

Arnold Times

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To the Parents

Since spending countless lunchtimes playing on a Sinclair ZX Spectrum, the only computer in my senior school at the time, I have always had a fascination for computers. The advent of the internet further fuelled this fascination and I always considered myself to be quite knowledgeable when it came to matters ICT.

Since joining Arnold and working along side our ICT technical staff and the likes of Mr Coyne and Mr Culpan, I am ready to admit that I know very little. I am more reluctant to admit that I now learn things about computers from my 9 year old daughter (!!) who is part of a generation of children who are totally at ease with modern technology.

The growth of the internet has opened up a whole new world of educational, recreational and social opportunities and at its best is an extremely powerful and positive tool. However, having recently attended an internet safety awareness course I now have a much better understanding of the potential dangers of the internet and more importantly how to reduce the risk not only for myself but for my children.

Therefore, I would encourage all parents to attend the Internet Safety Awareness Evening that we are running on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30 pm in the JS Hall. The evening will be led by Mr James Garnett, an expert in this field, and we will also be joined by Mr Coyne and Mr Culpan.

There will be a presentation and Q and A session and the evening will follow on from a similar presentation for staff. Mr Coyne will also be working with our children next week, in School, to raise their awareness. I hope that you are able to attend, please let the JS Office know if you are able to.

PS Hopkinson

Taught a Lesson

The Year 4 pupils taught the whole school and a large group of parents and family members a few important lessons last week. They used their class assembly, and inspired by the poetry of Alan Ahlberg, to teach their captivated audience about friendship, one-upmanship, loneliness and perseverance.



Some of the children dressed and acted, very convincingly, as teachers while others played naughty schoolchildren, also convincingly!! The children acted out the poems and explained the messages in each. Annabel Counsell, in a rather striking costume, played the 'conscience' of the group in the guise of 'Thinkerbell'. We were also treated to some excellent musical accompaniment.



It was a thoroughly entertaining assembly from start to finish and demonstrated a wealth of talent from within the ranks of Year 4.

Kindergarten News

An action packed week for Kindergarten as we went out and about in Blackpool. On Monday afternoon the Pre- School enjoyed their walk to the beach in the snow but unfortunately, when we got there, the tide was in so we could not explore on the sand. But we did enjoy looking at the light ball and the big dinosaur eggs, (as some of the children called them). The Tweenies went on Tuesday and they did manage to get on to the beach; they spent their time collecting shells and pebbles and building sandcastles.

On Wednesday, the children had a fabulous day out at Blackpool Tower where they had chance to look at the fish and different sea creatures in the aquarium and they watched the fish being fed their dinner. After having our lunch in the pirate ships we all had lots of fun exploring in 'Jungles Jims'. Before we left the tower we got the chance to do the 'hokey cokey' accompanied by the world famous Tower Ballroom organist.



This week the twos have been helping Miss Robinson and Miss Swallow to make rice crispy cakes, the children found it very difficult keeping their hands out of the mixing bowl though! On Wednesday the Twos joined the rest of the Kindergarten on the trip to the tower which was enjoyed by all.

Enjoy more pictures of an exciting week in the Kindergarten by visiting our website: www.arnoldschool.com

Sports Results

Football

AJS A Team **2 v 1** St Bede's

AJS B Team **1 v 4** St Bede's

Hockey

AJS A Team **2 v 0** Queen's Chester

AJS A Team **5 v 0** Merchant Taylor's

AJS A Team **1 v 1** St Bede's

AJS A Team **1 v 2** Kirkham

AJS B Team **3 v 0** Queen's Chester

AJS B Team **1 v 1** Merchant Taylor's

AJS B Team **1 v 1** St Bede's

AJS B Team **1 v 2** Kirkham

Netball

AJS A Team **2 v 1** Cheadle Hulme

AJS B Team **2 v 3** Cheadle Hulme

The AJS A netball team remains unbeaten this season!!

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!!

Recent recipients were:





Reception: Sydney Graham, Bradley Thorley, Olivia Allen, Tristan Lynch

Year 1: Taylor Hulme, Darcie Quilligan, Ali Munir, Elisha Butterfield, Mia Brennan

Year 2 : Anubhav Roy, Emily Dignan

Playground Friends: Tristan Lynch, Bonnie Thompson

House Points

	Dickens 1656
	Jebb 1915
	Ryder 1712
	Scott 1661

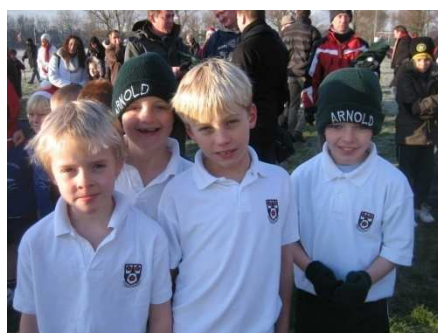
Location, Location, Location

Despite the recent cold weather, Year 1 wrapped up warmly and walked along Lytham Road and into the surrounding roads in search of detached, semi-detached, and terraced houses. Their challenge was to sketch an old home and a new home. The children's work was amazing, lots of details appeared in their sketches. Well done Year 1.



Hit the Road

Last Sunday, 26 of our boys and girls represented our school at the Blackpool and Fylde Primary Schools' Road Race at Stanley Park. As usual, there were 4 events – Year 3 and 4 boys, Year 3 and 4 girls, Year 5 and 6 boys and Year 5 and 6 girls. The races began on the running track in the park, followed a route through the park and finished back at the track – a distance of just over 1 kilometre.



Our pupils are to be congratulated for their efforts, putting in some fine performances on what was an extremely cold morning. Pride of place must go to **Charles Shaw** who was runner up in the Year 3 and 4 boy's event – well done Charles!

The winter cross country season is now over and we would like to say well done to all the children who have battled through the winter weather to represent our school so well. Also to our parents, for giving up their Sunday mornings to come and support the children.

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:

Annabella	King	KIN
Gessica	Echarri-Berry	6SO
Kymberly	Carpenter	KIN
Benjamin	Mayhew	1WE
Christopher	Bridges	3SO
James	Cowburn	4NO
Isabelle	Woodman	2EA
Tristan	Lynch	REC W
Anubhav	Roy	2EA
Iestyn	Facey	KIN
Yazmin	Zakrzewski	3SO
Gracie	Fern	REC E
George	Robertson	REC W
James	Barrow	5SO
Morgan	McAllister	3NO
Shannon	Harper	4NO

Puzzle Corner

Last Issue's Answers:

Arnold Anagram:

Am a abc bar ok? (very famous person) = Barack Obama

Lateral logic:

A woman tells her 4 children to do something, but just one boy obeys. The woman says something to him, and he stomps away, sits down, and sulks. = They were playing 'Simple Simon'

Number Puzzle:

7, 5, 8, 4, 9, 3, ?, ? = 10, 2

This weeks:

Arnold Anagram

i'll hum Chicago so sh (film)

Lateral Logic

Two men walk into a restaurant. They both order exactly the same drink. One man drinks it fast and lives; the other drinks it slowly and dies. WHY?

Number Puzzle

What's the missing number?

1 1 2 3 5 ? 13 21