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October Edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half-term is here! It has been longer than usual and therefore very tiring for us all. As ever, we have packed a lot of activities and opportunities around the core of excellent education we endeavour to deliver here at Arnold this Autumn.

Over the past month, we have had some brilliant events courtesy of our fabulous PTA. Huge thanks to all the volunteers and contributors to the Halloween Disco and Doughnut sale which has rounded off this last fortnight.



It was lovely to host so many of you in person, or virtually, as part of the Parent's Evenings during October. We have our Parent Forum dates now live for the rest of the year, please take note of them below. As requested previously, we have made a range of dates and times available to attempt to include as many parents as possible across the year.

Wednesday 20th November, 5.30pm – Register your attendance [HERE](#)

Thursday 6th February, 6.30pm

Tuesday 18th March, 6pm

Wednesday 7th May, 5.30pm

Thursday 26th June, 6.30pm

This half-term has been particularly wetter than ever. This has taken effect on the smooth running of school transport, organised by Central Bedfordshire Council. There has, however, also been avoidable lateness in a number of services to Arnold Academy. Please rest assured that all concerns are logged by us at Arnold to attempt to improve the experience for children using the school buses. Please could I ask that you support us with concerns by also logging complaints to Central Bedfordshire as parents. This will help them recognise the significance of the impact of any poor service from the school buses. You need to register your email address before submitting your first concern, but then can do so freely using this [LINK](#).

We have enjoyed transition events for local feeder schools during this past month. Prospective Year 4 pupils have spent the morning at Arnold enjoying Science, Food Tech and PE lessons. We have also offered Open Morning Tours, for a chance to see the school in action. Next half-term, on Wednesday 6th November, we have our Open Evening at 5pm. If you know of anyone looking for school places, please share/retweet or forward any correspondence from the school. We still have a small number of places available in both current Year 5 and 7, as well as places for September's Year 5. As a current parent, if you have not seen us live during the school day, a reminder that you are very much welcome to tour our classes when we advertise these events! Parents are integral to life here at Arnold, and we welcome your involvement in the journey of your child through the school.

I really hope you enjoy the October edition of the Arnold update. We hope you have a restful break over the half-term break and look forward to seeing you in November!

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

November

WC 4th November

4th - First Day Back

6th - Open Evening

WC 11th November

11th - Remembrance Day

15th - Children in Need

WC 18th November

18th - Anti-Bullying Week

20th - School Flu Vaccinations

22nd - Yr 4 Parents Coffee

WC 25th November

26th - Christmas Singing

29th - Staff Training Day

December

WC 9th December

11th - Year 5 Panto

PTA Hundred Club

For £5 a month, you can purchase a number in our 'Numbers Club' and be in with the chance of winning a cash prize. 50% of the monthly prize fund is returned to three lucky winners, with the remaining 50% used to support the purchase of new books for the school library.



Year Group News

YEAR 5



Form with the Highest Attendance

5JMC

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5LN



YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6SRO

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6SQ

YEAR 7



Form with the Highest Attendance

7KT

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7JF



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8CW

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8FP



School Council

At the start of each academic year, Arnold pupils are encouraged to apply to become a school councillor. Pupils write a school council manifesto outlining their skills and abilities and their ideas for the year ahead. Each class votes, and elects, a representative for the School Council.

The School Council meet fortnightly with Ms Boston and Mrs Wise-Sharp. They are consulted on ways to improve our school systems, culture and environment. The school councillors decide on our school charity for the year ahead and organise fundraising events throughout the school year.

The Headteacher meets regularly with the School Council to ensure that pupil voice plays a central role in moving the school forward.

The School Councillors for 2024/2025 are:

YEAR 5



YEAR 6



YEAR 7



HOUSE NEWS

This half-term has been a brilliant start to the new competitions introduced to the house competitions system. To start the year, pupils were all invited to create a house banner for their specific house.

