



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely half-term week with your families! It was lovely to see so many of you for the Parents Evenings before the break. As I outlined with you in the last Arnold update, part of our key school development foci for this term involves developing stronger relationships and learning communication with our parents. Please do engage in this strategy by doing your best to play an active role in the school journey for your child. If you could not attend before the break, key staff will be calling you to check in. We will do our very best in ensuring you have good communication with the school in regard to your child.

We have had very promising engagement with our new learning platform Accelerated Reader. It shows us brilliant stats, such as the summary below, which will be a regular part of our newsletter moving forward. As promised, we will be sharing improved learning information with you this year. This half-term will begin a steady flow as we aim to share national benchmark tests for Year 5, reading tests summaries for all year groups and then finally end of term assessments completed within December for all years. We will be discussing learning information in our next Parent Forum on Wednesday 13th December. Be sure to put this in your calendar as we will benefit from your feedback as we aim to cater for all parent's needs.

Arnold Academy Reads!



RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®

Final call for our exciting Open Evening which takes place this week. If you know of anyone looking for school places in current Year 5 or 6, or Year 5 in September, please help us promote our event by directing people to our social media pages or website. You are also welcome to attend, as a current parent, any of our open events. It would be wonderful to host you and let you see the school in action!



October has been a busy time for our PTA. Pupils enjoyed a very well attended and vibrant Halloween disco before the school break. It was lovely to see so many parents and teachers helping out and perhaps enjoying themselves as much as the pupils. I would like to thank the PTA for the kind and generous donation of doughnuts to the staff room for the final day of the half-term. Staff benefitted from the sugar rush in the final week following some late nights following Parents Evenings. If you are interested in joining or supporting our PTA, please email pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk

On the last day of half-term we held a retirement tea party for our one-and-only June Rees. June has worked for 55 years across all three Barton-le-Clay schools as part of the cleaning team. She has been a wonderful servant to the community and all staff have enjoyed her smile, wit and sharp humour! We will continue to enjoy June paying us the odd visit as her husband Brian will continue to work as part of our team. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement June!



I hope you enjoy this edition of the Arnold update. Enjoy Halloween, if you are observing the festivities, I hope you are lucky to receive a treat and not a trick!

Pete Roberts - Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

November

Wc 30th Oct

1st - Open Evening 5:00pm
3rd - Open Morning Tours 9:15am

Wc 6th Nov

8th - Open Morning Tours 9:15am
9th - Author Visit (Zanib Mian)

Wc 13th Nov

Anti-bullying Week

17th - Yr 4 Parents Coffee Morning

Wc 20th Nov

24th - Staff Training Day

PTA

October Hundred Club Winners

The winners of the Hundred Club this month are:

- 1st — T. Jennings (8)
- 2nd — C. Bunyan (40)
- 3rd — L. Taylor (52)

AUTHOR VISIT

ZANIB MIAN



9TH NOVEMBER 2023

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BOOK SIGNED,
ORDER YOUR SELECTED BOOKS VIA PARENTMAIL
(LAST DAY TO ORDER BOOKS IS 2ND NOVEMBER)

Year Group News

YEAR 5



Form with the Highest Attendance

5LH

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5CP

Announcements

Year 5 Pantomime at The Grove Theatre -
Thursday 14th December.



YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6KM

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6CF

Announcements

National Child Measurement Programme for
Year 6 on 20th November

YEAR 7



Form with the Highest Attendance

7FP

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7CW



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8CR

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8SQ

Central Beds Youth Parliament

We have an exciting opportunity for two Y8 pupils to represent Arnold at the Central Beds Youth Parliament for the year ahead.

Simon Bailey, from Central Beds Youth Support Service, talked to the Y8 pupils during their assembly about the work of the Youth Parliament and the importance of hearing the voice of young people.

If your child is interested in taking part, please encourage them to speak to Mr Devereux or Miss Boston about the role. They can register their interest at the website linked below:
www.mi-nomination.com/cbe.



School Council

Our 2023 / 2024 School Council at Arnold Academy have been selected by their class. Our School Council meets regularly with their Head of Year to discuss issues that affect the pupils. They are consulted on ways to improve our school environment and recently, after much research and discussion, decided on our new House system. The School Councillors decide on our school charity for the year ahead and organise fundraising events throughout the school year. Mr Roberts meets regularly with the School Council to ensure that pupil voice plays a central role in moving the school forward.



