



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to March and Spring! We have been blessed with a wonderful turn in weather as we finish February. It is a time of hope and excitement about what this year will bring us.

Over the past month, we have enjoyed Parents Evenings for Year 6 and 8. Year 6 have been progressing really well, with recent opportunities to practice their SATS assessments. We have been really impressed with how they have taken this in their stride. Year 8 will soon learn of their Upper school. We continue to aim to stretch, challenge and prepare them for this significant next step!

In the next four weeks we will navigate a great number of events and activities such as Careers week, Mother's Day stall, World Book Day, an overseas trip to France, a visiting production to Year 5 and 6, Year 7 Technology tournament, mental-health workshops from BRIYM and house sports competitions for all year groups! During this time we will continue to deliver our planned curriculum with focus. Learning remains our core focus at Arnold!

On Tuesday 18th March we have our next Parent Forum, between 6-7pm. The agenda of the forum is homework, trips and visits and Aspens (school canteen catering). To confirm your attendance to the meeting, please register [HERE](#).

You will notice in this edition of the Arnold Update a lot of marketing toward our Arnold Parent Teacher Association. We have a number of Year 8 parents who have been significant leaders in the PTA organisation over these past few years. We now need to future proof parent leadership over the coming years, with many of the Year 8 parents moving on with their children exiting Arnold at the end of this year. We very much look forward to welcoming new parents, especially of Year 5 and 6 pupils. The PTA has been an amazing resource of fun, experience and additional funding to our school over the past number of years. We look forward to maintaining this excellent resource. As a parent, it is a lovely opportunity to take an extended role in your child's school life, plus a great way to meet many other parents. We hope to see many new faces at our upcoming PTA meeting later this term!

This month we welcome parents' evenings for Year 5 and 7 parents. In the next few weeks you will receive instructions on booking arrangements, so please check your inbox and we really look forward to seeing you all in due course. These events offer parents the opportunity to book with each subject teacher to gain verbal updates on your child's progress, following their autumn term written report. As always, you will have the opportunity of face-to-face or virtual appointments, to suit your busy family lives.

Ramadan started over the weekend, so a huge Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim community! Once again, we will be supporting our Muslim families during their holy month, especially if this is the pupil's first experience of periods of fasting.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Arnold Update. I hope you enjoy it!

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

March

WC 3rd March

3rd - 7th - National Careers Week
6th - World Book Day
7th - Yr8 Careers Networking Event

WC 10th March

10th - Yr 5 & 6 Belongings Production
14th - Yr7 Rotary Technology Comp.

WC 17th March

17th - 20th - Yr 8 French Trip
18th - Parent Forum 6pm

WC 24th March

24th - 28th - PTA Mothers Day Stall
24th - Yr 5 & 7 Parents Evening
27th - Yr 5 & 7 Parents Evening
28th - Mental Health Workshops

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.

WANT TO SHARE AN ACHIEVEMENT?

Whether it's a sporting, musical, writing, cooking or a painting success... We want to hear about it! Send in your news to eking@aa.pstrust.co.uk to be featured.

Year Group News

YEAR 5



Form with the Highest Attendance

5CP

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5LN



YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6GL

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6JSE

YEAR 7



Form with the Highest Attendance

7MH

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7DB



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8FP

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8CW



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Pyramid Schools Trust

X: @ThePyramidTrust

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Launch of pupil reporters

I'm so proud to launch our very first newsletter with our fantastic team of pupil reporters! They've worked incredibly hard to bring you a range of exciting articles, covering school events, student achievements, and more. You might even spot some of their own photos! Take a moment to have a read and celebrate their amazing work!

Miss King

Valentine's Day

In recognition of Valentine's Day, which took place on Friday 14th February, Myriam and Evissa have written a themed acrostic poem.

