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Arnold View



## THE LIME TREES AT ARNOLD VIEW FEBRUARY 2016

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new Term at Arnold View. Last term was just as exciting as usual; we had Friday night activities return where we tried lots of new things. Including learning origami and a messy night involving a giant indoor shaving foam slide, painting with our feet and dipping our hands in gooey food. We also had two Christmas parties attended by nearly all our children, which was lovely to see. Finally as a club we entered the John Lewis age concern man in the moon ad competition and in January received certificates from John Lewis for those who had entered. The new term brings lots of fun activities; we have already turned the hall into a space den and made our own rockets. We celebrated music by making our own instruments and rehearsing to form a band. We will be having a sports week with lots of make and do activities with medals to win. We are planning a celebration of cultures that is associated with our on going topic about festivals, faiths and around the world.

### ABOUT OUR LOVELY TEAM

We would like to make you aware that other staff members occasionally join us, these are from our other settings and are fully trained and checked according to our policies. We do try when possible to give you advanced warning but as we are sure you appreciate there may be times it is at short notice. If you wish to discuss any staff matters Tracy will be happy to chat with you.

### YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

- **We spoke:** We have had a few comments from the children asking to have the play dough out more often. **We listened:** So we are currently putting this out regularly and have purchased new play dough to add to the table.
- **You spoke:** Another child has requested box modelling more often. **We listened:** So we have spoken to school and have arranged to have all the photocopier boxes when empty.
- **You spoke:** Following the last you spoke, we listened we are trialling new food for tea. **We listened:** We're seeing how we enjoy Warburton's thins and potato cakes as an extra to our usual tea.


### COMMENTS FROM PARENTS

- We have had some lovely compliments and we must say they really make it all worthwhile.
- "I am so grateful to you for looking after my child so well, there's always such a lot to do, it's wonderful!"
- "All the children always look so happy and are laughing, it's such a fun place."



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#### TIPS AND ACTIVITIES AT HOME

We had a science event last term and thought you may like to use our ideas at home. Why not try making exploding volcanoes. Empty small water bottle, half fill with vinegar, add few drops of food colouring then half teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda. Stand well back and watch it explode. Cover your table and floor as it keeps running and can get messy or maybe try it in the garden. You could also try to create your own lava lamps. Fill a plastic bottle half way with oil, and then add few drops food colouring and teaspoon of salt. The salt should separate and form bubbles. Please take pictures and bring them in to show us how you got on. It would be lovely to see during register time.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

- We are starting our Friday activities very soon; more details to follow and we do have another messy night among them.
- We are planning an Easter egg hunt and Easter bake evening; again we will let you know more details soon.
- Also look out for Super Spy night, thanks to Ollie and Rayaans input.

- Finally Tracy, Charlotte and Issy are planning for a Indiana Jones/lost city evening which we are really excited about in mid February.
- We are also planning on sending a gigantic scarf home for the children to decorate and bring back to the club to pass on to another child. We are hoping to create a big piece of art for the club. This should be going out at the end of February and we would love everyone to take part to show what a team we all are.



#### COMMENTS FROM PARENTS

- "My daughter has been counting how many sleeps until she can come to breakfast club, she's that excited!"
- "You have turned the club around, management should be proud."
- "Your hall set up looks wonderful, so inviting. I'd love to bring my child here."
- Thank you for these kind words, we really appreciate them. If you have any comments about the club please do chat to Tracy.