
 - Class 13 – Jude Diei
 - Class 14 – Faith Bunn
 - Class 15 – Leon Brown
 - Class 16 – Jan Goral
 - Class 17 – Betty Robinson
 - Class 18 – Denisia Brumariu
 - Class 19 – Ella Pattison
- The prize was won by Lewis Kibbler**

Mentor's Awards:-
Mrs Clark – Holly Webb

Congratulations to all the stars!

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Every School Day Matters
Our attendance target is 96%.

School attendance for last week was 96.3% which is above target – WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Roary's Attendance Challenge
100% Attendance
Class Winners wb 29.1.18.

EYFS – Class 1 – 87% @ 100%
KS1 - Class 4 - 93% @ 100%
KS2 – Class 17 - 100% @ 100% attendance

All pupils with 100% attendance are automatically in The Roary Club.

The next Roary Club treat will be this week on Friday 9th February.

Attendance Spot Prize!
Congratulations to Taylor Birt from Y5 who won one of our attendance spot prizes last week for 100% attendance. Taylor won a pair of tickets to see Boro play Brighton in the FA cup tie. Well done Taylor. More spot prizes coming soon!

HALF TERM HOLIDAY -Half Term Holiday starts this Friday at 3pm. School reopens on Monday 19th February.

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen , Mrs S Featherstone, Mrs A Jefferies



Diary Dates – Spring Term 2018

THIS WEEK

w/b Monday 5th February

Y6 Practice SATs Week 1

Y3 Swimming all week

Whole school Handwriting Competition

Wednesday 7th February

E – Safety Show – KS1 and KS2

Friday 9th February

Roary Club Celebration Event

School closes for half term holiday

NEXT WEEK – Half Term Holiday – School Closed

COMING SOON

Monday 19th February

School reopens

Y3 Swimming all week

Special Week 2018 – Fairtrade Week

Friday 23rd February

Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross country practice and fun run at Acklam Grange

Tuesday 27th February

Consultation Meeting for parents/carers re

Academy Conversion 4pm.

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day 2018 – Details to follow

w/b Monday 5th March

Parent/carer/teacher/pupil Triangulation Meetings

– 2 weeks - Details to follow

Thursday 8th March

Y6 GDS workshop 3 at Macmillan Academy

Friday 9th March

KS2 Cross country competition at UCA

w/b Monday 19th March

Y6 Practice SATs Week 1

Y5 Residential – Peat Rigg

Thursday 22nd March

Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Outwood Academy Acklam

w/b Monday 26th March

Y2 Practice SATs week

Thursday 29th March – end of Term 3pm

Roary Club Celebration Event

Monday 16th April

School reopens for Summer Term 2018

Friday 22nd April

Y3 & Y4 Dance festival at Acklam Grange Acorn Centre

Please be aware that these dates and times are provisional and are subject to change.

Y3 Swimming

Y3 pupils will be attending swimming lessons at the Neptune Pool every afternoon this week and for the first week after the half term holiday. **Pupils will need their swimming kit in school every day.** Swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum. The government expectation is that all pupils can swim at least 25m by the time they leave primary school. At Archibald Primary swimming lessons are in Y3 and Y4.

Parent and Carer Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed our annual questionnaire at the end of last term. There were 223 questionnaires returned. The results are very encouraging and will help us to improve further.

	% strongly agree or agree
My child is happy at school.	98%
My child feels safe at school.	99%
My child makes good progress at school.	100%
My child is well looked after at school.	99%
My child is taught well at school.	99%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	98%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%
The school deal effectively with bullying.	98%
The school is well led and managed.	99%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	98%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	97%
I would recommend this school to another parent or carer.	100%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	100%
I feel welcome in school	100%
I know who to contact if I have any concerns about the my child or the school	100%
The school plays an important part in the local community	99%
The school promotes learning opportunities for parents and carers	98%
I feel involved in the life of the school and informed about what is happening.	97%

Parents/carers who expressed specific concerns in their feedback will be contacted by a member of staff over the next few weeks in order to provide further information so that your concerns can be actioned.

