



Tuesday 8th July 2025

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June Edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the delay in the release of this June Arnold Update. It has been a very tricky time of balancing some staff absence, amongst some brilliant events and activities you will read about in this edition!

Thank you to those of you who have supported efforts towards ensuring Central Bedfordshire Council received our stakeholders views on the consultation to change school bus transport. Our Pyramid Trust CEO, Steve Kelly, has been tireless in his efforts to ensure people in this area are heard. We hope to have more clarity in this situation as the summer progresses. We will, of course, update you once we know more.

Last week Year 6 writing outcomes were finalised, ready to report to the DfE. As many parents in this year group will attest, we have undergone a lot of changes to better support our children's development. I would like to thank you for your patience and support during this period. We are delighted to report the number of children achieving both the 'expected' or 'greater depth' standard has increased by over 10%. A huge thank you to the KS2 English team, who have been tremendous in their efforts this year!

It has been lovely to host you at many of the open events which allow parents to get involved in the school during this period. A massive thank you and well done to the Art, Music and DT department for their exhibition a few weeks ago. I hope you enjoyed the event if you attended. Over the final few weeks we still have the Sports Morning/Afternoon events and Awards evening.

We carried out our final Parent Forum of the year recently. Thank you to parents who supported this opportunity to strategise and shape the future of our school together. We added detail onto a plan for creating a school fund toward supporting mental health concerns. I have written to all parents today with this information. I hope that we can achieve something truly remarkable together, which will help Arnold children's wellbeing to be assured for many years to come.

As the year begins to draw to a close we are reflecting and steadily working on plans for our school improvement. One area which we hope will impact upon not just Arnold, but the whole Harlington school cluster, is a parent guide on technology, the internet and mobile phones. We have partnered with local IT support company PEL to achieve this. In the new year we hope to be able to share the project details which will assist parents staying up to date with technology skills and information to help safeguard children's online safety. Thank you for taking the time to read the Arnold Update. We will have a short July 'wrap-up' edition for you in a fortnight!

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

July

WC 7th July

- 7th - Grafham Water - Year 8
- 8th - Transition Day
- 9th - Year 7 Sports Day (AM)
Year 5 Sports Day (PM)
- 10th - Year 8 Sports Day (AM)
Year 6 Sports Day (PM)
Awards Evening
- 11th - Charity Fair

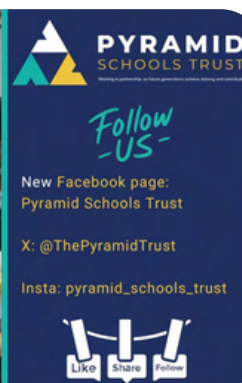
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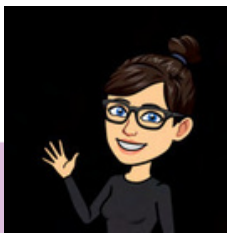
- 14th - Grafham Water - Year 8
- 17th - Arnold's Got Talent - Year 5
- 18th - Last day of school before
Summer Holidays

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
admin@aa.pstrust.co.uk to be
featured.





YEAR 5

Form with the Highest Attendance

5LN

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5LN



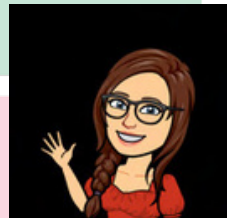
YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6JSE

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6SQ



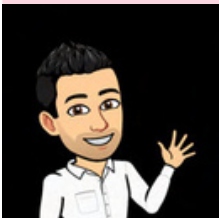
YEAR 7

Form with the Highest Attendance

7KM

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7CF



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8FP

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8FP

Library

In Arnold Academy, pupils can get a certain number on their word count (3,000,000) causing them to get an awesome prize! This prize is a library lunch with Mrs. Molyneux, and they can invite friends as well. If you get 1 million, you get to choose something from the vending machine. The library has many books like Dog Man, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Land of Roar, Tom Gates, Story Treehouse, Harry Potter, and The Bad Guys.

By Christopher and Conner (Year 6)

Celebrating Our Arnold Values Achievers!

We believe in recognising and celebrating pupils who truly embody our core values. Each week, our form tutors have the special task of nominating one pupil from their form who has consistently demonstrated these important principles in their actions and attitude. Each nominated pupil receives a vending machine voucher, allowing them to choose a well-deserved prize!

