



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful June it has been at Arnold Academy. In this edition of the Arnold Update, you will enjoy lots of brilliant stories and celebrations of what has been on offer for our pupils during a jam-packed group.

On Wednesday of next week, we have our final Parent Forum of the year. Parents have asked that this take a SEND focus. If you are a parent of a child with Special Education Needs, we strongly advise you to attend as we will have a number of professionals, both from Arnold and externally, to present their advice and information to you. To register your attendance in person, or to ensure you are emailed the link to join virtually, please click [HERE](#).

Earlier this week we enjoyed a brilliant 'Celebrating Our Cultures' Day. This is an important addition to our calendar which we will enjoy annually moving forward. Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the various cultures which exist across our community and take part in activities and enjoy food from different stalls. It was very well received and respectfully participated by our brilliant pupils. I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thanks to the parents, staff, community groups and pupils who all contributed to the extensive planning and delivery of the day. A personal thanks to Ms Boston, who coordinated the event and oversaw its successful delivery. We can't wait for next year!



Yesterday, pupils from all year groups took part in transition day. We enjoyed seeing and spending more time with our prospective Year 5 pupils, plus meeting parents in the evening. The great majority of our Year 8 pupils enjoyed a day out at Harlington Upper, with the remaining pupils visiting their new upper school next week. Change always comes with an element of anxiety and concern, so it is a collective effort between us as staff and you as parents, to ensure we make these smooth and successful transitions in time. Do reach out to us should you have any concerns during this period.

We only have three weeks left of our school year. Time has been cruel and we will soon be saying goodbye to our Year 8 pupils. It is certainly a time for reflection and to savour our time with our outgoing cohort.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Arnold Update. The very best wishes to you and your family ahead of the weekend!

Pete Roberts – Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

July

WC 1st July

2nd - HUS Music Day
3rd - Parent Forum
4th - Yr 5 Dancathon

WC 8th July

8th - 10th - KS3 Stratford Trip
10th - Yr8 Willen Lake Trip
11th - Yr8 Willen Lake Trip
12th - Yr7 Charity Fair

WC 15th July

15th - Yr8 Sports Morning
- Yr5 Sports Afternoon
16th - Yr7 Sports Morning
- Yr6 Sports Afternoon
17th - Yr7 Box End Trip
- Award Ceremony 6pm
18th - Yr7 Box End Trip
19th - Yr8 Leavers Assembly
- Last Day of Term

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 you are interested, please contact the PTA by email - pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk

100 CLUB

1st - S. Cinato

2nd - K. Linger

3rd - L. Fox

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Year Group News

YEAR 5



Form with the Highest Attendance

5CE

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5JMC



YEAR 6

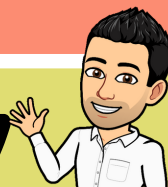
Form with the Highest Attendance

6DB

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6CF

YEAR 7



Form with the Highest Attendance

7CW

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7LH

Announcements

Box End - please complete the waiver form which has been sent out via Parentmail. A reminder that pupils will need sunscreen, a packed lunch, water, a towel and a change of clothes. Bikinis are not to be worn, one-piece swimsuits, swimming trunks or shorts only.



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8JSM

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8SQ

Announcements

Willen Lake - Wednesday 10th July (X band) and Thursday 11th July (Y band). If your child is attending Stratford-upon-Avon they will be going on the 11th of July.

Leavers Hoodies - these will be handed out on the last week of term. Year 8 pupils can wear these at school, during the last week of term.

APF Wrap-around Care

APF activity camps will be starting their morning and after-school wrap-around care on the 8th of July for 2 weeks; this will continue at the start of September.

They have a variety of fun activities for children to be involved in during the breakfast and the after-school club, including sports such as dodgeball and football, arts and crafts, such as clay modelling, and more adventurous activities such as go-karts, splat ball, archery tag, and a bouncy castle.

They will provide breakfast for all children who attend in the morning and a nutritious snack, fruits, and drinks for children who attend beyond 5:00pm each day.

