



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the summer term has arrived! Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed wonderful events that parents were welcome to attend. If you have done so, I very much hope you enjoyed them as much as we did! The children were absolutely brilliant as leaders and exhibitors, but a huge thanks also goes to the many staff who worked to ensure these were delivered successfully! We also received brilliant SATs results last week - well done, Year 6! We are proud to report that all subject areas have made improvements, significantly in some cases, in both expected standard and greater depth.

Last week, I wrote to you regarding the creation of a community fund for mental health, given there is a real concern about gaining support via the NHS due to budget cuts. We have been delighted with the initial donations from parents, including sums such as £250 from one family. We aim for this to be an insurance policy to ensure any child suffering difficulties can receive professional sessions from the excellent Mental Health charity, Poets In.

Our Chiltern provision is under consultation as we wish to revise the funding formula, something we have been waiting a great many years to hear back from Central Bedfordshire on. We want to ensure we have adequate funding to continue to deliver brilliant support for many years to come. The consultation is via Pyramid Schools Trust; you can read and share your queries and feedback [HERE](#).

Today, we wish a fond farewell to our Year 8 pupils. This year in particular seems to have flown more than most, so it is with sadness that we wish this amazing year group all the best in the move to Upper School. Their attitudes have been a testament to how we have asked our Year 7 and 8 pupils to step up, lead, and be role models of high standards. We have grown fond of them all, and we will miss them dearly! We hope that they drop back in at some point to tell us of their future successes.

We also say goodbye to a small number of staff who head on to pastures new for September. While we have dedicated more time and detail around their contribution to our wonderful school in person, it is important to confirm with you as parents which staff members will sadly be leaving us this summer. Ms. O'Connell, who has been on maternity from Chiltern class this year, is not returning and will focus on her family. Ms. Packman and Ms. Howard go on to formal teacher training in Art and Computer Science respectively. Ms. Gordon is set to become the SENDCo at a local specialist provision. Mr. Norman, who has been a pupil and parent favourite, being an ex-pupil himself and local to the area, leaves to travel to Australia. Mrs. Hart moves to work in education support in a college.

We have three further staff members who are all retiring this year. We made a special mention and presentation to Mrs. Mundy, Mrs. Hawkins, and Mrs. Evans during Awards Evening last week. They have offered expertise and great impact to the education of pupils at this wonderful school for 9, 20, and 27 years respectively!

Finally, I would once again like to thank all parents for your ongoing support during this past year. Today marks three years as Headteacher of Arnold. I am particularly proud that we are getting stronger with every passing year.

I remain excited and ambitious about how truly marvelous we can make this school together.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Arnold update. I wish everyone in the Arnold community a wonderful summer with your families, and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Pete Roberts - Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

September

W/C 1st

1st - Inset Day

2nd - Inset Day

3rd - Pupils return to school

W/C 8th

10th - Tempest Individual Photos

W/C 29th

30th - Faith Tour - Year 7 Band X

HAPPY
SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

WANT TO SHARE AN ACHIEVEMENT?

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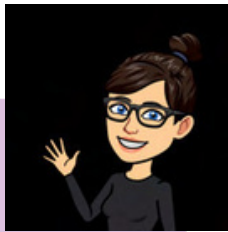
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Pyramid Schools Trust

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YEAR 5

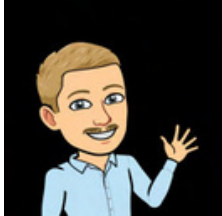


Form with the Highest Attendance

5LN

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

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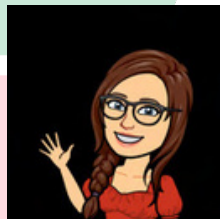
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Form with the Highest Attendance

6JSE

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6SQ



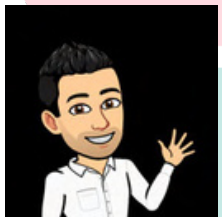
YEAR 7

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

Year 7 Cricket Team: County Champions!

Our Year 7 boys' cricket team has done it! After becoming District Champions last week, they went on to win the County Finals, beating Biddenham in the semi-finals and Challney in a dramatic final match. They're officially the best team in Bedfordshire! Huge congratulations to all the players on an incredible season.



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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| ★ 6SR - Alfie | ★ 6SQ - Halle |
| ★ 8JN - Maia | ★ 8RN - Mae |
| ★ 8JW - Felicity | ★ 6JSM - Sadie |

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!

