



## totheparents

The half term before Christmas is always the most enjoyable and special time of the school year. The children are busy rehearsing for the Infant play and Junior carol service and I hope that you are able to join us for these magical events.

We are also planning events and activities for the next two terms and beyond. A rugby academy run by a professional coach from Fylde RFC will kick off in January, trips to Almond Lodge for Years 3 and 4 are planned for the spring/summer, and a Parent/Child weekend at the Glaramara Centre, near Keswick, is booked for June 2009 (a trip not to be missed)!!

Finally, a request to parents regarding girl's uniform. Several of our girls are wearing pump style shoes to school. This style of shoe is more of a fashion shoe and not appropriate to wear throughout the day at School; it falls off easily and does not provide good support. I would ask therefore, that in the New Year girls wear more supportive and sensible shoes.

PS Hopkinson  
Headmaster

## madscience



The children were treated to a spectacular assembly by Dynamic Duncan from Mad Science. Mad Science's mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere and they certainly kept to their word. The pupils will be offered the chance to attend a Mad Science after school club in the New Year; details will be coming home soon.

## scienceandindustry

This year's Year 3 trip to the Science Museum in Manchester was very much enjoyed by all. After arriving a little late due to slow moving traffic on the motorway, the children were taken to a classroom where Harry talked to them about forces. After this the children carried out lots of fun investigations using magnets, motors and Newton meters.



At the end of this session Harry was so impressed with the children's behaviour that he asked Shannon and Sam to tell Mr Hopkinson that we had been a really well behaved class!

Next for the children was lunch in the main building followed by a visit to the Xperiment gallery. In here there were lots of activities to carry out including lifting up a Mini Cooper with one hand, making funny faces in mirrors and solving puzzles with shapes. Our final destination was a quick look around the Air and Space Hall and then we set off back to Arnold. A great day was had by all and the children can't wait for their next trip in Year 3 – A visit to Ribchester Roman Museum!



## kindergartennews

This week the 2's have been busy making Christmas cards and Christmas decorations. They have been gluing, sticking, painting, and have had a great time. They were very excited watching Miss Robinson and Miss Watson paint a huge Christmas Tree on the windows.

They have been busy building train tracks and comparing who had the longest train and the most carriages. They have also enjoyed making towers to knock down!!!

The Tweenies have enjoyed painting snowmen and making stockings for the Christmas Tree. They did have chocolates in but some have mysteriously disappeared!!!

They have enjoyed playing with the Dinosaur Land and with the Dressing Up clothes.



This week the Pre-School children have been busy making decorations out of clay, sponge painting their Christmas folders, making Christmas Trees out of different shapes and painting pictures of Rudolph.

They have enjoyed playing in the Small World Area which has arctic animals and creatures that live under the sea.

## footballreport

Our Junior boys took two teams to Cheadle Hulme on Saturday and credit must be given to all of the boys for playing out two exciting games in very wet and cold conditions!

### 'A' Team Fixture

On Saturday Arnold played away at Cheadle Hulme in Manchester. Cheadle scored early in the game but we fought back and Matthew equalised. Cheadle scored again then Elliot scored to level it at 2-2, and with a couple of minutes to go Callan scored from a charging run and the final score was: Arnold 3 Cheadle Hulme 2  
*Elliot Fackey 6N*

### 'B' Team Fixture

On Saturday the 24th November we had an exciting coach journey to Cheadle Hulme. As we kicked off the rain was very heavy and Cheadle luckily scored a goal in the first five minutes. Joseph then equalised and the half time score was 1-1. Their captain then scored another two goals leaving the final score:  
Arnold 1 Cheadle Hulme 3  
Well played to Will who was voted Man of the Match.  
*Jack Bradley 6S*

## Christmaslights

Our Christmas tree lights will be switched on by the Mayor of Blackpool this year. The switch on will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.00 pm.

## schoolcalendars

A reminder that Arnold Junior School Calendars 2008 are still on sale. They feature a picture of every child in the Juniors and Infants, and are the 'must have' gift this Christmas. Contact the School Office for details.

## hockeynews

The weekend started on Friday afternoon when Arnold's U11 hockey team played a home match against Sunnymede School. We started the first half at a fast pace where we had most of the possession. This led to Francesca scoring a great hat-trick thanks to some super support play from Victoria and Sophia. In the second half we scored four more goals, two from Victoria and two from me due to some great passes from Francesca. The final score was:

Arnold 7 - 0 Sunnymede



The second match of the weekend started at 8.00am at school from the coach ride to Cheadle Hulme. The weather was awful as it was raining and it was bitterly cold. In the first half it was very even with hardly any shots on goal from either team. The score at half-time was 0 - 0. At half time Mr Hodgkinson told us to keep marking tightly and not let the bad weather affect our game.

Within ten seconds of the restart, Francesca scored the first and only goal of the match. Our defence, especially Josephine as goalkeeper and Sophie as sweeper, had a great game. This left the final score:

Arnold 1 - 0 Cheadle Hulme.

Many thanks to all of the teachers and parents who helped us. Well played girls!  
*Hope Kneale-Kaye 6N*

## bookfair

Please visit our book fair over the next few days. The more we sell the more free books we get for School.

## happybirthday

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

Harvey	Moore	2WE
Sophie	Bridges	REC W
Tilly	Lee	KINA
Michael	Mellon	KINA
Priyanka	Chabba	6NO
Andrew	Perry	6NO
Daisy	Bradley	6SO
Thomas	Goulding	3NO
Darcie	Quilligan	REC W
Delci-Mia	Allen-Stemburski	KINA
Mitchell	Norwind	
	Lambert	KINA

## infantcertificates

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:** Scarlett Ellarby-Blunt, Kasin Munir, Cheran Saravanan, Penny Evans

**Year 1:** Fenn Breakell, Madeleine Haslem

**Reception:** Declan Gallagher, Luis Breakell, Darcie Quilligan, Lily Butcher

## housepoints

	Weekly	Total
<b>Jebb</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>675</b>
<b>Scott</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>580</b>
<b>Ryder</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>591</b>
<b>Dickens</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>734</b>

## puzzlecorner

**Number Cruncher:** How many times can you subtract the number 2 from the number 32?

*Last Issue's Answer: 1,2 and 3*

**Arnold Anagram:**

**Sleigh tries pc**  
(pop group)

*Last Issue's Answer: Bart Simpson*

*Answers in the next issue*