Remember that parents can pay with childcare vouchers and if you have any questions about the provision, do not hesitate to contact them directly at support@apfactivitycamps.com

Please note that places are limited so please try to book your child on as soon as possible.

To book your child a place, please [click here](#).

Arnold Academy BREAKFAST CLUB Timetable					
	HALL	OUTSIDE	IT ROOM	CLASSROOM	
	APF ACTIVITY CAMPS				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
07.30-08.00	Breakfast followed by Arts and Crafts or Forest School				
08.00-08.30	BADMINTON	FOOTBALL	PROBLEM SOLVING GAMES	IT GAMES	ARCHERY
Breakfast: Toast with various toppings, juice, croissants, choice of 3 different cereals.					
Drop-off times: 07.30 or 8am at the hall					

Arnold Academy AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB Timetable					
	HALL	OUTSIDE	IT ROOM	CLASSROOM	
	APF ACTIVITY CAMPS				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14.15-15.30	GROUP A + B				FREE CHOICE
15.30-16.00	GROUP A	CLAY MODELLING	IT GAMES	PAINTING	FOOTBALL
15.30-16.00	GROUP B	DODGEBALL	GO-KARTS OR ARCHERY TAG	ARCHERY + SUMO WRESTLING	BOUNCY CASTLE
16.00-16.30	GROUP A	DODGEBALL	GO-KARTS OR ARCHERY TAG	ARCHERY + SUMO WRESTLING	BOUNCY CASTLE
16.00-16.30	GROUP B	CLAY MODELLING	IT GAMES	PAINTING	FOOTBALL
16.30-17.00	GROUP A + B	FREE CHOICE	FOOTBALL	FREE CHOICE	TUG-OF WAR
17.00-17.30	SNACK TIME: Sandwiches with various toppings, light bites, fruit, snack bars, juice.				
17.30-18.00	GROUP A + B	PROBLEM SOLVING	HANDBALL	PROBLEM SOLVING	DODGEBALL
Start of club: All children meet in the hall. Collection times: 17.00 - 17.30 and 18.00 from the hall.					

Arts Exhibition

We would like to say a huge well done to our Art, DT and Music departments for hosting a brilliant Arts Exhibition on Thursday 20th June.



There was a wide variety of work on display to showcase the incredible talent that our pupils have. Not only was their work displayed from the pupils' art and DT lessons, but everyone also enjoyed an evening of spectacular performances from our rock school and music pupils. Our dance club also performed their Matilda dance that they learnt from their Lisa Welham workshop.



Year 5 Zoo Trip To Whipsnade

On Tuesday 11th June, our year 5s had a fantastic trip out to Whipsnade Zoo. Whilst at the zoo, they managed to see lots of the animals in their habitats such as giraffes, red pandas, penguins, and elephants. Our pupils also had the opportunity to get up close to the goats.



The staff were very impressed with how the pupils behaved and said that they had a lovely time exploring all of the exhibits with their groups.



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 May.

MAY Reading Champions

The forms with the most words read this month are ...



House scores have been updated.

Each class reading score is on display in the library

Get Reading Everyone!



French Trip to Silsoe

On Tuesday 25th June, a selection of our pupils went over to Silsoe Lower School to have a French afternoon. During the afternoon, our pupils served ice cream to the year 3s, whilst speaking in French.

As part of the day, they also served the year 3s ice cream whilst speaking in French; answered year 4s questions about Arnold; and watched a production in French.



Making Cupcakes in Maths

One of our year 6 maths classes had the opportunity to take part in a project which provided an opportunity to revisit many of the skills and curriculum content covered in KS2.

The project involved the children making cupcakes, which were designed so that the pupils could explore maths in real-life contexts, allowing children to see how important maths is in all aspects of life.

They used a variety of maths skills such as measuring, money conversion and time, as well as finding out how much the ingredients cost and comparing prices in different - made up - shops.