- Medicines in School -

In line with many schools in Middlesbrough we appreciate that sometimes pupils who have been ill and prescribed medication are well enough to be return to school before their prescription is complete. If a child is prescribed medication 4 times a day we can administer it in school providing that an appropriate form is signed by parents/carers. If the medication is to be taken three times a day this should be administered at home before school, after school, and at bed time rather than being brought into school.

Archibald Primary School Academy Consultation



Conversion to Academy Status Consultation Document

For several years now, the Governors of Archibald Primary School have been considering the school's position regarding academy status very carefully. The context of academy conversion is now very much different than it was in the early days and it is in this new era of positive academisation that the Governors have resolved to explore what Academy status might mean for Archibald Primary School.

In light of this, we have been holding discussions with a secondary school (Macmillan Academy) to form a multi academy trust (MAT) to be known as Endeavour Academies. Governors believe that it will be in the best interests of our school to join a multi-academy trust incorporating, initially Archibald and Macmillan, upon our own academy conversion. We strongly believe that both schools share the same ethos and vision for the future and that we can work successfully together in a positive partnership for the educational benefit of all the children whom we care for.

As part of our exploration of what Academy status might mean for Archibald Primary School, we would like to hear the views of our parents, staff and the wider community. We are therefore commencing formal consultation on Monday 5th February 2018. Consultation will end at 3.15pm on Monday 12th March, 2018.

We would encourage you to present your support, views, concerns and questions during that time. All submissions received by the end of the consultation process will be considered at a meeting of the Full Governing Body on Thursday 15th March 2018. Please refer to the last section of this document for details of how to submit your views.

As part of the consultation process, we will be holding consultation meetings for parents and other interested parties, the aim of which is to hear your views and answer any queries you might have. We have agreed that each school's Headteacher and Chair of Governors, Chair of Endeavour Academies Trust will attend each of the meetings. The meeting for parents and other interested parties will take place at **Archibald Primary School** on **Tuesday 27th February at 4pm.**

What is an Academy?

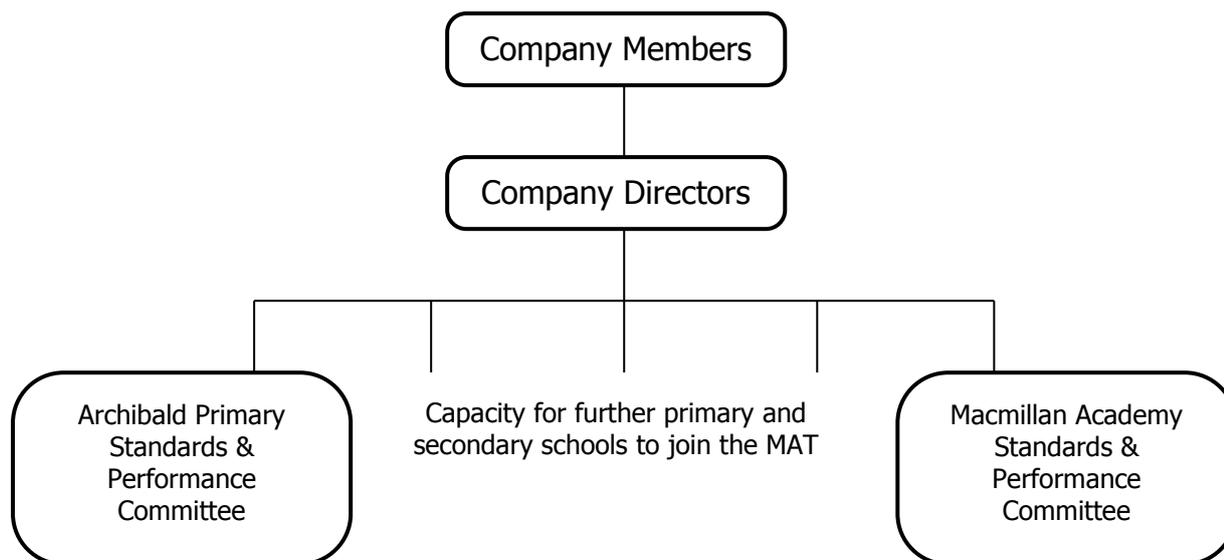
Academies are state schools that are funded directly from central Government, rather than by the Local Authority, and as a result receives directly the money that the Local Authority has previously spent on its behalf. This means that academies have greater freedoms and flexibilities compared to Authority-maintained schools. Schools that are performing well (with OfSTED judgements of 'Good' or 'Outstanding') can apply to become academies.