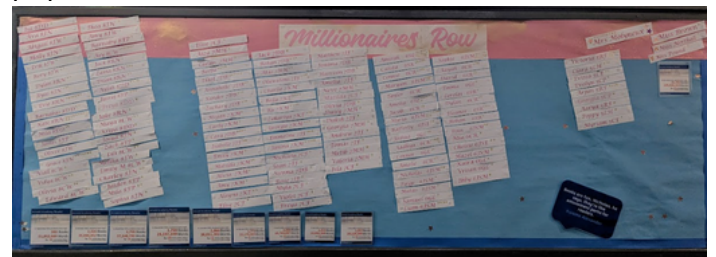
We are delighted to announce our recent Arnold Values Award winners:

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| ★ 5RF: Eliza | ★ 7MH: Joseph |
| ★ 5LN: Oscar | ★ 8DD: Chloe |
| ★ 6CR: Olivia | ★ 8CW: Harry |
| ★ 6GL: Sofia | ★ 8FP: Daniel |
| ★ 6JSE: Luke | ★ 7KT: Halle |

Congratulations to all of these pupils for being such excellent role models!

Millionaires Row!

We celebrate reading success through our Accelerated Reader programme. Any pupil who reaches the incredible milestone of 1 million words read during their time at Arnold, is automatically entitled to select a prize of their choosing from the vending machine. What a fantastic achievement! Here are the amazing pupils so far on the Millionaires Row -



Congratulations to our new Millionaires for June:

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| ★ Jeevan 5JMC | ★ Kenzo 5FH |
| ★ Arjun 5RF | ★ Geogia 5CP |
| ★ Sophia 8JN | ★ Myriam 5CE |
| ★ Isa 8DD | ★ Metib 7MH |
| ★ Jack 7DB | ★ Isla 7CF |
| ★ Valeria 7MH | ★ Poppy 5LH |
| ★ Arya 5RF | ★ Sofia 5CE |
| ★ Riley 6GL | |



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Library Volunteers!

We want to extend a massive thank you to **Mrs. Gazeley, Mrs. Madden, and Mrs. Gregory** for their incredible dedication to our pupils. Each week, these wonderful volunteers spend a morning in the library, providing invaluable support by listening to our students read.

Their time and commitment make a real difference in our children's reading journeys, and we truly appreciate everything they do. Thank you for fostering a love of reading in our school!

French News

On Thursday 19th June, we celebrated the excellent French test scores with a small French-style breakfast treat. We'd like to congratulate all the pupils on their efforts, particularly the top scorers present in the photo. It was a stressful time for many, and it was clear that many pupils worked hard to prepare for the test, which was visible in the results. We'd like to take this opportunity to promote Duolingo use during the summer holidays and to wish our leavers fun, continuing to learn languages in the upper school.



Wicked Musical Trip

Some of our Year 8 pupils recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to London to see the spectacular musical, Wicked!

By all accounts, they had an absolutely great time, and the show itself was described as superb! It sounds like a truly magical experience was had by all who attended.



Reading Competition

Each month, the house with the most words read in each year group earns a point for their house and a 'Reading Trophy' for their classroom. A 'Reading Badge of Honour' is then placed on the house boards for everyone to see and celebrate the achievement.

🎉 Below are the winners for May - congratulations to all the top readers! Keep up the fantastic work! 🙌



5RF



6JSM



7CF



8JN

Junior Duke Award

Huge congratulations to Kaira in 6GL for being the first person in year 6 to complete the 10 challenges require to pass the Junior Duke Award. This is a fantastic achievement! A large number of children have started to hand in their booklets as they complete each challenge. The children can try and complete it before the summer holidays or hand it in on our return in September.



PGL

Every year, after the very hard-working students have completed their SATS, there is an annual trip to celebrate their efforts towards exams. PGL includes many exciting things like archery tag, the big swing, fencing, trapeze, aero ball, and plenty more. This year on PGL we went to Shropshire, the largest site in the UK!

By Christopher (Year 6)



While many of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an adventurous time at PGL, the students who stayed at school had an equally fantastic and creative week!

Our budding artists transformed big boards with some amazing street art. Their vibrant designs and imaginative expressions truly showcased their incredible talent.

But the creativity didn't stop there! The pupils also put on an amazing fashion show that championed sustainability. Using only recycled materials, they designed and showcased some truly innovative and stylish outfits. It was inspiring to see their ingenuity and teamwork as they turned everyday items into creative fashion.