The class were also able to use their skills from Science and English, for example, reversible and irreversible changes in materials, reading lists and following instructions.



BAE Science Roadshow

This month we had the delight of the BAE Roadshow delivering a workshop to our year 7s and year 8s. Our pupils were given an insight into the science behind electricity - exploring what electricity is and how we generate it.



A couple of the children were invited to the front to create an electrostatic charge with their Van de Graaff generator. They were amazed to see the selected few hold onto the machine and have their hair start to stand on end.



To finish off the workshop, two of our teachers were welcomed to the stage to perform the 'Pedal Power' Challenge. Miss Nicholls, our PE teacher, volunteered for the first session where she had to pedal to charge through the turbo trainer and the power was then transferred into the windmill. Our pupils were very excited to see the colours changing as Miss Nicholls pedalled faster. An amazing rainbow pattern was shown when the target speed was reached and this earned our PE teacher a round of applause from the year 7s.



Dancing at Wembley Stadium

Meliha, year 7, had the opportunity to dance with her dance group at Wembley Stadium to an audience of 64,895 people during half-time of the men's rugby final. What an incredible experience, we hope Meliha had a fantastic time!



Signed Boxing Glove Winner!

Our after-school Jordan Reynolds Boxing club have been working hard to be the winner of a signed pair of boxing gloves. They were all amazing but there could only be one winner. Congratulations Christopher! Well done to everyone for working hard to improve their boxing skills. It has been amazing to see how far they have come.



Irish Dancing Competition

Sadie, year 5, brought in her variety of sashes, medals and her trophy that she won at an Irish Dancing competition to share with her form. Congratulations to Sadie for her hard work and dedication to her Irish Dancing.



Finn Takes Part In 'Race For Life'

Finn took part in 'Race For Life' recently and finished in third place with an amazing time of just over 25 minutes. That is an incredible time to finish a 5k run in. Well done Finn for taking part in a race for such a brilliant cause, we are all so proud of you.



Cultures Day at Arnold

It is the first year we have carried out 'Celebrating our Cultures'. We are excited about recognising the beautiful diversity which exists in our school community.

We would love to grow this event to ensure we represent all of our pupils and families. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful event please email our Deputy Head Alison Boston at aboston@aa.pstrust.co.uk



Notices From The PTA

Fathers Day shop

Our Father's Day shop this month was a great success and the PTA team enjoyed helping pupils with their purchases. Thanks to the PTA team that gave up their time to help during the day at the shop, your support is appreciated.

Summer Disco

Tickets for the summer disco on Thursday 11 July, will be on sale on Monday 1 July. Tickets will be £3 each and we will be running two discos as follows:

KS2 – 5:30pm to 6:30pm

KS3 – 7pm to 8pm

We have a limited number of tickets for sale, so please do buy them as soon as possible once they are available. We will also be looking for help to run the discos and details of how you can do this, will be shared on Monday



Pre-loved uniform

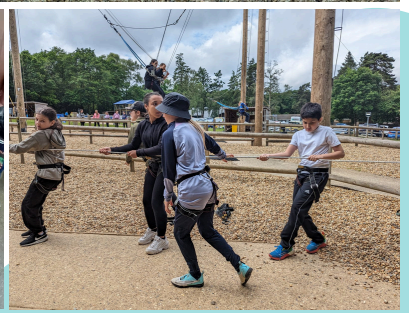
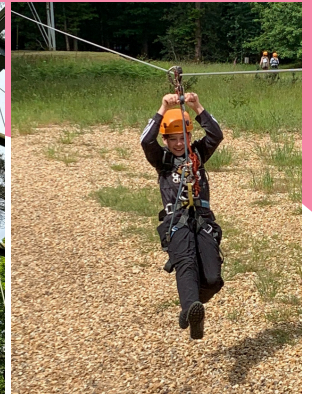
We have been delighted with the response to the pre-loved uniform since the shop was moved online and we are now limited in the stock that we have available. As we approach the end of the school year, if you have a good quality school uniform that can be donated now, please send it in with your child or drop it directly to the school office, so that we can ensure it is available for purchase before the summer holidays. We will be sharing details before the end of term, as to how school uniform that is no longer needed can also be given to us, with the school holidays rapidly approaching.

