

Armthorpe Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

As many of you will be aware, on our return to school, we adapted our school day to include a 20 minute 'values' period. On a recent Community Voice survey, an extremely valid query was raised by parents as to what these sessions look like. I therefore thought it would be useful this week to share with you the work we are conducting on a daily basis across the Academy to make our vision a reality.

The Armthorpe values permeate all aspects of school life. We are building a culture where we expect everyone in the Armthorpe family to be a leader and a learner. Our ethos is built on the strapline, **Inside Everyone There is a Rainbow Waiting to Shine**. A rainbow is a wonderful sight; a symbol of hope, inspiration, vibrance and dreams coming true. A rainbow only appears however after a storm reminding us that anything magnificent often requires a battle, struggle, resilience and patience. Weathering the storm is a part of life. As such, our values embody characteristics we would want to foster in our own children.

Respect #Communicate with Kindness	At the start of our rainbow because manners and kindness cost nothing but mean so much.
Responsibility #Make Positive Choices	Life is all about choices. It is never too late to make a positive choice; you don't find a rainbow looking down.
Resilience #Never Give Up	In the middle of our rainbow because resilience is a skill not an ability. It can be learnt. It is an invaluable life skill.
Pride #The Best of Me	Nothing replaces hard work, but pride features at this point in our rainbow as it requires the 3 R's before it, then some inner drive.
Ambition #Dream Big	Ambition is at the end of our rainbow because dreams will come true but only if all our other values are engrained and embedded.

Our assembly and weekly values program gives our students the opportunity to learn about and discuss not only our own values but key British Values too. This half term's schedule is detailed overleaf.



Headteacher: Mrs Claire Robbins

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Ambition

Pride

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility



Week Beginning	Values Theme/ Weekly Discussion	Assembly Topic		British Value/ Wider World Link
12 th April	1:1 Respect	Expectations Everyone a Leader & Learner	CRO	Democracy Rewards Vote
19 th April	2:1 Responsibility	World Peace: Living as one in Harmony	SHX	Pride, Respect & Tolerance Steven Lawrence Day (22 nd April)
26 th April	3:1 Resilience	Our Digital Footprint	CAB	Rule of Law & Aspiration National Screen Free Week (3 rd - 9 th May)
3 rd May	4:1 Pride	Fair Trade: Choose the World we Want	JHA	Rule of Law, Respect World Fair Trade Day (May 2 nd)
10 th May	5:1 Ambition	Florence Nightingale The impact of the NHS	ABR	Respect & Ambition International Nurses' Day (12 th May)
17 th May	Everyone a Leader	Recognising Our Own Emotions and Respecting Others	CRO	Individual Liberty, Respect & Responsibility Mental Health Awareness Week (17 th - 23 rd May)
24 th May	Everyone a Learner	Celebration Assemblies Real in the PA Hall!	CRO	Pride & Ambition Rule of Law – Our Expectations!

To help prepare Year 6 learners for life at Armthorpe, seven of our students recently worked with Engaging Education to help produce a short film about our vision and values. The link is detailed below. I am sure you'll agree our students, and Miss Kelly have done a fantastic job!

[Armthorpe Our Vision - YouTube](#)

Free School Meals

Finally, if you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please see the attached flyer. If you have already used the Trust's guidance to complete this process, there is no need for action. If you read the criteria and feel your family are eligible, then follow the guidance and complete the attached link. If you have any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend! Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Claire Robbins
Headteacher