



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of March and the Easter holiday break is upon us. It has been a very short term in all, with the shortest of half-terms I have ever experienced in my teaching career, at just twenty four days. We have managed to pack in an incredible amount of education and experience into this period for our pupils, which I hope you enjoy reading about in this edition of the Arnold Update.

Our pupil survey is being completed at the end of this week. This important opportunity to measure and listen to pupil voice will be analysed and discussed in assemblies and pupil council in the first weeks after the break. We will move onto our yearly parent survey next term, and I challenge us to attain a greater percentage of parents to complete the survey this time around. Outcomes of both of these important stakeholder surveys will be discussed in the next Parent Forum.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank both parents and staff for brilliant and successful parents evenings during this term. Whether you met teachers online or in-person, I hope you found these events beneficial. We will be discussing the design of these events in our next Parent Forum in May to see if we can add further value.

A huge thank you to the staff who have planned and executed the many successful trips this term. It has been wonderful to listen to pupils regale in such fond memories from these experiences. Trips can be very arduous to plan, on top of the normal day-to-day education we offer our pupils. They can also be quite stressful for staff as the 'in loco parentis' responsibility of children under your care becomes very apparent when you leave the school gates. This is why I would also like to offer a huge thank you to the many parents who took the time to write messages of thanks to staff following these events, this small gesture means so much to us all!

Over the last few weeks, and next few, there are a number of religious festivals observed across our Arnold community. I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our families kind wishes as you celebrate Ramadan, Eid, Lent and Holi during this period. Once again, thank you for taking the time to read the Arnold Update. I hope you have a wonderful Easter period with your family and friends!

Pete Roberts – Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

April

Wc 15th April

15th - INSET Day
16th - First Day Back

Wc 22nd April

22nd - Earth Day

May

WC 13th May

SATs Week

WC 20th May

21st - Parent Forum

Mother's and Others

Thank you to our PTA who organised an amazing Mother's and Others stall for our pupils to buy a gift for their special someone in their life.

This would not have been possible without the hard work that goes on behind the scenes getting the gifts ready and wrapped, as well as all the help and support on the day.

100 CLUB

1st - W. Brown

2nd - C. Lindley

3rd - J. Beales

12

5

31

24

Year Group News

YEAR 5



Form with the Highest Attendance

5CP

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5LN

Announcements

If you have any unwanted board games, please may they be donated to the year 5 team.



YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6KM

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6DB

Announcements

We understand that SATs are coming up for Year 6, but please ensure that pupils have time to relax, enjoy themselves and embrace the Easter break!



YEAR 7

Form with the Highest Attendance

7JW

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7CW



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8SQ

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8KT

Careers Week

Our year 8 Careers Speed Networking Event was a huge success! We had over 10 different industries come in to speak to our pupils about their job and their career journey.



The purpose of this networking event was to give our pupils an insight into the variety of careers that are out there; understand the personal skills required in any job and to gain experience of talking to professionals.



A special thank you to all our volunteers who gave up their time, and for their knowledge and inspiration they have given our pupils: Victoria Pymont from ARJ Construction Ltd, Eleanor Sheridan from London Northwest NHS Trust, Roberto from the University of Bedfordshire, Katie Quinton from Beauty Q Events, Jo Bird a Rail PR Consultant, Paul Newton a Legal & HR Consultant, Laura Taylor a Deputy Company Secretary at Kier, Christopher Jones and Jack Gooderham from Tesla, Sophie Briggs a Group Internal Audit Manager, Andy Read from Maintenance Operations at Easy Jet, Pete Foreman an Engineering Training Manager at Easy Jet, Farzana Choudhury a Human Resource Lecturer and Academic Employability Lead at the University of Bedfordshire, Tara Dolby and Kate Kinsella from BBC 3CR, Dr Carolyn Devereaux a senior lecturer in astrophysics at the Centre for Astrophysics Research at the University of Hertfordshire, and Beauty Kal from Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs.



Author Visit - Andy Seed

At the start of the month we had a very exciting visit from Andy Seed, a Blue Peter Book Award-winning author of children's and adults books.