Congratulations to our new Millionaires for July:

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| ★ Emily 8RN | ★ Isabella 5LN |
| ★ Phoebe 8JW | ★ Mabel 5RF |
| ★ Lyla 7KT | ★ Maya 6JSM |

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 June - congratulations to all the top readers! Keep up the fantastic work! 🙌



5RF



7MH



6JSM



8JW

Creative Writing Stars Shine Bright!

A huge congratulations to the winners of this year's Rotary Story Writing Competition: Ella (year 5) and Janina (Year 7)!

Both talented young writers will receive a fantastic glass trophy, beautifully etched with their names, and £50 worth of National Book Tokens. What a brilliant reward for their hard work and creativity!

We'd also like to extend a massive thank you to Ian Chapple from the Rotary Club for his wonderful work in organising this inspiring competition.



Arnold Academy Students Cook Up a Storm in World Record Pasta Challenge!

In last month's newsletter, we wrote about the students who were attempting to break the world record for the largest online cookery lesson – and they did it! A huge congratulations to everyone involved – you didn't just showcase teamwork, creativity, and impressive cooking skills; you also made history. Arnold Academy's name is now officially in the record books!

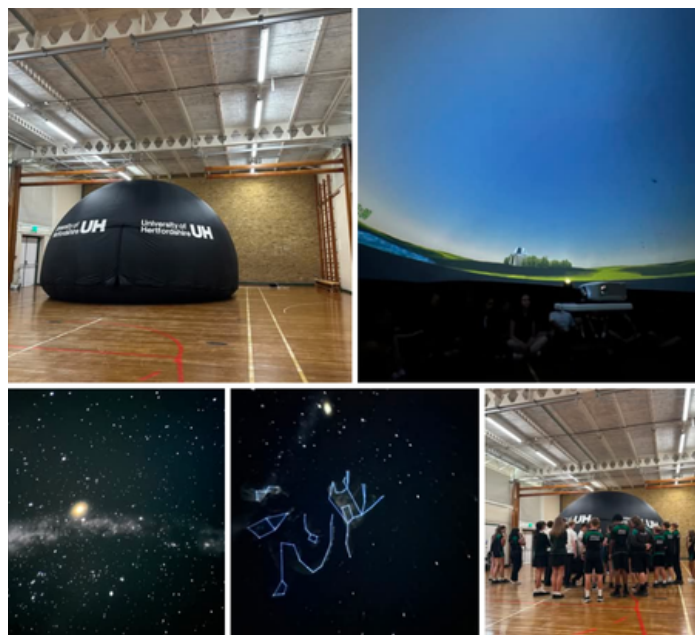


A Stellar Experience for Year 8!

Our Year 8 students recently enjoyed an out-of-this-world experience right here at school, thanks to a visit from the University of Hertfordshire's amazing Planetarium!

Students had the incredible opportunity to step inside the inflatable dome and explore the wonders of space, learning all about our solar system, stars, and galaxies in an immersive and exciting way.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful PTA, whose generous funding made this fantastic workshop possible for our Year 8s. What a brilliant way to bring the cosmos to life!



Junior Duke Award Success!

A massive congratulations to Rehan from 6SR and Connor from 6GL for successfully completing all 10 challenges to achieve their Platinum Junior Duke Award! We're incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work.

Junior Duke Award: Summer Challenge!

For all other students working on their Junior Duke Awards, remember that the six-week summer break is the perfect opportunity to complete your 10 challenges. I'll be delighted to accept all completed booklets in September. Let's see how many more of you can earn your awards!

Fantastic Fun at Our Annual Sports Days!

What a spectacular series of Sports Days we've had! From fierce sprints to impressive jumps and throws, our students in Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, and Year 8 showed tremendous effort, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see so many achievements and, more importantly, so much cheering and encouragement amongst classmates.

A huge thank you to all the staff who organised and ran the events, and to the students for their fantastic participation. The spirit and determination on display were truly inspiring.

Here's a glimpse of the action.



Well done to everyone involved – you truly made this year's Sports Days a memorable celebration of sport and teamwork!

Charity Fair

On Friday 11th June, our school grounds were buzzing with excitement as our incredibly talented Year 7 pupils hosted a spectacular Charity Fair Day. Their tireless efforts truly paid off, creating a memorable experience for everyone in our school community.