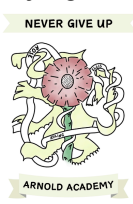
The year 8's truly stepped up to the challenge of applying to be house representatives. The applications the house leaders received were brilliant, and the amount of hard work that went into each pupil's application was lovely to see. After a lot of deliberation, our house leaders chose the 12 amazing house representatives who will be representing and supporting the house system throughout the year alongside our Head of House members of staff:

Attenborough



Head of House
Miss Ferrer
House Representatives
Charlotte S
Neve C

Ayling-Ellis



Head of House
Mr Norman
House Representatives
Thea S
Jess P

Gilbert



Head of House
Miss Sealey
House Representatives
Charli S
Daisy W

Daley



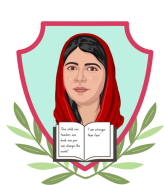
Head of House
Mrs Pound
House Representatives
Zaina Q
Jack E

Rashford



Head of House
Miss Northall
House Representatives
Brooke P
James F

Malala



Head of House
Mrs Smale
House Representatives
Meliha B
Aariya P

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Black History Month

The History department has encouraged the pupils to explore significant figures in black history, in recognition of October being Black History Month. The pupils have explored some hugely significant figures and helped to improve the recognition of black histories and their contributions to the society we live in today.



Space Week

Students are encouraged to create a 60 second film explaining something about space that they really love. Be creative but scientifically accurate. You could be an astronaut walking on the moon explaining what you see, you could go outside and see if you can film the night sky or if you're lucky film the orionid meteor shower which might be visible now, talk about your favourite planet, discuss black holes. Show us what excites you when it comes to SPACE.

The winners will receive a prize, valuable house points and get their film shown to Ramsey students after half term.

The deadline is Wednesday 30th October (in half term) All entries are to be emailed to [Miss Donovan](#).

Halloween

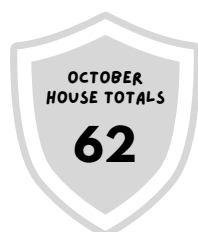
For the Halloween celebrations, Miss Northall has been working with KS2 to create spooky Halloween stories, which has been a brilliant success and Miss Northall and our house representatives look forward to voting for the winners.

The pupils also have the opportunity to send their amazing pumpkin carvings to their house leaders, to earn house points.

Diwali

The final house competition of the half-term is linked to the religious festival of Diwali, where pupils are encouraged to create celebration cards to give to their friends and families to wish them joy, peace and prosperity. Pupils have until October 31st to email [Miss Sealey](#) with photos of their amazing Diwali celebration cards.

HOUSE POINT TOTALS



HUS Bake Off

The challenge was to produce Halloween-themed foods that demonstrated a range of baking skills, ranging from Spooky Boo Brownies, Beastly white chocolate covered Choux pastry Bones, Halloween Pizza, Spider Double chocolate chip cookies and Scone Monster Bites.



It was clear from the onset that students were all focused and keen to succeed, showing great teamwork in assigning dishes to group members, taking into account their skills and experience.

I was proud to see such focused groups all working collaboratively and independently and the standard of work was incredible.

The winning group was 'Mary Berry' and featured two of Arnold's very own students. River and Ruby whose creative skills were showcased.

Commendations went to Henry O's Spooky Pizza which in my mind stole the show, as he chose to make his own tomato passata from scratch, for the top of his spooky pizza siders web pizza.

I was proud and impressed with the decorum of our students and the quality of the work they produced.

Mr Burr



Reading Competition

Each month the house with the most words read in each year group wins a point for their house and a 'Reading trophy' for their form tutor to display in their room. A reading badge of honour is then placed on the house boards for everyone to see and celebrate. Below are the winners of September.

September Reading Champions

The forms with the most words read this month are...



House Scores have been updated.

Each class reading score is on display in the library

Get Reading Everyone!



Cool Aeronautics

The children had a fantastic time being shown around the Shuttleworth hangars by some fabulous volunteers this term. They had the opportunity to see some amazing vehicles and aeroplanes from the last 130 years, including the hurricane, spitfire and a replica of the first ever aircraft to fly in 1909. The children were lucky enough to be visited by members of Lockheed Martin who completed a great workshop with the children based on space and built their own wooden airplanes which they could fly. A great day was had by all!

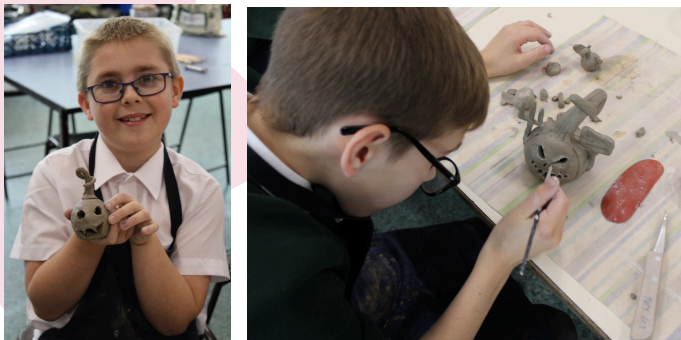


Ceramics Workshop

A number of our KS3 pupils signed up for the afterschool pottery workshop being run by ceramicists from Picts Hill Studio.