Year 5



Year 6



Year 7



Year 8

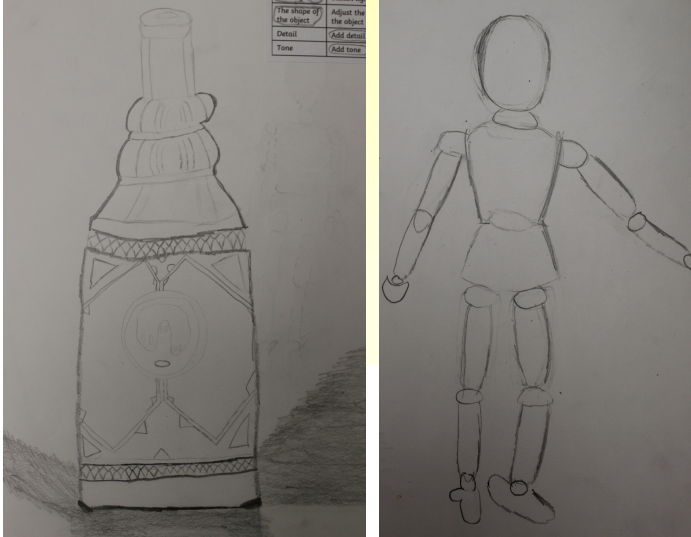
October's Spotlight Subject

ART

Year 5

"We have been looking at famous art work and trying to recreate it in the best possible way we can. Our class have been sketching and painting in lesson. I've learnt how to shade and this has helped improve my art work. We had to put a mannequin in a position and sketch what we saw."

Oriya



Year 6

"In art, we have been looking at 'The Starry Night' sky which was painted by Vincent van Gogh. When we created our own Starry Night skies, we used colouring pastels and water colours. We have learnt different ways to blend out colours together."

Samson



Year 8

"In art, we have been looking at observational drawing. We were given the task of sketching a stopwatch using the grid method. We used watercolours to colour in the light areas using the colours yellow, green, blue and orange. When we were happy with this, we moved on to using colouring pencils for the dark areas. This included the colours black, dark brown, dark blue and dark green."

Evie



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 Bones, Healthy Halloween Pizza Spider Double chocolate chip cookies and Monster Bites.

This year our pupils were privilege to a demonstration from two Chefs from the Accent catering team, they demonstrated Choux Pastry for the students, one of the more challenging products to be made in the competition.

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

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



The groups were named after famous chefs. The winning group was called Mary Berry and featured our very own Lottie C whose Brownies stole the show.

Second place went to Nadia Husain, with Oliver C from Arnold and the Greg Wallis group was 3rd, with Erin K's Spooky Spider Biscuits helping her team secure third place.

Commendations went to Laurence's Spooky Pizza which was just amazing!

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

Mr Burr

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning that we held on Friday 29th September was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that donated cakes, biscuits and other treats, as well as everyone that attended on the day.

We would like to give a special mention to our school councilors who helped to make the day as successful as it was. We had lots of lovely feedback from the community telling us how polite they were and how much they helped those who needed assistance.

Together we were able to raise an amazing total of £1,000.



Arnold Academy Bake Off

Alongside our Macmillan Coffee morning, we also hosted an Arnold Academy Bake Off. Whilst there were lots of incredible cakes and treats, our judges decided on the following winners:

Best Cupcake:

Grace B, Isaac K & Ellis P

Best Biscuits/Cookies:

Max R & Leo S

Best Traybake:

Ella P & Isabelle D

Best Chocoholic Cake:

Logan P, Bertie H, Jake O, Adam K, Kailen P,
Dexter D, Isla H, Isabelle H & Laila P





SPORTS NEWS



Sports Teams of 2023

Year 6 Football

Jayden B, Morgan B, Jack B, Charlie C, Jack C, Olivia D, Parker G, Luca L, Charlie M, Stanley M, James S, and Kyle W

Year 7 Football

Jake B, Dylan B, Jack E, Sonny G, Rhys H, Zach H, Oscar H, Logan M, Shae M, Ilyas P, Leo S, Niall S, and Thomas S

Year 8 Football

Samuel A, Austen B, Alexander B, Alfie B, Oliver C, Liam C, Harry C, Ernie H, Lewis J, Izaak L, Robert M, Ethan N, Ikobi N, Vinnie S, and Yamikani T

Year 7 Netball

Grace T, Maddie W, Holly S, Neve C, Sophia M, Meliha B, Keeva E, Ava B, and Amy F

Year 8 Netball

Kennedie M, Mia B, Emily D, Grace T, Lily H, Elena T, Amelia S, Chloe H, and Erin K

Extra-Curriculum Activities

The PE department have been busy running a variety of extra-curriculum clubs. Some of these clubs include; football, basketball, dodgeball, yoga, netball, and dance.

In addition to lunch time and afterschool clubs, the PE department have lots of exciting fixtures in the upcoming months.



Year 7 Boys Football Team

Arnold Academy vs Pix Brook Academy

On Wednesday 4th October, our year 7 boys team played an away game against Pix Brook Academy. Our team won 8 - 0 and Thomas S was voted player of the match.

Arnold Academy vs Robert Bloomfield

Our year 7 football team had their first round of the National Cup on Monday 9th October. It was an away game against Robert Bloomfield Academy. The game ended with the boys winning 7 - 3. Leo S was voted player of the match for some excellent set pieces, passing and work rate.

Arnold Academy vs Holywell

The year 7 football team finished October with an amazing 4-1 win against Holywell. Jack E was voted player of the match for scoring an excellent hat trick.



Year 7 Netball

Our year 7 girls Netball team attended a fixture against Robert Bloomfield on Wednesday 18th October. The game resulted in a win for Arnold Academy with a final score of 6-5. Grace T was voted player of the match for this fixture.



