



Dear Parents and Carers,

December is upon us! What a busy and productive November we have had!

In early November, we enjoyed another brilliant Open Evening to host prospective pupils and families. The school looked fantastic and the staff provided excellent, fun learning experiences across departments. Thank you to the parents who helped support the event! Our pupil ambassadors have led all of the school tours for both the Open Evening and the Open Mornings across this past month. It was great to see their enthusiasm and, despite some nerves, they flourished in their roles. All parents left raving about how impressive our Year 8 team were as tour guides. We also had many other helpers across all other year groups, such as our two Year 5s Evelyn and Zach, who led welcome speeches to a full assembly hall!

Over this past year, we have been on a journey of discovery in Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion. As I have outlined before, I strongly believe it is critical we provide a welcoming, inclusive community for all pupils and families. It is a core value that we 'treat everyone with respect and kindness'. We have used the Equaliteach Framework to measure our school in this area and work towards objectives to improve our focus. I am delighted to share that we have achieved the Bronze Award and will now focus our development towards areas related to achieving Silver. As part of this development, we now have pupil representatives meeting across the year, which is coordinated across all Pyramid Trust Schools. Our pupil leaders enjoy visits to Harlington Upper where they are currently building a pupil charter for equality to ensure consistency across all schools. The pupils, seen below, led assemblies here at Arnold across the past two weeks to explain and promote their inclusive project to their peers.



Over the final few weeks of November, myself and two members of staff attended key conferences on Climate Education. We have returned from this event enthused and focused on ensuring we are increasing our impact in this area. This will involve pledges to improve our school's carbon footprint, improving education in this area for our children and leading community impact projects on sustainability. We will have more information, including surveys to complete with stakeholders, in the Spring term. We hope you agree that it is vital we improve the priority we place upon educating our children (sensitively) about our climate. We are also driven to achieve a greener school and improve sustainability within the community we serve.

As usual, we really hope you enjoy reading more about the school and our pupils' achievements. Enjoy our November edition of the Arnold Update!

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



## Dates for Your Diary

### December

#### WC 2nd December

2nd - Elfridges (all week)  
5th - Christmas Concert 6pm

#### WC 9th December

11th - Year 5 Panto  
12th - PTA XMAS Disco  
13th - 8CW & 8DD Orbital Trip

#### WC 16th December

16th - Kindness Week  
17th - Year 5 Christingle  
18th - Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day  
20th - 8FP & 8JN Orbital Trip

### 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

5CE

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5RF



### YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6CR

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6CR



### YEAR 7

Form with the Highest Attendance

7DB

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7CF



### YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8FP

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8JW



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## House News

### Attenborough



Head of House

Miss Ferrer

House Representatives

Charlotte S

Neve C

### Gilbert



Head of House

Miss Sealey

House Representatives

Charli S

Daisy W

### Rashford



Head of House

Miss Northall

House Representatives

Brooke P

James F

### Ayling-Ellis

NEVER GIVE UP



ARNOLD ACADEMY

Head of House

Mr Norman

House Representatives

Thea S

Jess P

### Daley



Head of House

Mrs Pound

House Representatives

Zaina Q

Chelsea S

### Malala



Head of House

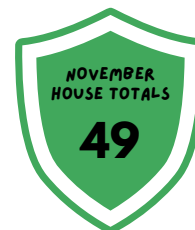
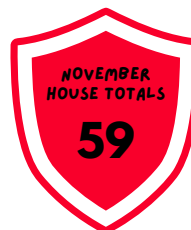
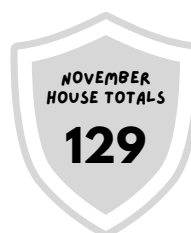
Mrs Smale

House Representatives

Meliha B

Aariya P

## House Point Totals



## National Primary Maths Challenge

Selected classes in Year 5 and Year 6 participated in the national Primary Maths Challenge. The top scorer in Year 6 was Aadhya and in Year 5 was Daniel. Well done to all who participated.



## IDTA Nationwide Finals in Blackpool

River attended the 2024 IDTA Nationwide Freestyle and Rock n Roll finals in Blackpool. She danced through 5 rounds and 80 competitors to make the final, placing national 5th place. She then made the 10-12 pairs final, battling through 70 pairs and placing as National runner-up with her partner.

## 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 October.

### October Reading Champions

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

READING CHAMPION  
OCTOBER  
5RF

READING CHAMPION  
OCTOBER  
6JSM

READING CHAMPION  
OCTOBER  
7DB

READING CHAMPION  
OCTOBER  
8RN

House Scores have been updated.  
Each class reading score is on display in the library

**Get Reading Everyone!**

## Children in Need 2024

We had an amazing day celebrating Children in Need!

It was lovely seeing all of the wonderful Pudsey outfits throughout the school.

Money was collected in buckets at the start of the day. £609.78 was raised and has been divided between in-school projects and Children in Need.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.



## School Council

The School Council are launching a Christmas collection to help support Noah Enterprise, our school's nominated charity for the year. To help the most disadvantaged in the local community, we are asking for donations of toiletries - Shower gel, Shampoo, Shaving foam, Spray deodorants, Hand cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, and Face cloths.