Attendees enjoyed a fantastic array of fun games and engaging activities, with laughter echoing across the fairgrounds. There were also plenty of delicious treats and refreshments to keep everyone fueled throughout the day.

This year's fair was held to raise vital funds for two very worthy causes. A significant portion of the proceeds will go to NOAH, an organisation dedicated to helping the homeless, providing crucial support and resources to those in need. The remaining funds will be invested directly back into our own school, helping to enhance facilities and resources for all our pupils.

A huge well done and thank you to our Year 7 organisers for their dedication and hard work in making this event such a resounding success! Their commitment to making a positive impact on both our local community and our school is truly commendable.



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Local Talent Shines: Olivia Joins Bedfordshire County Football!

A huge congratulations to Olivia (Year 7) who has successfully secured a spot on the Bedfordshire County football team!

Olivia attended a highly competitive trial with over 50 girls, demonstrating exceptional skill and determination. After successfully navigating through to the second and final trial, we're thrilled to announce she has made the team!

Olivia will now be proudly representing Bedfordshire in the prestigious East of England league. This is a fantastic achievement, showcasing her hard work and talent. Well done, Olivia – we can't wait to follow your journey!



Thea Conquers First Triathlon!

A huge congratulations to Thea (Year 8) who successfully completed her very first Triathlon this past weekend!

Thea showcased incredible determination at the event, held at Aldwickbury School and organized by Tri Force. She tackled a challenging course, beginning with a 300-metre swim, followed by a 4000-metre bike ride, and finished strong with a 2400-metre run.

What an amazing achievement, Thea! We're all incredibly proud of your fantastic accomplishment.



PTA NEWS

Our Summer Discos this term were once again very popular, and it was so lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves. Again, we had several staff members attend, so a big thank you to them; we really do appreciate all your help.



PTA Future

This week brought our emergency PTA meeting to save us!

You will hopefully be glad to hear we had a very successful meeting, and the future looks promising. More updates on this in September after our AGM!

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Our Pre-loved Uniform Shop has proved very popular, so much so our stocks are now running very low.

We would be very grateful for any good condition, clean uniform that your children have grown out of or no longer need. Any donations can be dropped off at Deans Flooring over at the Old Water Mill.

Orders can be placed through the Arnold Academy PTA Facebook page. We will be regularly updating the stock list, so please keep an eye out. You will be able to order your uniform by messaging the Facebook page directly.

Please note we are unable to accept unbranded uniform items.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

As we reach the end of the school year, a reminder that the Arnold Academy PTA are collecting pre-loved uniform to sell, raising monies for the school.

Over the summer, pre-loved uniform can be dropped to **Deans Flooring** in Barton Watermill who have kindly agreed to be a collection point for us over the summer. Their support is really appreciated. If you can't get to Deans Flooring, please contact the PTA team via email: pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk

Whilst ParentMail will not be active over the school holidays, the PTA will hold a stock list of pre-loved uniform and this will be shared on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ArnoldAcademyPTA>

Our ParentMail pre-loved uniform shop has now raised over **£2,500** to fund the purchase of much needed items for Arnold Academy and to fund workshops for all year groups.

Many thanks,
The Arnold Academy PTA team

Friday 18th June – End of Term Tuck Shop

Reminder! Our fantastic tuck shop is back this Friday for the last day of term. We will have a variety of sweets and drinks for purchase.

★ **END OF TERM** ★
TUCK SHOP!

Let's wrap up the school year with something sweet!

The Tuck Shop will be open and stocked with:

- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Ice-cold drinks

Friday, 18 July | **12:00–2:00 PM**

📍 **Quiet Area** | **Don't miss out!**

Thank You

As we come to the end of another school year, we would like to say a huge thank you to every one of our volunteers. We could not continue without each and every one of you.

Goodbye to Laura

Sadly, our wonderful chair, Laura Taylor, will be leaving us at the end of this term as her daughter moves on to upper school. Laura has been our queen of events and organizing us all; she is going to be truly missed by the remaining PTA. Thank you so much, Laura, for all you have done.

Year 8s Goodbye and Good Luck

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a lovely and safe summer break and look forward to seeing most of you back in September. We would like to wish all the Year 8s the very best of luck as we wave them all goodbye on their Arnold journey. We hope you will all be very happy in your new schools.