



The

# Arnold Times

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## ***New Beginnings***

The start of a new school year is always one of great anticipation, nervousness and excitement. Whether we are starting in a new form class, in a new year group or joining Arnold from another school; we will all be doing and experiencing things for the first time.

I must admit that I have had lots of butterflies in my stomach recently as I am starting my first term as Headmaster of Arnold Junior School. Thankfully, my butterflies are rather excited as, like me, they are looking forward to being part of such a fantastic school. I have heard nothing but good things about Arnold; its staff, the standard of teaching, the range and breadth of extra curricular activities and especially its hard working pupils.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the Arnold children already and have found them to be polite, well mannered and very friendly, so I am very much looking forward to meeting the rest of them; although I cannot promise to remember all of their names within the first week!!

Arnold is clearly a vibrant and happy community and like all good primary schools offers a broad range of experience and opportunity to its pupils. I am looking forward to being a part of that community and helping Arnold develop over the coming years.

P S Hopkinson  
Headmaster

## ***Reception Literacy Meeting***

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September there will be a meeting for all parents of our Reception children to discuss how the children are taught literacy. It will take place in the hall at 2.45 pm.

## ***The Arnold Times***

Welcome to the first issue of the Arnold Times. The newsletter is our way of letting you know what is going on at Arnold Junior School. Future issues will contain sports reports, children's work, photos and reports from trips and events; in fact anything that we think you might like to read about.

This issue also includes some useful information and guidance, which I hope you will find helpful.

If you have any good ideas for items for future issues please let Mr Hopkinson know.

## ***Summer School***

Arnold Junior School was a very busy place over the summer holidays as hundreds of children took part in a whole host of activities. Fencing, drama, music, football, gymnastics and Spanish were just some of the activities on offer.



*Staff and pupils at the Summer School*

Children could come for either half or a full day and were able to choose a different activity for the morning and afternoon.

The summer school was run by Fylde Coast Activities.

## ***A Warm Welcome to...***

The following pupils have all joined Arnold Junior School this week:

### ***Reception:***

Elisha Butterfield  
Annoushka Christopher  
Darcie Quilligan  
Joseph Hopkinson

### ***Year 1:***

Zak Lonberg

### ***Year 2:***

Harvey Moore  
Cheran Saravanan

### ***Year 3:***

Shannon Harper

### ***Year 4:***

Hope Hopkinson  
Benjamin Moore  
Jada Somers

### ***Year 5:***

Gessica Echarri-Berry  
Jonah Lonberg  
Gemma McConville  
Taylor Zakrzewski

### ***Year 6:***

Sarah Davenport  
Oliver Greenwood-Taziker  
Alexandra Quarmby  
Daniel Taziker

## ***Staff Responsibility***

The new academic year brings a new line up in terms of members of staff responsible for specific departments within the Junior School, as follows:

Mr P S Hopkinson: Headmaster  
Mr J Storey: Head of Co-Curricular Activities  
Mrs S Knight: Head of Key Stage 2  
Mrs D Smith: Head of Key Stage 1  
Miss J Allen: Head of Foundation Stage  
Mrs K Hartley: Kindergarten Manager

## Arnold Excel in the Dragon's Den

Despite it being a miserable day weather wise, I was fortunate enough recently to be involved in the Lytham Round Table Dragon Boat Event at Fairhaven Lake. A willing, and as it turned out, somewhat able team of pupils, staff and parents from Arnold School powered their way into the semi-finals of the event following three gruelling heats. We eventually finished a very respectable third, missing out on the final by a split second. A thoroughly enjoyable day and I am already looking forward to improving our position next year!!

*Mr Hopkinson*



## Uniform

We take great pride in our school uniform, which helps identify our children as Arnold pupils. We would ask that uniform is worn smartly at all times, including to and from school, and that pupils always wear the correct uniform.

Jewellery is not permitted (apart from watches) nor is make-up. Hair should be natural and not coloured, and should be smart in appearance (boys and girls). Long hair must be tied back using bobbles/clips that complement the uniform.

Children must also ensure that they have the correct kit on the days they are doing PE/games and swimming.

We would encourage any pupils who wish to have their ears pierced to do so during the summer break.

Full details of uniform requirements are available in our Parent Handbook, which can be found on our website. The address is: [http://www.arnoldschool.com/html/ParentHandbook\\_49.html](http://www.arnoldschool.com/html/ParentHandbook_49.html)

If you are unsure about any of our uniform requirements do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

## Parents and Friends



The Parents and Friends Association, of which all Arnold parents are automatically members, will be holding their annual Family Day in the Lake District on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. I hope that you are able to join us for what promises to be a great day, which starts at the Brockhole Visitors Centre on Lake Windermere. More information about the day will be sent out to you soon.

## New Parents BBQ



As new parents to the Kindergarten, Junior and Senior Schools, you will soon be invited by the Principal, Mr Hughes, to a Reception and BBQ in the quadrangle at the Senior School. The event will take place on Sunday, 16th September and will be an ideal opportunity to meet other new parents and members of staff.

## Homework

Homework is a necessary and important part of the teaching and learning process at Arnold; consolidating and extending our children's knowledge across a range of subjects. The Homework Diary is therefore very important as it enables our pupils to record their homework tasks and informs you, the parent, as to what task has been set.

We ask that you support our policy on homework by signing your child's diary on a daily basis.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support in this matter.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not necessary in school but are not banned. Parents may consider that a child needs to use a phone on the way to or from school or when on a school trip or returning from a sporting fixture, in order to avoid a delay in being collected.

It should be remembered that pupils may call home at any time from the School Office. If parents feel that a mobile phone is necessary for the reasons given above then it should be handed in at the school office as soon as the child arrives and collected on departure at the end of the day.

On a bus travelling between sporting fixtures, or other school trips, a phone must be given to the teacher in charge for the duration of the journey/visit.

## Happy Birthday

A happy birthday from everyone at Arnold to the following children who will be celebrating their special day in the next two weeks:

Natasha Dagger (6N) Emily McKnight (5N) Sam Ingham-Gore (4S) Daniel Stone (3N) Zak Lonberg (1E) Charlotte Leman (1E) Zachary Smythe (RW) Mia and Tara Williams (K) Daisie Smith (K) Nicole Saunders (K)

## Puzzle Corner

### Number Cruncher:

A farmer has problems with mice eating his corn. He knows that five cats can kill five mice in five minutes. How many cats does he need to kill one hundred mice in one hundred minutes?

### Arnold Anagram:

Cheesy Mr tin cat  
(football team)

*Answers in the next issue*