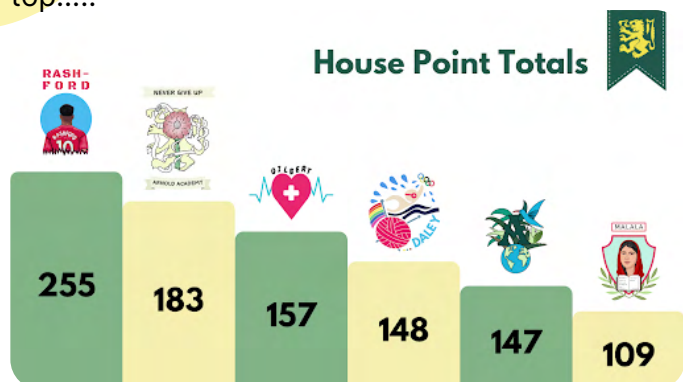
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Myriam & Evissa (Year 5)

HOUSE NEWS

At Arnold, all houses have participated in some amazing house competitions such as the £30 challenge and other competitions. Now we have received the house leaderboard. All houses this month have done extremely well in participating and gaining points for their houses this month. However, there can only be one winner on top.....



In the image shown above we can see that Rashford is the winning house of the month!

All houses have participated extremely well and we wish better luck next time to all the houses.

Janina S & Myla S (Year 7)



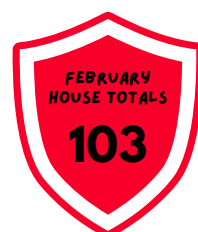
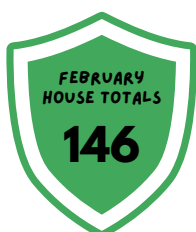
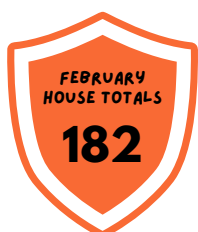
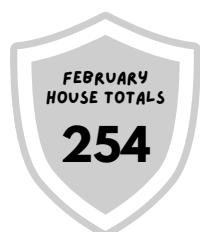
£30 Challenge

The thirty-pound challenge, which has been hosted again this year to raise money for NOAH charity and the year 8 end of year event. The aim was for every form to raise a minimum of thirty pounds, picking their own unique events to host, and then split the final amount between the two causes. So far as a school we have raised £1,655.48, the highest contributor being 7KT.

Mila K (Year 8)

Year 5	£ 473.32
Year 6	£ 386.64
Year 7	£ 743.52
Year 8	£ 52.00
Total	£ 1,655.48

HOUSE POINT TOTALS



TT Rockstars

Arnold Academy has started a new form competition for TTRS. It includes a series of challenges to do your times tables in a certain time to gain coins and points. Every week the winning forms gain house points that add up to their total score. It is also a fun way to learn your times tables.

Megan & Olivia (Year 7)



Trip to Parliament

A selection of our pupils had an exciting visit to the Houses of Parliament, where they learnt all about the democracy that shapes our country.

The children participated in a fascinating workshop on petitions, exploring how they can make a difference in our society. They were also lucky enough to have a visit from our local MP's assistant, who gave them a valuable insight into the workings of Parliament. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly sitting on the red seats in the House of Lords, a moment that sparked much excitement and curiosity among the children!

The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to engage with the heart of British politics. They asked thoughtful questions and gained a deeper appreciation for how our government operates.



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 January.



Music at Arnold

At Arnold Academy, we do a lot of things including music, such as music lessons (to learn an instrument), music lessons (on the timetable) and we also do some trips with music, in the past few years we have done: Matilda The Musical at the theatre in London and we went to the local church for the Christingle.

Dylan & Connor (Year 6)



Photo by Sadie E (Year 6)

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair! Thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity, we raised a significant amount, earning fantastic rewards to expand our selection of books in our school library.

It was wonderful to see students exploring new stories and discovering their next favourite read. Your support helps foster a love of reading across our school community!



Photo by Daniel P (Year 6)

Youth Open Tenpin Bowling Tournament

Jennifer had an incredible performance at the South of England Youth Open tenpin bowling tournament, bringing home two gold medals in the Intermediate category!

She won Gold in the Intermediate Doubles Scratch and the Intermediate All Events Handicap.

What an amazing achievement! Here she is proudly holding both medals.



Amazing Achievement for Alfie and Bedford Thunder U10!

A huge well done to Alfie, who played his first game in the Fast Break League at Cambourne Village College in Cambridge! Despite facing an U11 team, Alfie and Bedford Thunder U10 delivered a fantastic performance, securing an incredible 36-2 victory!

Alfie has been training twice a week with Bedford Thunder since last April and is absolutely loving it. Playing in defence, he says his favourite part of the game is the way the team cheers each other on—true sportsmanship in action!

