

totheparents

First of all I must apologise for the lateness in publication of Issue 11 of the Arnold Times. I was struck down with a sickness bug at the tail end of last week and also away from School last Thursday to attend a meeting of Headteachers from schools all over the North West of England. The theme of the day was the changing face of independent education and what we could do as schools to secure our futures in the face of a declining market and threats to our charitable status. The advice from all three speakers was to not leave crucial decisions about our futures too late, that if we were to rethink our futures we should do it now and when we are in a strong position.

It was with some relief therefore that I sat throughout the day safe in the knowledge that the Arnold School Governing Council and WSLT had, for some time, been involved in not just securing the future of our School but also in ensuring that we are able to grow and strengthen our position as the leading School on the Fylde Coast.

Our proposed association with the United Church Schools Trust is an incredibly exciting prospect. It will not only result in massive investment in facilities and ICT but will also provide endless opportunities for staff training and development. This will ensure that the teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms will continue to be the best and will only get better.

For our children it will mean the very latest in facilities and resources which will enhance the whole learning experience, both in and out of the classroom. The Junior School staff are extremely positive about our very bright future.

If you would like to speak to me about the proposed alliance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

PS Hopkinson
Headmaster

Grandparentsafternoon



Grandparents' Day at Arnold Junior School has become one of the highlights of the School calendar. The opportunity for our Grandparents to come into School and see, at first hand, their grandchildren in their classrooms, was accepted in large numbers; proving that our community of grandparents play an active role in the lives and education of the grandchildren.

As well as spending an hour in the classroom, our grandparents were also treated to some wonderful performances from our infant and junior musicians.



tangerineday

Thanks to all the children, staff and parents who contributed to Tangerine Day. We raised £238 for the Mayor's 'Blackpool's A Knockout' appeal. You will be relieved to hear that we have thought better of introducing tangerine shirts into the school uniform!!

kindergartennews

Yesterday the Kindergarten children were 1 out of 3 schools invited to the grand opening of Jungle Jims at Blackpool Tower.

The children were treated to dancing pirates, performers dressed as animals and even met Mookey the Clown. We also sat and listened to two performances from "Same Difference" who appeared on "The X Factor". The children enjoyed singing along to "Reach for the Stars" although I think the staff secretly enjoyed it more than them!

We had exclusive access to Jungle Jims play area. It was great. All the children took along a jungle mask which they had made in Kindergarten, for a competition. 'Same Difference' judged the competition and chose our Kindergarten as the winners. All the children who attended will each receive a free ticket inviting them back to the Tower. After lunch the children all received a goody bag & then it was back to Kindergarten. A great but tiring day was had by all!

We would like to thank Mr & Mrs Williams (parents of Tara & Mia) for inviting us along to what was a fantastic morning.



football

Our A team footballers tasted the bitter and the sweet of cup football recently as they attempted to reach the AJIS Cup Final. A superb performance away at The Grange saw them through to the quarter finals. In a compelling game both sides used the strong wind to their advantage, the final score being 2-2. Extra time could not separate the teams and as they were also equal on corners, penalties were required. Arnold held their nerve and won the shoot out convincingly.

A home tie against Birkenhead followed and again the wind had a strong influence on the game. There were few goal scoring chances but both teams managed to score one and both missed opportunities to go ahead.

Once again the game went to extra time but this time it was the opposition who won through; despite neither scoring again, Birkenhead went through to the semis courtesy of having gained more corners during the match. All credit to the boys who played tremendously well in both games.

hockey

On Friday, 7th March, Arnold travelled to Preston for the AJIS Tournament. Nineteen schools were there competing. In their group Arnold ended up with three wins out of three, including a 7-0 win against Heathfield School. In this game both Sophia and Victoria scored hat-tricks. These wins qualified Arnold for the final round with the other three group winners. However Arnold met strong opposition in all three games and although they started each game well, poor defending and missed chances meant that they lost all three games, and finished the tournament in fourth place.

These tournaments have brought to an end another enjoyable hockey season for our girls. Although we have not won any trophies all of the girls that have taken part in fixtures have improved their skills. They have played with pride and have played with good sporting behaviour. In total nearly 30 girls from Years 5 & 6 have represented the school, and we wish our Year 6 leavers all the best for next season.

housepoints

| | Weekly | Total |
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| Jebb | 147 | 1619 |
| Scott | 90 | 1541 |
| Ryder | 136 | 1402 |
| Dickens | 135 | 1857 |

infantfun

On Sunday 9th March, Arnold School's youngest choir put on a performance of seaside songs at the Early Years Fun Day, Stanley Park. Year Two were invited to perform for the Mayor and families from all over Blackpool. We were pleased to see the Mayor joining in with "I do Like to be Beside the Seaside" and were very proud of our children. Thanks to all the parents who brought their children on the day and especially to Mrs Fielder who accompanied us.



worldbookday

Arnold Junior School and Kindergarten were unrecognisable last Thursday as pupils and staff celebrated World Book Day. Children and adults were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book characters and in true Arnold style threw themselves into the event. It was a wonderful sight as every class was filled with familiar characters and it made for a fun packed day.

A themed assembly and a presentation of 'Swallows and Amazons' books, from the Arthur Ransome Society, added to the celebration of books. Thank you to our parents for supporting this important day.



happybirthday

A happy birthday from everyone at Arnold to the following children who will be celebrating their special day in the next two weeks and who have celebrated their birthdays since half term

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| James | Butterfield | 5SO |
| George | Morgan | KINA |
| Abhishek | Roy | 5SO |
| Dylan | Hunt | 2EA |
| Declan | Jenskins | 3NO |
| Annaleise | Haslem | KINA |
| Lucy | Thompson | KINA |
| Imogen | Sharpe | 1EA |
| | Thompson- | |
| Bonnie | Malone | KINA |
| Amelia | Jepson | 4SO |
| Jordan | Makepeace | 6SO |
| Benjamin | Moore | 4SO |
| Harry | Baines | 1EA |
| Ella | Ross | 2WE |
| Anish | Verma | 6NO |
| Tarisayi | Nkhalamba | 2EA |
| Sophia | Fowler | 6SO |

infantcertificates

Every week in the Infant Assembly pupils are awarded certificates for doing all sorts of good things around school. This weeks winners are:

Reception: Emily Peacock, Declan Gallagher, Olivia Macheta, Sophie Bridges

Year 1: Georgia Cretney, Fenn Breakell

Year 2: Harvey Scarisbrick, Jakob Warrilow, Kasim Munir, Jeremy Lo Ying Ping

Playground friends: Harvey Scarisbrick, Cheran Saravanan

puzzlecorner

Lateral Logic: A man parks his car outside a hotel and knows straight away that he is bankrupt. Why?

Arnold Anagrams:
You Gemini elk (singer)

Last Issue's Answer:

Lateral Logic: He is bald.

Anagram: Wayne Rooney

Answers in the next issue