Andy held an assembly with each year group where he told our pupils all about the books he has written, why it's great to be an author and held a Q&A. It was very interesting to learn how much research goes into writing a book to make it historically accurate, as well as being funny.

Our pupils were given the chance to purchase one of Andy's books and have it signed by him on the day if they wished. This gave them another opportunity to ask him any questions that they might have about becoming an author.



Rotary Club Technology Tournament

Our pupils had an amazing time at their Rotary Club Inter School Technology Tournament on Friday 8th March.

Each group were set the task of building a carriage that had to use a motor to move across a piece of string. It required them to use all of their knowledge and skills they had learnt in their DT lessons.

They had an incredible time participating in the tournament and we are all very proud of them.



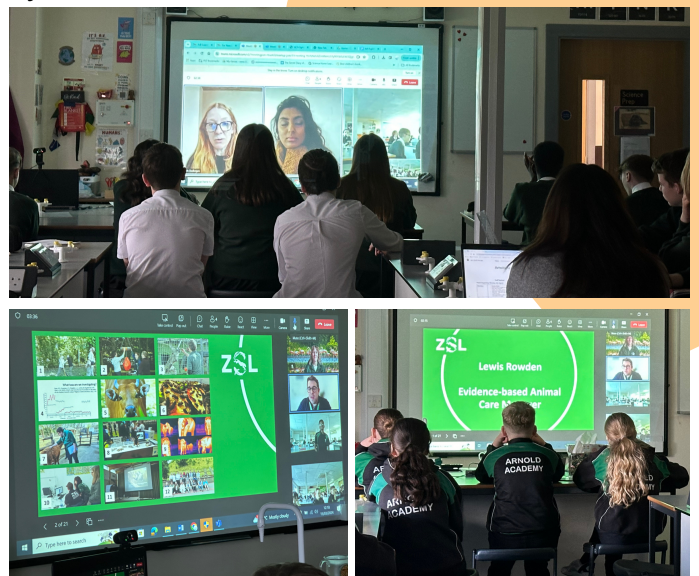
Parent Forum

We had a very successful and interesting Parent Forum during this half-term. We have changed the date for our next meeting and moved the time back later into the evening, to support parent attendance. A reminder, Parent Forum is a chance for parents to assist in driving improvement in areas of the school. We understand and respect the need for parent voice at Arnold Academy. This group helps our leadership team review and improve our school with your valued feedback.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st May at 6.30pm. We will be discussing stakeholder surveys and parents evenings. Please register your in-person attendance [HERE](#). A virtual meeting link will also be shared with parents nearer the time via Parentmail, for those wishing to join online.

ZSL London Conservation Work

In Science, some of Year 8 and Year 7 have been learning first hand about the important conservation work of ZSL London, in maintaining the worlds' biodiversity. They were lucky enough to pose questions to key scientists about their research, possible careers in zoo, the opportunities their jobs give them and the future of certain species on this planet. They met research scientists who study behaviour in different animals and the amazing work of one scientist who spends her time observing cetaceans (whales & dolphins) in the Chagos archipelago near the Maldives! Thanks to ZSL for the amazing opportunity and for opening our eyes.



Tower of London

The pupils had a fantastic day exploring all that the Tower of London had to offer. The pupils went to see the iconic crown jewels and visited the oldest part of the castle, the White Tower, which was built by William the Duke of Normandy. The pupils also had the opportunity to explore the Tower of London with the help of a guide, who taught the year 8's fantastic stories of the tower, including how one person escaped with just an orange! It was a brilliant day for all pupils, and the history department looks forward to offering this trip next year.



3D Designs

In Computer Science, Year 5 have been using the computers to create 3D designs. We have designed cars, houses, lorries and packaging for Easter Eggs. This week we printed our design folded and stuck the NETs to make solid models.



PTA Purchases

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for the new equipment in the D&T department, the new cooker, visualisers and dishwasher amongst other pieces of equipment. They have enabled our students to make all of these amazing meals and cakes!