Congratulations, Alfie! We can't wait to see what you achieve next!



Duke of Edinburgh

During this year, a special award called the Duke of Edinburgh is taking place. Pupils who wish to participate have to complete 10 out of 14 challenges - First Aid is compulsory. We look forward to seeing those who have achieved their award.

Aayah, Amirah, Eliza, Maryam (Year 6)



SKI TRIP 2025

Our Year 7 and 8 pupils had an incredible time on their recent ski trip to Piancavallo, Italy, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



From the excitement of ski lessons on the slopes to the thrill of the alpine coaster, every day was filled with fun and adventure. Students also enjoyed a pizza night, the spectacular ski torchlight descent, and a lively games night. To top it all off, the celebration and awards night provided the perfect opportunity to reflect on their achievements and unforgettable experiences.



A huge thank you to our dedicated staff members— Mr Devereaux, Mr Davis, Miss Reilly, Miss McErlane, and Mr Murphy — who gave up their half term to ensure the pupils had such an amazing experience. Their care and commitment made this trip a huge success, and we are so grateful for their support!



SPORTS NEWS

Yr 8 Girls Basketball County Cup Winners!

On the 30th of January 2025, the year 8 girls won the basketball county cup and are now through to regionals. Mr Campbell and Mrs Hart led the year 8 girls to victory at the School games. They left school at 9am to go to the John Bunyan Sports Centre where they were there till 4:30pm. During this time, they played 5 teams from all across the county; such as Cardinal Newman, Lealands, etc. They ended up beating some teams 39:00 with their captain Holly scoring 20 baskets!

Grace T (Year 8)



Year 7 Rugby Training with Northampton Saints!

Our Year 7 boys had an unforgettable PE lesson on Wednesday, sharpening their rugby skills with expert coaching from a Northampton Saints coach! This fantastic opportunity allowed them to develop their technique, build confidence, and gain valuable insights from a professional.



All About Volleyball!

Volleyball club is every week on a Tuesday after school, it's a volleyball run by Miss Nichols and sometimes Mr Norman. It is open to everyone in KS3 and you don't have to try out! You will learn new skills and how to win a game of Volleyball. It starts at 3:30pm and finishes at 4:30pm so it lasts an hour. Many of us turn up but we would love to see some new faces. It's an international sport that is very easy to pick up. As a student who attends it, I think it's very entertaining and fun!

Maahi T (Year 8)



Swim England Bedfordshire County Championship

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Jack's amazing achievement at the Swim England Bedfordshire County Championships! Competing as a 14-year-old despite only recently turning 13, Jack delivered a phenomenal performance last weekend.

He is now the Under 14s champion in the 1500m freestyle, winning Gold with a huge personal best of 56 seconds! He also secured a Bronze medal in the 800m freestyle—an incredible accomplishment!

Well done, Jack! We can't wait to see what you achieve next!



PTA NEWS

PTA forthcoming events

Our Mothers & Others shop will be open for the pupils to purchase presents for loved ones from Monday 24 March to Friday 31 March. As always, it will be held in the library, with presents starting from £1.50. We look forward to seeing all the pupils during that week and assisting them with their purchases.



The PTA are also delighted to announce that we will be running another bingo night on Friday 4 April – Easter bingo and further details will follow about this next week.

Future of the Arnold Academy PTA – Wednesday 2 April 2025

Our existing PTA Committee team will all be coming to the end of their time with the school in July 2025/July 2026, as their children leave Arnold to move to upper school. We have all loved working collaboratively with the school.

For the Arnold PTA to continue, we are now reaching the point where we will need new members to come forward and join the Committee and the PTA, ideally from April/May 2025 so that we can start the handover process. The existing Committee team will be on hand to support and show our new Committee members the ropes, continuing to build on the success that the Arnold PTA has had over so many years. We have shared details of the roles and an overview of what each role covers in the attached slides.

We invite you all to come to a meeting on Wednesday 2 April at Arnold, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm to discuss the future of the Arnold PTA. To attend, please complete the registration link below:

BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE

In the meantime, if you have any questions in respect of the Arnold PTA and what you can do to get involved, please do reach out to us via email: pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk

Thanks,

The Arnold PTA team