What is a Multi-Academy Trust?

A Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) allows a group of schools that share similar aims and ambitions to work together as one charitable trust. A MAT is registered as a company with Companies House and is accountable directly to the Regional Schools Commissioner and the Secretary of State for Education. The schematic below shows the simplified proposed structure of the Endeavour Academies MAT :



Endeavour Academies Multi Academy Trust



What are the advantages to Archibald Primary School?

- Formalising, extending and consolidating the strong partnerships that have existed for a number of years between the schools involved.
- Significant staff professional development across all phases; enhanced subject leadership opportunities; development of middle management and management at all levels in all phases.
- Curriculum expertise and opportunity: increased subject specialist opportunities in schools, leading to more engaging teaching and learning experiences for staff and children.
- Educational benefits for the children through increased freedoms around curriculum teaching. We would still be subject to the same system of OfSTED scrutiny and would use the 2014 National Curriculum as a basis for our teaching.
- Potential for additional capital funding bids that are not available to Authority-maintained schools.
- Increased freedom to purchase goods and services from the wider market and to negotiate goods and services specifically for our needs rather than using Local Authority services and providers.
- Further strengthening and promoting collaborative working links between schools to facilitate joint learning between different groups of children from different schools within the MAT umbrella.
- Enhanced transition opportunities for all children and the development of a secure pathway through to 16 or 18 for the vast majority of our children who transfer to Macmillan Academy at the end of Y6.

How would Archibald Primary School change?

In short, there will be very little that changes in terms of the day-to-day running of the school: uniform, school name, branding, staffing and all the other things that make Archibald the special place that it is would remain unchanged, and our main driving force when making the decision to pursue academy conversion was to ensure that Archibald retained all that made it Archibald! We fully expect the parents, children and staff will not notice any tangible differences.

The school's existing Governing Body would continue to fulfil its statutory responsibilities.

The Academy Trust would employ our staff rather than the Local Authority, but all national agreements on pay and conditions would still apply. Employment rights would transfer to the Academy Trust; pension rights etc would be preserved.

The school will still be subject to the same level of scrutiny from OfSTED and the Local Authority do still retain a monitoring role for all schools in the Authority area.

Further information

The most comprehensive suite of information on academy conversion is that provided by the DfE itself.

For starters, an introduction is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/types-of-school/academies>

A parliamentary research briefing also gives lots of valuable information in FAQ format regarding academies:

<https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=7&ved=0ahUKEwiIxcmo55DUAhUjDsAKHbpTAWkQFghJMAY&url=http%3A%2F%2Fresearchbriefings.files.parliament.uk%2Fdocuments%2F%2FSN07059%2F%2FSN07059.pdf&usq=AFQjCNGxi1dMZW0EYQw83RLdkXfFDQ4NgQ&sig2=h5X3YDbRgakrcJMQ9TTyOA&cad=rja>

The Anti-Academies Alliance is an umbrella group for those opposed to academy conversion (although it has not been updated recently):

<http://antiacademies.org.uk/>

Submit your views

By email: archibald@mcschools.org.uk ('Academy Consultation' in the subject line)

By post: Chair of Governors, Archibald Primary School, Ayresome Green Lane , Middlesbrough, TS5 4DY (envelopes clearly marked 'Academy Consultation').

Yours sincerely,

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