



The

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To the Parents

Traffic and Parking

I have become increasingly concerned about traffic and parking in and around school. The fact that we are situated on a busy main road means that there is a greater chance of accidents; there have been three incidents recently, thankfully no one was seriously hurt.

In the absence of a crossing we rely on our lollipop man, Mr Fish, and you the parents to ensure that the risks are minimised.

Please ensure that you park sensibly and within the law at all times. I have noticed that several cars are parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates. **This area must be kept clear at all times, including pick up from after school clubs. Otherwise you are compromising the safety of our children.**

Coats

Please ensure that during the winter months your child brings a coat to School. We will always attempt to take the children outside at break and lunch times, as we appreciate the value of giving them fresh air and the opportunity to be active. However, we can only do this if they have a coat to keep them warm and dry.

Girl's Hair

I would like to remind parents that our uniform policy states that pupils with hair below shoulder length should wear it tied back and that bobbles, hair clips etc should complement the School uniform.

I thank you in advance for your support in these matters.

PS Hopkinson
Headmaster

Remembrance



On Thursday afternoon, last week, our Year 6 pupils had a visit from three old soldiers from the BLESMA Home on Lytham Road. As we are all aware, last Sunday was Remembrance Day and our boys and girls were able to listen and learn of their wartime experiences. The children were fascinated as each gentleman told of their years fighting for our country. A question and answer session concluded the afternoon and I would like to say a big thank you to the ex-servicemen for spending time in our school and keeping the children so enthralled.

J Storey

Parent Helpers

If you would like to become more involved in School, there are opportunities to do so. Help on School trips and with certain activities in School is encouraged and warmly welcomed. If you are interested please tell your child's form teacher.

Kindergarten

This week the pre-school children have been preparing for Christmas, making Christmas crackers and calendars, gluing, sticking and lots of sparkle!

We have also been doing lots of singing to learn our special songs for Christmas time. We have been using our cooking corner this week with Mrs McGivern, we made cheese toasties. The children enjoyed having their toasties at snack time; they taste so much nicer when you make them all by yourself!

This week the Tweenies have also been starting Christmas activities. We made a snowman and snowflakes, stars and bells. We enjoyed using lots of paint and glitter.

The Tweenies have played on the soft play and enjoyed learning colours. We also enjoyed and had lots of fun making cheese toasties and having them for our snack.

The Two's have been getting into the Christmas spirit as well this week. We have been making snowmen and have been painting using winter colours. We've also been talking about Jack Frost and have made a display about him. The Two's also played in the hall on the climbing frame and had lots of fun.



Swimming

Just before half term our boys swimming team competed in the AJIS Swimming Gala held at Merchant Taylors School in Crosby. 16 schools took part and the competition was fierce. Every person in every race was timed, with the fastest making it through to the finals. I qualified for the final of the Under 11's backstroke and managed to finish 4th.

Well done to all those who competed.

Jake Armit (6N)

Diwali Delights

On Tuesday, the Reception children had a busy afternoon tasting a variety of Indian food to celebrate Diwali. The Naan bread and the 'pumpadums' as they were referred to, proved to be the children's favourites. Some of the children were keen to taste the spicy foods such as the samosas and pekoras. The nuggets, or so the children thought, were a surprise as they were spicy chicken satays!!



Well Done

Well done to Francesca Beeby (6N) who was recently selected to represent Lancashire Under 11s at hockey.

Cuerdon Valley



Year 4 pupils recently visited Cuerdon Valley to learn more about nature and ecology. Melissa Hughes (4N) wrote an extensive account of the day, here are some extracts.

After 45 minutes we got there... David told us the Do's and Don'ts before we started our activities... The activities that we did were walking with a mirror under our nose which was scary because I felt like I was going to fall into the sky... There was a tree game where you had to wear a blindfold while your partner had to guide you to a tree... The next activity we did was try to find the colours of the rainbow...it was fun. Next we created a smelly cocktail...I can remember that one of the cocktails smelt like mushrooms...We went on a walk with Thomas the Harris Hawk. We had to wear a glove to protect our hand...Thomas was a lovely bird; he had chocolate brown feathers and a sunshine yellow beak and claws...Our day was over and we all had a smile on our faces.

The children also received a certificate for having only 27g of waste from their eco lunch.



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:

William	Forsyth	5SO
Annabel	Counsell	3NO
Nicole	Emmett	4NO
Ben	Lardner	5SO
Alexander	Vowles	6NO
Holly	Butcher	6SO
Taylor	Hulme	REC W
Michael	Smith	6SO
Callan	Barrow	5NO
Grace	Morris	5SO
Melissa	Hughes	4NO

Infant Certificates

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

Year 2: Sam Haythornthwaite, Lauren Tugwell, Harvey Scarisbrick, Jeremy Lo Ying Ping.

Year 1: Anna McKnight, Alexandra Cowburn.

Reception: Lytham Facey, Taylor Hulme, Elisha Butterfield, Emily Peacock.

Playground: Harry Baines, Madeleine Haslam.

House Points

	Weekly	Total
Jebb	105	523
Scott	58	389
Ryder	82	448
Dickens	92	569

Puzzle Corner

Number Cruncher:

What three numbers have the same answer when added together and multiplied together?

Last Issue's Answer: 5

Arnold Anagram:

**Armpit snobs
(TV/Movie star)**

Last Issue's Answer: Johnny Wilkinson

Answers in the next issue