Toiletry donations should be brought into school and handed in during form time. Our school council reps will collect the donations and drop them into the collection box in reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Hertfordshire Year 6 Maths Challenge

Well done to the pupils who represented the school in the Hertfordshire Year 6 Team Maths Challenge. They showed great teamwork and perseverance in their groups to answer some very tricky maths questions.



## Just be A Child - Barton Rotary Club

A selection of our pupils helped to pack up books, alongside Barton's Rotary Club. These books will be transported to Kenya through an organisation called Just Be A Child, which provides books for libraries in Kenya.



# NOAH HELP US BRING FRESH STARTS

We're collecting toiletries for NOAH Enterprise to help those in need feel clean and cared for

**DROP OFF AT YOUR  
FORM ROOM**

**EVERY  
DONATION  
COUNTS**



## Open Evening 2024

It was great to meet everyone at our Open Evening earlier this month.

A huge thank you to all our wonderful pupils for being excellent tour guides and classroom helpers on the night. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school!





# SPORTS NEWS



## KS3 Girls Football

We won 5-2 against Queensbury Academy in the county cup.

Amazing team display - In defence we had an outstanding game from Lizzie, Mollie, Brooke and Catherine. In midfield, Lottie and Mila (goal scorer) took control of the middle of the pitch, with good wing play from Thea, Abi and two assists from Aine. Finally, Olivia had an outstanding game up front, scoring 4 goals! All players contributed to the win and represented the school amazingly!

Players of the match: Olivia, Lizzie and Catherine



## Year 8 Football

Congratulations to the Year 8 football squad who were superb in their 6-0 win over Wollaston School in the Third Round of the National Cup.



## Year 7 netball

Unfortunately, it has not been our season this year for the year 7 netball team.

The girls have been up against two strong sides, Woodlands and Robert Bloomfield.

However, a massive shout out to Neve and Emma who were nominated by the opposition. Blossom and Myla were voted player of the match by the team.

The girls gained a win against Etonbury 13-5 with Jemima being nominated player of the match by the opposition, Neve being nominated player of the match by the team and Iris being nominated coaches player by Miss Nicholls.

## Cross Country @ Robert Bloomfield

A big shout out to all 32 pupils who took part in the Robert Bloomfield cross-country event on Friday 15th November! It was a great accomplishment with all finishing their races. They were a credit to our school and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout the event. A special mention to Catherine who finished 1st in the KS3 girls race and Rowan who placed 2nd in the KS2 boys. Well done, everyone!



## Year 6 Champions League

The year 6 Champions League continues to grow. The teams have now played 6 weeks of fixtures with a lot of competition at the top of the table. It is great to see the children managing their own teams and completing transfers.

It is amazing that we have 16 teams in the league which are a mixture of genders and abilities.

## Current Standings

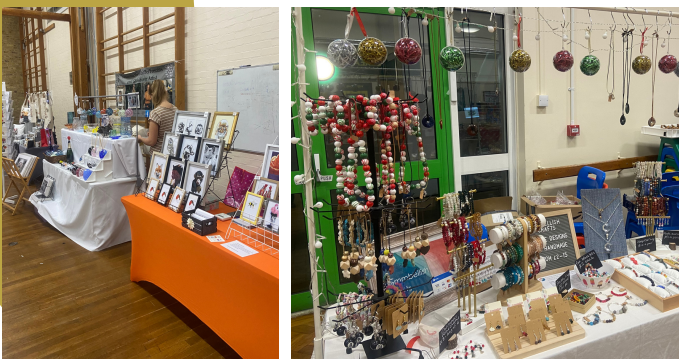
|   | Name              | Played | For | Against | Won | Lost | Drawn | Points | Diff |
|---|-------------------|--------|-----|---------|-----|------|-------|--------|------|
| 1 | Apple Monkeys FC  | 6      | 45  | 2       | 4   | 0    | 1     | 16     | 43   |
| 2 | Barton Ballers FC | 6      | 44  | 2       | 5   | 0    | 1     | 16     | 42   |
| 3 | Sam C FC          | 6      | 29  | 2       | 5   | 0    | 1     | 16     | 27   |
| 4 | Custard Creams FC | 6      | 28  | 5       | 5   | 1    | 0     | 15     | 23   |
| 5 | No Clue FC        | 6      | 26  | 8       | 4   | 2    | 0     | 12     | 18   |
| 6 | MMC FC            | 6      | 15  | 11      | 4   | 2    | 0     | 12     | 4    |
| 7 | Chicken Wings FC  | 6      | 28  | 7       | 3   | 1    | 2     | 11     | 21   |

# PTA NEWS

It has been a busy month for the PTA team as we ramp up towards our Christmas activities. The Christmas card portal for Christmas cards and gifts designed by the pupils is now open for orders. Don't forget that the discount offer is only available until Monday 9 December. We also successfully held our Christmas shopping night last Wednesday and we were delighted to see so many of you joining us. It is certainly an event that we will consider running again in the future.



Our Elfridges Christmas shop will be open for business from Monday 2 December. With gifts starting from £1, we have a huge selection of presents for the pupils to select from. We would like to thank all the Christmas wrapping fairies who have given up their time to wrap presents or agreed to help during the shop next week.



We will also be hosting our first Christmas disco on Thursday 12 December. Tickets are £3 and can be purchased via parentmail. Please note that ticket sales will close on Wednesday 11 December, so please don't leave it until the last minute to purchase your tickets as we would hate for anyone to be disappointed.