Join the PTA?

As a small team, we are keen for parents to become involved in our work to support the school. We have spent c.£8,000 this year on equipment to support various subject and educational visits, however, we can only raise funds with the support of our parents, to arrange activities for the pupils. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please do reach out to us via our Facebook page – Arnold Academy PTA or email us at pta@aa.pstrust.co.uk

PGL RESIDENTIAL

The memorable Year 6 trip to PGL Marchants Hill, where 110 pupils embarked on a thrilling adventure. The activities offered a perfect blend of excitement and learning, ranging from the exhilarating giant swing to navigating the intricate tunnels, mastering the trapeze, honing survival skills, and conquering the challenge course.



Throughout the trip, the pupils exhibited exemplary behaviour, reflecting their maturity and readiness to embrace new challenges. They indulged in discussions about the food provided, the activities on offer, and sung many songs despite the changeable weather conditions that added an element of unpredictability to the experience! The trip was met with enthusiasm and left a lasting impression on all. The Y6 who attended wholeheartedly engaged in the activities and fostered a sense of camaraderie that added to the overall enjoyment of the trip.



SPORTS NEWS



It has once again been a hugely eventful term within the PE department with a wide variety of sports on both our PE curriculum and extra-curricular programme for all pupils to enjoy.

This term has seen our pupils complete units of Striking & Fielding, Tennis and Athletics within their lessons. With Tennis being on our sporting curriculum for the first time, we have been delighted with the response to the sport and hope that we can create a pathway for this sport in the same way we do for others.

From an extra-curricular perspective, special mentions must this term go to all of our teams who have represented the school so well throughout the Summer term. Starting with cricket, at the time of writing our Year 5 & 6 Boys and Girls teams have enjoyed and impressed at their one-day festival, whilst our Year 7 & 8 Boys teams have started their league seasons. Thank you to Hexton Cricket Club who enable us to play our home fixtures in excellent surroundings. Well done must also go to the Year 7 & 8 Girls Cricket squad who competed so well at the 'Chance to Compete' girls cricket festival, reaching the semi-finals.



Our Key Stage 3 Rounders teams have also had a busy term with both Year 7 and Year 8 completing their league seasons and representing the school so well in their league campaigns. We now look forward to the Key Stage 2 rounders festival at Alameda School on Monday 17th June.

This term has also seen both our Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 athletics squads competing in their weekly fixtures. Well done to all of our athletes for the dedication and determination they have demonstrated in these highly competitive fixtures. Well done also to those who represented our school at the Key Stage 3 District Athletics event on Friday 17th May. An enjoyable day was had by all!

On Tuesday 21st May our Year 6 football squad competed in the County Cup football final at Flitwick Football Centre. Facing a strong Robert Bloomfield side, the team lost the fixture on the day but can be extremely proud of the progress they made as a team and to reach a final of that stature. We look forward to building on this achievement next season.



Thursday 16th May saw our Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls Gaelic Football squads compete at the 'All Hertfordshire Competition' at Harpenden Rugby Club. Whilst there, both teams demonstrated fantastic application and despite being so new to the sport, competed very well against more experienced opposition, with the boys' team qualifying out of their group. We are delighted to continue to provide opportunities in a wide variety of sports for our pupils and look forward to attending the 'All Britain Competition' with our Key Stage 2 Gaelic Football squad on Friday 5th July.



Finally, well done to all pupils for their continued hard work in lessons. Continuing their assessment using the 'Head, Heart, Hands' assessment structure, pupils are continuing to develop their theoretical understanding and knowledge, practical abilities and application in all the sports on the curriculum. Additionally, a special well done to all pupils who have also attended one of the many extra-curricular lunch-time or after-school clubs this term!