



# Arnold Times

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## To the Parents

The support we get from parents and families, from the AJS community, helps create the vibrant culture we all enjoy at AJS, and I would like to thank all of you who have supported recent events at the School. Focused events providing information and entertainment (scholarship, Glaramara, David Horner, Early Years literacy) have been extremely well attended and we have benefited greatly from your help on school trips. It is also a pleasure to see so many of you supporting our sports fixtures, a prime example being the recent IAPS football tournament in Manchester, where we were easily the best supported school there, despite many local schools taking part.

This sense of community and support makes a tangible difference to your child's all round education and I look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Enjoy reading this edition of the Times which speaks for itself in terms of the number of opportunities our children have had in the last two weeks to learn in and out of the classroom.

## Poetry Celebration

AJS celebrated National Poetry Day in style with the visit of children's poet David Horner. David ran poetry writing workshops throughout the School and performed some of his funniest poems for the children. His visit culminated in a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining evening where our pupils got the chance to share the stage with David and read their own poems out.



## Nature Watch

When we arrived at the classroom we met David and Pauline who talked about health and safety with us. The first activity we did was pond dipping. We had lots of fun seeing how many different species we could find. (At one stage Lucy shook her net over my head which proved not to be a good idea because I spent most of that morning scratching my head).



The second activity we did was the minibeast hunt. We went looking for minibeasts which had no legs, six legs, eight legs or more than eight legs. On the way back to the barn we walked through some beautiful scenery with lovely sunshine. Our eco lunch produced 152 grams of rubbish!

After lunch we went for a woodland wander. The first bit we did was the tree walk. We put mirrors under our noses and made it look like we were walking in the trees! Pauline told us a story about a rainbow and how it smashed into a million pieces. We had to find all the bits, I found all the colours there were to find and so did a few others.

We then moved on to the next activity where we were given opposites. We had to find three things from nature and three of the opposite and the rest of the class had to guess what your opposites were.

Then we moved onto our final activity which was to make a smelly cocktail out of the things around us and raise a toast to Cuerden Valley Park. What a great visit!

By Daniel Stone 4 N

## Kindergarten News

This week the children have enjoyed a morning out at the park. The children walked very sensibly there and back and enjoyed exploring the play area. The children have also been busy doing lots of interesting activities about the park and have painted pictures of their visit.



We have been playing out in the garden in our outdoor outfits and have enjoyed splashing in the puddles. Some of the children have helped look after the plants and have been adding to our collection by helping Miss Gray to plant some more.



The 'Twos' have been focusing on Thomas the Tank Engine this week and have been busy playing with trains, play dough, jigsaws and painting pictures of their favourite engines.

## Non Uniform

Next Friday, the last day of term, will be a non uniform day. In return for £1 the children may wear their own clothes (must be suitable for School, no make up). The money raised will go to 'Village Aid'.

## Final Defeat

The Manchester City FC Academy has played host to many talented young footballers over the years and this afternoon was no exception. The IAPS Tournament attracted schools from all over the North West and Wales and was played on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

Arnold got off to a flying start in the group stages with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Hunter Hall (Penrith). In the second game they faced much sterner opposition in Stockport Grammar 'A' team, but performed well and took a deserved 1-0 lead. However, two lapses in concentration allowed Stockport to equalise and then take the lead. The third game was against The Rileys (Alderly Edge) and again Arnold took the lead only to let in the opposition to earn a 1-1 draw. In the final group game Arnold took on Sunnymede (Merseyside) and got back to winning ways with a convincing 2-1 victory.

Seven points from the group games didn't look like it would be enough to send Arnold through to the knock out stages, but with other results going our way, we finished second on goal difference, which set up a semi final tie against Stockport Grammar 'B'. In a close game, Stockport had a goal disallowed and Arnold capitalised with a long range free kick from Callan Barrow finding the back of the net.

The final saw Arnold come up against Stockport 'A' again and despite a close first half, Stockport became more dominant as the match progressed and snatched a deserved winner to take the game, and the trophy, 1-0.

The boys played tremendously well throughout and were pleased with their silver medals, having been beaten by a strong Stockport side. A great team effort and a special mention for goalkeeper William Eccleston who performed magnificently throughout.



Squad: Matthew Barrett, Joseph Haydar, Zach Evans, William Eccleston, James Ellwood, Matthew Hitchin, Callan Barrow, Henry Higson.

## Seeing Stars

On the 8<sup>th</sup> October, Year 5 went on a coach to Rossall's Astronomy Centre to learn more about space. First we met a man called Nick; he took us to the centre and into a classroom. He asked us to name different planets.

Then we went through a pitch black tunnel and into a tent which was not pitch black. Nick turned off all the lights and when you looked up you could see stars like the Dog Star. Olivia could not stop saying "Wow" and Mili was lying down.



Then we went back to the classroom and coloured in Planets. After that we went into a different room and we had to do a worksheet that we had to fill in with names of Planets, what colour they are and why they are special. Then we had to say bye to Nick and go back to school.

I REALLY ENJOYED THE SCHOOL TRIP.

By Sophie Stratton (5N)

## Well Done

Every week in our Infant Assembly, selected pupils are awarded certificates. The certificates are awarded for all manner of things; good work, trying hard, good manners, smiling!!

The first children to be awarded certificates this year are:

### Reception:

Morgan Davies, Isaac Eccles  
Timothy Woodman, Bradley Thorley  
Ethan Haslam, Sebastian Lonberg

Year 1: Annoushka Christopher, Ali Munir

Declan Gallagher, Darcie Quilligan

### Playground Friends:

Tilly Lee, Lucy Keefe

## Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthday recently or will do so over the next few weeks:

Melissa	Haythornthwaite	4NO
Nathan	Gallagher	4NO
Will	Davidson	3NO
Sebastian	Holt	KIN
Matthew	Allen	2EA
Kensin	Yeung	5NO
Amy	Brennand	6SO
Matthew	Stubbins	KIN
Annabelle	Li Kam Wa	5SO
Joseph	Kehoe	1EA
Nadia	Craggs	3NO
Scarlett	Ellarby-Blunt	3NO
Amy	Irving	1EA
Annoushka	Christopher	1WE
Morgan	Davies	REC E
Daniel	Cowburn	KIN
Olivia	Macheta	1WE
Joseph	Haydar	6NO
Sebastian	Lonberg	REC E
Victoria	Matthews	6SO

## Puzzle Corner

Last Week's Answers:

**Arnold Anagram:** Pussycat Dolls

**Lateral logic:** White, it had to be a Polar Bear

**Number Puzzle:** 18

### Arnold Anagram

poach our glimmer  
(children's author)

### Lateral Logic

A man was pushed out of an airplane, without a parachute. How was he able to survive?

### Number Puzzle

What mathematical symbol can be put between 5 and 9, to get a number bigger than 5 and smaller than 9?

## Web Site

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