ECO COUNCIL



Halloween

With it being Halloween we wanted to look at how you could make this fun event more sustainable.

When using a pumpkin you can roast the seeds for a nutritious snack. Take a look at the link below for the recipe.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/roasted-pumpkin-seeds>

Recycle / reuse outfits for next year rather than buying new, plan ahead for next year. Can you swap with friends?

Try to minimise plastic packaging for treats and always recycle wrappers.

Once Halloween is over, put your pumpkin in the garden for the birds and squirrels to feed on rather than throwing away. It's the time of the year where the weather is changing and food source are becoming scarce. Waste not want not!



Switch Off Competition

'The Pod' are inviting young people to design a t-shirt that conveys the message of Switch Off Fortnight. The winner will get to see their t-shirt being made in Teemill's factory in the Isle of Wight and receive 10 free printed tees!

Animals In The Winter

Ways to look after the animals in your garden as winter draws in.

Home made fat balls recipe

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/diy/how-to-make-fat-cakes-for-birds/>



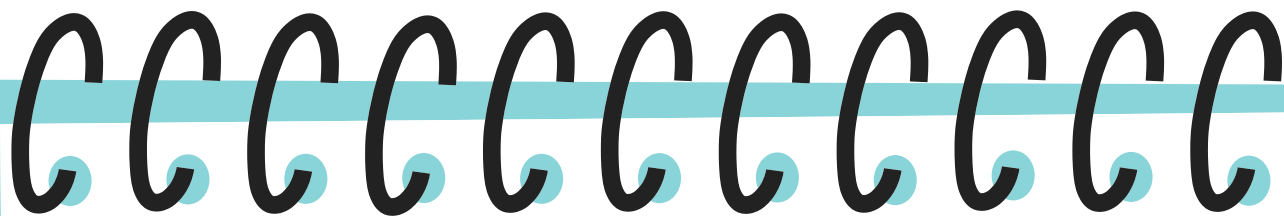
The Eco Committee will be making these over the next few weeks and leaving out in hedgerows in order to sustain our birds throughout the winter. We hope to catch some of them on the wildlife camera and also count them all in next years GREAT SCHOOLS BIRD WATCH run by the RSPB from 8th January and 19th February. We look forward to you joining us with this in your gardens next year as we look at biodiversity within Barton-le-Clay and neighbouring villages and towns. Do we have the same birds across the county?



Eco Council Notices

If you do have any seeds you can donate please do bring to Miss Donovan so that our gardening can blossom further.





RECIPE OF THE MONTH

FOCACCIA BREAD

Ingredients

- 200g strong bread flour
- 150ml warm water
- 1 sachet of yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Ground pepper
- Olive Oil
- 3 cloves garlic
- A few sprigs of rosemary

Equipment

- Scales
- Large mixing bowl
- Measuring jug
- Baking tray
- Measuring spoons
- Pastry brush
- Cooling rack

Method

1. Tip flour into a large bowl, make a well and add your yeast, salt, and sugar.
2. Gradually add water and start bringing the flour from the side into the water with a fork. Bring all the ingredients together with the fork then use your hands to form a ball of dough.
3. Flour your surface and knead the dough for 5 mins.
4. Oil the silver foil tray, and place your dough and slightly push out the dough to the edge of tray.
5. Peel the garlic and slice in long strips.
6. Scatter the garlic over the dough with some rosemary and with your fingertips pushing the garlic and rosemary down into the dough
7. Drizzle the dough with olive oil and poke the bread all over with finger again to give it great texture.
8. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Put in cold oven and bake at 220 C for 20 to 25 mins.
9. The bread should have a hollow sound when you tap the bottom.

SOME EXAMPLES FROM MR BURR'S CLASS

If you give this month's recipe a go,
take a picture and send it in to admin@aa.pstrust.co.uk



David



Gabriella

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION WINNER

Last month, we held our short story competition. Everyone was given the same prompt and had to use this to make their own story.

We received lots of amazing entries throughout the month which made it difficult to decide on our overall winner. After careful consideration and lots of discussion, our winner of the September Short Story Competition is Maryam .



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

You are braver than you believe.
Stronger than you seem.
And smarter than you think.

Winnie the Pooh

REMINDERS FOR HARD DAYS

YOU'VE SURVIVED
100% OF YOUR
TOUGHEST DAYS

BE KIND AND
GENTLE WITH
YOURSELF

A BAD DAY
DOESN'T EQUAL
A BAD LIFE

YOUR STORY
MAY BE
SOMEONE'S
SURVIVAL GUIDE

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.

COMPETITION

Redesign a Book Cover

YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN THE TASK OF REDESIGNING
THE FRONT COVER OF HARRY POTTER AND THE
PHILOSOPHER'S STONE. IT IS UP TO YOU TO
DECIDE WHAT THE NEW COVER WILL LOOK LIKE.

HAVE A GO AND HAND IT IN TO THE FRONT
OFFICE TO BE ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A
TOKEN FOR OUR BOOK VENDING MACHINE, AS
WELL AS HAVING YOUR WORK FEATURED IN
NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER!

COMPETITION CLOSSES
ON 24TH NOVEMBER.