The pupils also tackled an exciting Tech Competition: "Mission to Space"! They were tasked with designing and building a model rig to propel a table tennis ball (simulating an animal) into space, all while navigating it through a restricted portal (a hoop)!

The challenge sparked some brilliant ideas and led to great results! It was fantastic to see such creativity and problem-solving in action.

A huge well done to all the Year 6 pupils who participated in these activities. Your enthusiasm and creativity made for a memorable week!



Culture Day

Culture Day, which was held on 20th June, was celebrated with each form being able to bring in two cakes, each representing one of the cultures a student may be from. Students could also come in with regional outfits, national sports kits, or Scouts/Brownies uniforms, and bring in food from their culture. The cakes that won the competition were from Grace Booth in Year 6 (Britain), Srilacksh in Year 7 (Sri Lanka), and Henry in Year 8 (Britain). Congrats!

By Mila (Year 8)

Grace
Year 6



Srilacksh
Year 7



Henry
Year 8



Students Cook Up a Storm in World Record Pasta Challenge!

Could Arnold Academy be the next world record holders?

A group of enthusiastic Year 8 students recently took part in an exciting and unique global challenge attempting to break the world record for the largest online cookery lesson!

Under the guidance of celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, 15 students gathered in the school's food tech classroom to roll up their sleeves and create a mouth-watering Italian pasta dish from scratch. With laptops and cookers at the ready, students followed the live tutorial with focus, energy, and a lot of laughter.

The session featured the making of fresh pasta, hand-rolled with precision, and topped with a deliciously simple tomato, basil, and cheese sauce - just like the pros. Judging by the final results (as seen in the photos!), it was clear the students not only learned new skills but had a blast doing it.



"It was so fun and a bit chaotic, but I learned how to make pasta from scratch! It actually tasted amazing." – Year 8 student



"Watching the Jamie Oliver lesson live and cooking along with my friends was a great experience. I hope we set the record!" – Another excited participant. Teacher Mr. Burr, praised the students efforts: "I'm incredibly proud of how all the students took on the challenge. They worked brilliantly together, followed the instructions, and produced some fantastic pasta dishes. We're now waiting to hear if we've officially broken the world record but to me, they're already record breakers!" A huge well done to all the students who took part you showcased teamwork, creativity, and some seriously impressive culinary skills.

Whether or not the official record is confirmed, this experience will surely be one to remember. Stay tuned to find out if Arnold Academy's name will go down in history!

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Gold Cup in Rotterdam for Logan!

Huge congratulations to Logan (Year 8) and his team for winning the Gold Cup at the U13 Dutch Soccer Youth Cup in Rotterdam!

This was an amazing achievement for Logan, showcasing his skills and providing an unforgettable experience. We're incredibly proud of his success!

Ed's Amazing Park Run Achievement!

Ed (Year 8) ran his first 5km Park Run in January at Luton Wardown Park with a time of 35:32. Since then, he's completed 18 runs, including one in Cornwall!

On 7th June, Ed set a new official personal best of 20 minutes at the Luton Park Run! We're super proud of his dedication, as well as his determination to improve and impressive speed. Well done, Ed!



Summer Shines at Maulden Netball Tournament!

A huge congratulations to Summer for her outstanding achievement at the Maulden Netball Club tournament on Saturday 21st June!

Summer was named the Year 6 Umpires' Player of the Day, a truly fantastic accomplishment. What makes this even more remarkable is that this is the second year in a row she has won this award! Her consistent skill and sportsmanship are clearly shining through. Well done, Summer!

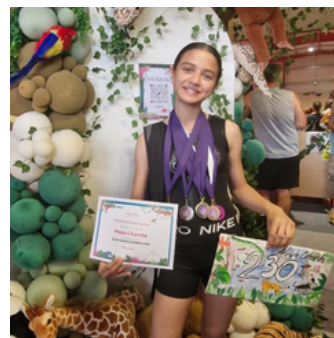


Maya's Gymnastics Triumph!

Maya in 8CW competed at her gym and came 1st overall in her 13+ category. She was awarded:

- 1st on Beam
- 2nd on Vault
- 2nd on Bars
- 2nd on Floor

An amazing achievement for Maya!



