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Open Morning

On Saturday October 6th we will be holding an Open Morning. This will provide an opportunity for you, your family and friends, to visit the Junior School and Kindergarten and to see at first hand what we do here. It will be an informal morning, which will include a football and netball tournament, ICT activities, Infant and Kindergarten activities, musical performances and even a French lesson!! You will be able to walk round the school, look in classrooms and chat to the teaching staff. I hope that you are all able to join us at some point during the morning. I will send out more information next week.

Christmas Fayre:



Your School Needs You

The PFA will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 17th November. We are hoping to add some new stalls and attractions aimed at our Junior and Infant pupils this year and we need your help to run them. We are looking for a group of Infant/Junior mums and dads to work with the PFA in organising and setting up. Also, if you have any ideas we would love to hear them. We will be holding a meeting at 3.45 pm on Tuesday 2nd October in Miss Allen's classroom. If you are unable to make it but would still like to be involved, please let me know.

P S Hopkinson
Headmaster

Prefects

Every year we select a small group of Year 6 children to stand as Prefects for the academic year. The staff think very carefully about the qualities that we see in all of our Year 6, and vote for the children that we think will best suit the role – kindness, thoughtfulness, reliability and neatness are important and are key attributes. This year we have, as one teacher put it, been 'spoilt for choice'. There are so many children who do possess these, and many more, qualities; it really was an extremely difficult choice.



This year our prefects are: Abhinav Bhatia, Katie Lawson, Josephine Box, Sophie Thomas, Matthew Swallow, Richard Fewster, Natasha Dagger and Jacob Ingham-Gore.

We will be selecting a further 2 children to join this group before we finish for the Christmas break.

Please look out for these children at School Open Days, welcoming you in the morning, and generally setting a wonderful example to everyone at Arnold Junior School!

Clubs



Mr Storey's reading club

It was great to see so many children attending the many lunchtime and after school clubs we run. The list of clubs is too long to print here, but includes activities as diverse as yoga, football, ICT, reading, netball, dance, choir and hockey. The staff at Arnold give up their own time at lunch and after school to provide countless opportunities for the children, which they seize with great spirit and enthusiasm.



Lunchtime Hockey Club

Prickly Visitor

The Reception children enjoyed an exciting visit from John the Hedgehog man. He brought in a 1 ½ year old rescued hedgehog. John encouraged the children to hold Bubbles using his protective gloves. The children were keen to tell John all the facts they already knew about hedgehogs. John was very impressed with the children's knowledge.

Eureka!!

On Tuesday 18th September, Year 1 visited Eureka in Halifax. After an adventure filled morning exploring our senses in many practical ways in the "Me and My Body Gallery", we enjoyed lunch on the train, an old stationary railway carriage. This was followed by more investigation into the workings of a bank and a supermarket with working barcodes! Many of the children also enjoyed the garage "gallery". We all returned safely to school happy but tired after a wonderful experience at Eureka.



football

Arnold's first game of the season was against Westholme school in very windy conditions. Westholme lost the toss and I chose to kick off against the wind. It was a great all round performance from the whole squad. Arnold beat Westhole a glorious 8-0; well done our keeper. The goal scorers were:

Matthew Barrett 2

Jordan Makepeace 2

Alexander Vowles 2

Elliot Fackey 1

Callan Barrow 1

Come on Arnold, let's make Mr Storey proud.

Our next game is tomorrow morning at home to Merchant Taylor from Crosby.



Diary Date

I know that it is a little early to mention the C word, but Christmas is already on the agenda at Arnold School. The Infant Department is delighted to announce that it will be performing 'Rock the Baby' on the 6th December. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance. The Christmas play will replace the Christingle celebration originally scheduled for Sunday 9th December. You will receive more details soon.

Skating Stars

Five of our pupils have been selected to skate in the 'Movie Mayhem on Ice' spectacular to be performed at the Pleasure Beach Arena, during December and January. Nadia, Sophie, Ellen, Alex and Jack will all be taking part.



Strictly Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children were tripping the light fantastic last week. Pink tutus were out in force as they enjoyed their dance session with Michelle Marie Wood, who works with the children every Wednesday.



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:

Timothy Woodman (K) Kenan Yeung (2E)) Max Older (2W) Joshua Taylor (3N) Henry Higson (4S) Roguen Walker (4N) Cameron Harley (4S) Hanna Whiteside (4N) Joseph Smith (4N)

Skeleton Crew

The kindergarten topic this term is "Ourselves". The children have enjoyed making family trees, skeletons and painting self-portraits.

The children had the opportunity to ice biscuits and make faces on them.

We have all enjoyed looking at their baby photographs and discussing how they have changed.



Puzzle Corner

Number Cruncher:

What is the missing number?

4 7 11 18 29 47 ____ 123 199 322

Last Issue's Answer: 5 cats

Arnold Anagram:

I'll hush a cosmic hog
(film/movie)

Last Issue's Answer: Manchester City

Answers in the next issue