They all had the chance to make a scary pumpkin lantern for Halloween. This required them to manipulate the clay into various shapes and use tools to carve the details into their pumpkin.

These were taken away to put in a kiln and glaze ready for the pupils to take home. Have a look at some of the photos from the workshop and the photo at the bottom of the page for the finished results.



APF Wrap-around Care

Unlock your child's potential with their diverse offerings, from sports to creative arts. Discover the perfect fit for your family's schedule and interests. Prices start from just £4.00 per 1-hour session.

Parents can also pay using tax-free childcare and childcare vouchers.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE HERE

Breakfast Club

7.30am-8.30am

APF provide children with a nutritious breakfast to start their day off right and create a positive environment for socialising with peers before classes begin.

After School Club

3.30pm-5.30pm

Children can get involved in more enjoyable activities, making memories outside of the classroom and learning new skills in a variety of sports and arts and crafts activities

AUTUMN 1		Arnold Academy AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB Timetable				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14.15-15.30						ARTS AND CRAFTS
15.30-16.00	ARCHERY	BADMINTON	BASKETBALL	DODGEBALL	INDOOR TENNIS	
16.00-16.30	FOOTBALL	GO KARTS	FOOTBALL	BADMINTON	GO KARTS	
16.30-17.00	IT GAMES	IT GAMES	IT GAMES	ARCHERY TAG	IT GAMES	
17.00-17.10	SNACK TIME: Sandwiches with various toppings, light bites, fruit, snack bars, juice.					
17.10-17.30	FREE CHOICE	FREE CHOICE	FREE CHOICE	FREE CHOICE	FREE CHOICE	FREE CHOICE
	Gym	Hall	Outside	IT Room		
	Start of club: All children meet in the hall. Collection times: 17.00 OR 17.30 from the hall.					

PST Social Pages



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Key stage 3 Utilita Girls Cup Under 13 Thursday 17th October

The girls all showed great teamwork, played great football and beat many teams from across Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. In the group games, our team beat Alameda 6-1, Etonbury 3-0, Stockwood Park 2-1 and drew with Marston Vale 2-2. We then went on to win in the quarter-finals 2-1 against Henlow to reach the Semi-final. In the Semi-final, we were beaten by a very good Leighton Middle side.

The girls have an upcoming county cup game at home vs Queensbury. Training is on Monday lunchtimes and any KS3 girl is welcome to all training sessions. We are looking to get more Year 7 girls involved, so please come along! The league will begin in the Spring term.



Bedford Junior Aquathon

Bella, Charlotte and Thea all took part in the Bedford Junior Aquathon. They were all amazing and showed great determination throughout.

Charlotte came first in the year 8 race, with Thea coming in second. Bella competed in a different year group and secured third.



Go Karting

Jack had his finals of the Belgian Karting Championship and out of 50 entrants in the Championship, he finished 5th overall! It was a tough weekend battling through wet weather and miserable conditions! Jack has been racing children of 12 and 13 and has shown amazing skill. He has also been involved in the data track knowledge, where the drivers have to sit and go through data graphs and timing. We can't wait to hear more about future races Jack competes in.



Chiltern

Chiltern class enjoyed an end of half term outing to the retail park to practice their money and budgeting skills. The children were tasked in their groups with updating our cooking equipment and finding the best quality and value-for-money replacement items. They also ordered their own lunch at the various fast food restaurants on offer! We have rounded off a very busy half term with an autumnal forest school walk up to Barton Springs.



SPORTS NEWS

Netball

It has already been a busy start with our football and netball fixtures kicking off the year.

This year Miss Nicholls entered the year 7 and 8 netball teams into the sport magazine national cup. Unfortunately, both teams were unsuccessful in forwarding to the next round however Miss Nicholls is very proud of both teams as they did not give up fighting.