Year 5 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 5 went to Whipsnade Zoo on Tuesday 10th June. There were loads of animals such as lions, zebras, elephants, flamingos, and even red pandas. There are so many animals we didn't even get time to see all of them! Whipsnade Zoo has a big variety of things to do as well as looking at fascinating animals; there are cafes, play areas, and much more. When Year 5 got to the zoo, they split up into groups. The groups were formed by who was on each bus. 5CE went with 5CP, and 5LH, 5RF, and 5LN went with 5JMc. It was fun, but it was very hot and humid. There were two baby giraffes. Did you know that Whipsnade Zoo is the biggest zoo in the UK?

By Evisia and Myriam (Year 5)



Whole School Art Project: A Burst of Colour and Creativity!

Our school has been buzzing with artistic energy thanks to an exciting whole-school art project! Collaboration and creativity truly soared as pupils worked together to paint their form's sculpture.

Each class contributed a winning design, chosen by the students themselves around a theme of their choice. The result? A collection of truly unique and vibrant works of art that beautifully showcase the talent and imagination across all year groups.

A very big thank you goes out to our wonderful PTA for kindly funding this fantastic initiative! Your support made this vibrant project possible.



Manor Road 20mph Speed Limit Petition

Following up on last month's update, we would like to remind everyone about the ongoing petition for a 20mph speed limit on Manor Road. Please find the link to the petition below:

20mph Online Petition

Thank you for your continued support!

Help us win £1,000 for our Library

We have an exciting chance to win £1,000 for new library resources, and we need your help! Please support us by nominating our school – every nomination brings us closer to enhancing our library for all students. Please **click here** to nominate.



Airlander Visit

Our Year 8 students had a great experience as they welcomed a visit from the Airlander team! Students got the chance to learn all about the science and engineering behind the world's largest aircraft – and even built their own mini airships! The creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm were fantastic to see, and the results were just as impressive!



Art and Music Exhibition

On Thursday 26th June, our school held its annual Art and Music Exhibition – and what a fantastic evening it was!

The displays of student art were truly impressive, showcasing a wonderful range of talent. On the musical front, our pupils delivered some outstanding performances, demonstrating their excellent skills.

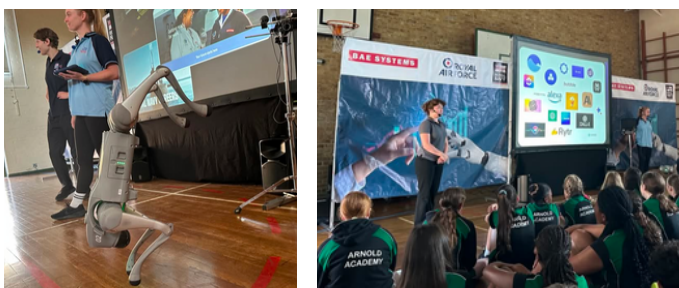
And let's not forget the delicious treats provided by our Food Technology class!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success!



The BAE Roadshow

The BAE Roadshow came to school to show the Year 7 & 8s the innovative world of AI. They saw the brilliance of LEXI the AI dog and watched her dance, created their own song in the style of Tyler the Creator, and produced a music video whilst learning about deepfakes and how to spot one. Thank you so much to BAE and your fantastic team for showing us the technology for the future and the infinite possibilities of a career in engineering.



Space to Grow: Summer Gardening for Families!

We're excited to highlight "Space to Grow," a fantastic programme from The Triangle Community Garden! This summer, they are offering a "Family Nature Connection" for families with neurodiverse teens aged 12-16.

This social therapeutic horticulture programme is a wonderful chance to try gardening, connect with nature, and meet new people.

Key Details:

- When: Fridays, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, 1st August - 5th September 2025 (6 weeks)
- Where: Ransom's Recreation Ground, Hitchin
- Cost: £30 for the block (refunded on attendance)

Interested families can find more details and contact information on the poster or at www.trianglegarden.org/space-to-grow.

Space to Grow

Family Nature Connection

for families with neurodiverse teens aged 12-16



Want to try gardening as a family this summer? Spend time in nature, grow food and meet new people?

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Where: Ransom's Recreation Ground, Hitchin SG5 1RB

How Much: £30 for 6 wk block (refunded on attendance)

For more details contact:

hayley@trianglegarden.org or call 07887 725962



www.trianglegarden.org/space-to-grow



SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 Football Team Crowned County Cup Champions!

Our Year 6 football team are County Cup football champions! A huge well done to our Year 6 football squad who rounded off an excellent season by winning the U11 Bedfordshire Schools County Cup. Beating Robert Bloomfield 4-2 in the final, all the boys were superb. We're so proud of you!