PTA vacancy

Our fantastic Treasurer, Mel, will be stepping down from this position at the end of this school year. We are now looking for her replacement - are you in a position where you could support the PTA in this role? If interested, please contact the PTA by email - pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk

Are you the next JK Rowling?

An exciting story writing competition

"Have you travelled far", said...

is your opening part sentence. Your story should continue with that start and be no more than 500 words. Your story will also need a title.

The judges will expect; originality, a good plot, strong characterisation, creative language, and enjoyment telling the story

There are two competitions. One for Years 5 and 6, and one for Years 7 and 8.

Stories due on
Monday 29th April



Rotary
Rotary Club of Barton le Clay



3D Artwork

Year 6 have been looking at 3D pieces of work in their art lessons. Here are some of the amazing 3D sweet and crisp packets that the class have created. Each group had to carefully replicate the typography in order to make the packaging look as realistic as possible. It was also key to use the same colours that are on the original packaging.

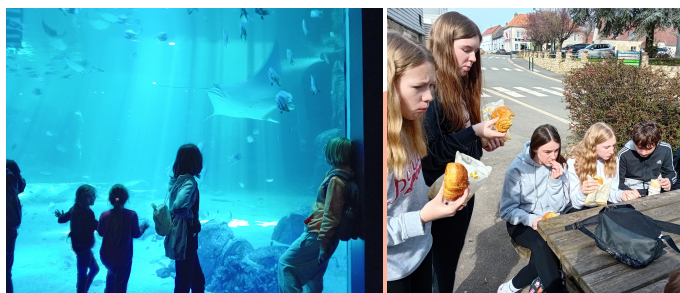


French Trip

The Year 8 pupils all had a fantastic time in France and hopefully this can be seen through the photos taken throughout the trip.



Whilst in France, our pupils enjoyed a variety of different experiences including; visiting a local market, paying their respects at a war cemetery, making croissants at a boulangerie, visiting the aquarium at the Sealife Centre, and looking at how chocolate is made in the factory.



They had the chance to practice their French with the locals, who were able to speak in English to help them get their pronunciation correct. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves whilst walking around the local villages, buying baguettes, fruit and croissants.



The staff members that went on the trip were really impressed with how well behaved and polite our pupils were.





SPORTS NEWS



Norwich Football Festival

On Monday 25th March, the Year 8 Lions squad were one of six schools to take part in a Norwich City Football Festival. Based at Norwich City's training centre, the boys played five highly competitive fixtures, playing some excellent football in the process. With some excellent results recorded, the boys demonstrated a fantastic attitude from start to finish. A fantastic way to finish their competitive fixtures for Arnold Academy!

KS2 Girls Football

KS2 girls football played some great football as a team and the PE department are really proud of how hard the girls have worked.



Year 7 & 8 Rugby

Year 7 & 8 rugby teams have both progressed a lot over the past few games. They always played with grit and determination. Some great rugby was played and tries scored!



Cross Country

Year 5s competed in Alameda's Cross Country course. There were 49 runners in the girls race and 99 runners in the boys race. Well done to all who took part in this event. Miss Nicholls is very proud of you and your commitment to attending running club on a Monday lunch time.

INTRA SPORT COMPETITION

Year 5 Winners

Girls Cup - Daley
Girls Shield - Malala
Boys Cup - Gilbert
Boys Shield - Daley

Year 6 Winners

Girls Cup - Attenborough
Girls Shield - Ailing Ellis
Boys Cup - Gilbert
Boys Shield - Gilbert

Year 7 Winners

Girls Cup - Ailing Ellis
Girls Shield - Rashford
Boys Cup - Gilbert
Boys Shield - Gilbert

Year 8 Winners

Girls Cup - Ailing Ellis
Girls Shield - Rashford
Boys Cup - Rashford
Boys Shield - Attenborough

Our PE department would like to say a huge thank you to our year 7 & 8 young leaders who helped officiate and scored during the intra house competitions. Without their help, the two days would have not run smoothly.