The year 8 netball team have been playing their league matches this half term. The team has had a successful year with three wins and a loss. The results from the games are below;

Arnold V Robert Bloomfield

16-10 win

Player of the match - Grace

Arnold V Parkfields

29-1 win

Player of the match - Neve

Arnold V Woodlands

34-11 win

Players of the match Grace & Holly

Arnold V Henlow

16-12 loss

Player of the match - Holly



The Year 7 netball team had their first league game on Wednesday 23rd October against Alameda. Unfortunately, the girls were up against a strong side who beat the girls 4-9 however well done to Violet who was nominated player of the match by the opposition, and Neve who was voted player of the match by the team and Ivy who was nominated by Miss Nicholls as coaches player of the match. The next game for the team will be after half term on Tuesday 5th November against Woodlands Middle School.

Research Project

As a PE department, we would like to thank all the pupils who participated in the research project being carried out by Hannah Foladi from the University of Bedfordshire. The pupils who took part in answering the online questionnaire and the pupils who took part in wearing an actigraph for a week and recording a sleep log include; Charlotte M, Megan L, Emmeline H, Hugh J, Shaye T, Logan P, Halle J, Max A, Ashley S, Myla S, Neve Y, Andreea C, Freya N, Atas Z, Cohen C, Grace B, Isla H and Rohan B.

Football

The Year 6, 7 and 8 football squads have started their league seasons. Despite narrowly losing 3-2 to Robert Bloomfield and 1-0 to Etonbury, the Year 6 boys have played some excellent football and have been getting stronger with each performance. This was shown by an excellent 2-0 home win against Holywell to kickstart the season. We look forward to playing the remaining league fixtures and starting our County Cup Champions League group fixtures.

The Year 7 football team have also had a positive start, beating Henlow, Robert Bloomfield, Alameda and Marston Vale and narrowly losing to Woodlands. The boys have played some excellent football throughout and have shown some promising signs ahead of the County Cup season starting.

The Year 8 football team have also got off to a strong start, winning their first game away at Pix Brook, and then a fantastic 8-0 National Cup win over Henlow. We look forward to the next round of the Nationals and completing our remaining fixtures.



After Half Term we will also see the start of our 7B and 8B National Cup campaigns, with both teams facing some good challenges ahead, and also the start of our County Cup seasons for Years 7 and 8 and team selections for our Year 5 teams. We also hope to see our B teams in action at all ages.

Year 6 Champions League

We are now in the fourth week of fixtures and it has been great to see the 16 teams battling it out every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime. The idea behind the league is to encourage the children to manage their teams. This includes team selection every week and transfers throughout the competition. We are also aiming to ensure that sportsmanship and the correct conduct are shown weekly. Each team has a manager who is the link to the Arnold Academy Football Association (AAFA) for transfers and any other matters during the season.

	Name	Played	For	Against	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Diff
1	Apple Monkeys FC	4	34	1	4	0	0	12	33
2	Barton Ballers FC	4	33	1	4	0	0	12	32
3	Sam C FC	4	21	1	4	0	0	12	20
4	Custard Creams FC	4	20	3	3	1	0	9	17
5	No Clue FC	4	19	4	3	1	0	9	15

PTA NEWS

It has been a rather busy half term for the PTA team. On Thursday 17 October, we held our annual Halloween disco and this year, we were outside enjoying the spooky vibe. We were blown away by the demand for tickets, with KS2 selling out in record time!! Massive thanks to Mr Roberts for allowing us to sell additional tickets for the KS2 disco, so that we could accommodate all that wished to attend. We hope that all of the children who attended the disco enjoyed themselves, as much as we did arranging it for them all.



Krispy Kreme Friday has again proved to be incredibly popular with over 500 doughnuts sold! We very much hope that all of the children enjoyed their doughnuts today and as an extra treat, the PTA have treated all of the Arnold teachers and staff to an end of term doughnut!



Our pre-loved uniform shop continues to be a valuable resource to parents and we have continued to be busy with orders over this half term. We always have parents waiting on particular items in specific sizes, so should you be having a clear-out over half term and have uniform to donate, please arrange for this to be dropped off to the school office when we return to school in November.

We are busy working on future events and are delighted to announce the following:

Our first 'BINGO' night at Barton Rovers is on Friday 15 November. Tickets are £10 each plus a booking fee and can be booked by [clicking here](#).



Our Christmas shopping evening on Wednesday 27 November – hold the date with more details to follow after half term

These future events are brand new to the PTA and we really do need your support as we try new things to raise money for Arnold. Please do share the details of these events with friends and family.