Cricket Champions

A huge well done to the Year 7 cricket team who beat Holywell in the District Final on Monday. We now look forward to the County Finals on Tuesday.



KS2 Rounders Tournaments

Pupils across KS2 have also taken part in rounders tournaments this term. They played with enthusiasm and supported one another brilliantly. A huge thank you to our fantastic Year 8 Sports Leaders - Thea, Grace, Lottie and Mila for their help and leadership throughout the tournaments. Well done everyone!



Rugby League Tournament

Our talented rugby squads recently competed in an exciting rugby league tournament, showing great teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout. Well done to all involved, you made the school proud!



KS2 Athletics Teams

Our KS2 athletics teams have been working hard and competing brilliantly this term. From sprinting to long jump, every pupil gave their best effort and showed excellent determination and team spirit. Well done to all our young athletes, you represented the school superbly!

Sports Days Reminder

A reminder to all parents and carers that our Sports Days are coming up soon! Please make sure your child has their full PE kit, a water bottle, sun cream and a hat if the weather is hot. We look forward to seeing you there to cheer on the pupils and celebrate their sporting achievements. Thank you for your support!

PTA NEWS

This month, we ran our Father's Day shop, and again, we were kept busy by all the pupils buying gifts for the special men in their lives. We sold close to 1,000 presents, and we hope that all the gifts purchased were well received.

We had hoped to run our final bingo night of the school year on Friday 27th June however, we took the decision to cancel it due to a lack of ticket sales. These types of events are dependent on support from our school community and raise valuable funds to purchase additional items for Arnold Academy.

As we enter the final weeks of the school term, please find below details of what we have planned for the next few weeks:

Monday 14th July – Emergency PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm, Arnold Academy Library

As previously advised, the future of the PTA is now at real risk as we need new Committee members to take it forward. Thanks to those that have confirmed that they can attend the meeting on Monday 14th July, however, there is still time to join us to secure the long-term future of the PTA.

Without the Arnold PTA, there will be NONE of the following:

1. School gift shops to purchase gifts for family at Christmas, Mother's Day, and Father's Day
2. Halloween, Christmas, or Summer discos
3. Christmas cards designed by the pupils that can be sent to family and friends
4. Krispy Kreme Fridays
5. End-of-term tuck shops
6. Pre-loved school uniform shop

Without volunteers who plan and run these activities, there will be no funds available to fund workshops or additional items for the school. It would be an incredible shame for everything that the PTA does to come to an end.

The vacant roles from September are as follows:

- Chairman
- Assistant Treasurer
- Secretary

SAVE OUR PTA NEW CHAIR REQUIRED

ARNOLD ACADEMY
BARTON-LE-CLAY

Why step up?

- ✓ Lead fun school events
- ✓ Support our amazing academy
- ✓ Raise vital funds
- ✓ Connect with fellow parents and carers

No experience needed – just enthusiasm and a bit of your time each month!

**REGISTER TO ATTEND
THE EMERGENCY PTA MEETING
ON MONDAY 14 JULY @ 7PM AT ARNOLD ACADEMY**

Let's make a difference together!

SAVE OUR PTA NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER

ARNOLD ACADEMY
BARTON-LE-CLAY

Why step up?

- ✓ Support with PTA finances and budgeting
- ✓ Help track fundraising income and spending
- ✓ Work alongside the Treasurer, and other PTA officers

Finance experience is needed – and just a bit of your time each month!

**REGISTER TO ATTEND
THE EMERGENCY PTA MEETING
MONDAY 14 JULY @ 7PM AT ARNOLD ACADEMY**

Let's make a difference together!

SAVE OUR PTA NEW SECRETARY REQUIRED

ARNOLD ACADEMY
BARTON-LE-CLAY

Why step up?

- ✓ Take minutes at meetings
- ✓ Help coordinate PTA communications
- ✓ Work with the Chair and committee

No admin experience needed – just enthusiasm and a bit of your time each month

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PTA NEWS

Friday 18th July – End-of-Term Tuck Shop

We will be running an end-of-term tuck shop with sweets and drinks available to purchase.

Pre-Loved School Uniform

As we look forward to welcoming the new Year 5 pupils in September, our stock of pre-loved uniform is rather depleted. If you have good quality branded uniform to donate, please could we ask that you drop this to the school office at your earliest convenience.

Please note that we are unable to accept non-branded uniform.

With thanks to all for your continued support of the Arnold PTA.



100 Club Winners!

