

totheparents

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and that the New Year has started well for you. **The Junior school has exciting news to get 2008 off to a flying start: The Arnold School Foundation (consisting of the Old Arnoldians, Parents and Friends Association and Ladies Luncheon Club) has agreed to fund a major redevelopment of the Kindergarten play area, with the bulk of the funding coming from the money raised by the numerous events run by the Parents and Friends. We are aiming to provide a stimulating and secure environment for our Kindergarten children in which they can learn through play. I will keep you fully updated as the new area takes shape.**

Two new clubs started this week: Mad Science and the Fylde RFC Rugby Academy. Over 115 pupils attended the two clubs!!!

I would like to thank parents for their support with the new procedures affecting our before and after school care. Statutory guidelines set by OFSTED mean that we are obliged to introduce the changes and will ensure that the care we provide is of the highest standard.

Parking

Despite an earlier appeal, parents are still parking across the yellow zig zag lines outside the Junior School on Lytham Rd. The lines are there to ensure the safety of our children, some of whom are only 2 years of age. Lytham Rd is a busy road and, especially during the winter months, is a genuine hazard. I would remind parents that parking on the zig zag lines, as well as being dangerous, is a fineable parking offence.

PS Hopkinson
Headmaster

championsofLancashire

On Sunday morning, our U11 Boys' Hockey team, travelled to Liverpool to take part in the Lancashire Round of the National Mini Hockey Championships. This is the equivalent boys' tournament to the one our girls have won for the past two years. In total eleven teams had entered, and this included schools and clubs from across Lancashire. After an early start, the boys arrived in Liverpool knowing that they would have to perform consistently well to have a chance of success.

The tournament was organised on a round robin basis with all eleven teams playing each other. Arnold's first three opponents ended up being their toughest competitors. We won the first game against Galgators by one goal to nil with Sam Hopkins scoring the goal. In the next match Arnold came up against Kirkham Grammar's 'A' team. The boys had already played them twice this year, losing on both occasions. However, they were determined that this would not happen again and they attacked the Kirkham goal from the start. This led to Alex Vowles finding the net with a clinical finish from the top of the D. The game then opened up with some end to end hockey being played and Kirkham managed to find an equaliser, leaving the final score 1-1. Preston Hockey Club were our next opponents and some fine defending led to a 0-0 draw. After a tough start Arnold reeled off four wins on the bounce, beating Liverpool, Tameside Hawks, Bury Jaguars and Kirkham 'B'. Sam and Alex scored another goal each, and Elliot Fackey and Andrew Perry scored two a piece. Another tough match against Sunnymede School finished as a 0-0 draw with Arnold's keeper Michael Smith making some fine saves.

This left Arnold needing a draw and a win from their final two games to become champions. They kept their composure and ended by winning the two games against Kirkham's U10 team and Morecambe Hockey Club. The pick of the goals was a perfectly placed shot scored by Sam in the Kirkham game. The whole of the team played some excellent hockey on the day, and considering some of the boys have only been playing hockey for just over a year, they have made some superb progress.

As well as the goal scorers Kit Hopkins was a rock at sweeper, and Abhinav Bhatia and Daniel Sharpe made some solid tackles and used the ball well from defence. The boys deserved their success and will now represent Lancashire in The North of England Finals in April. A big thank you must also go to the parents who travelled down to support the boys so well on the day!

Well done also to Elliot Fackey, Alex Vowles, Kit Hopkins and Sam Hopkins who are now all training with Lancashire Hockey U12/13 boys.



warmwelcome

I am sure you will join us in extending a warm welcome to Bianca Brower and David Erasmus who have joined the School community as gap students. Both hail from South Africa and will be spending a lot of time helping out at the Junior School over the coming months.

rugby

There was plenty of excitement in the Junior School as our U11 Rugby Team started their first match of the season against a talented St Mary's Hall from Stonyhurst College. In fact St Mary's have played regular fixtures since September, so this was clearly going to be a tough baptism for our Year 6 and Year 5 boys. Impressively, the boys did not disappoint and played some fine rugby, scoring two stunning tries.

In the first half, captain, Matthew Garrod, led from the front both when carrying the ball and also in defence. His team mates were clearly inspired by this as their defensive efforts were outstanding as the St Mary's players attacked in waves and enjoyed much of the first half possession. Midway through the first period, St Mary's deservedly scored from a short tap penalty to take a 7-0 lead. The U11s responded superbly as Alex Vowles made a break and was tackled just short of the line. The forwards supplied some quick ruck ball as Arnold had a 2 man overlap. Sadly, good St Mary's defence prevented the impressive Callan Barrow from scoring.

At half time Mr Evans and Mr Jones issued some instructions which clearly paid dividends as Arnold scored the try of the match. Defending deep in their own half, lock forward, Sam Hopkins, stole the ball in a tackle and then raced nearly 50 metres to score a fantastic try as Arnold now only trailed 7-5. Five minutes later the St Mary's defence raced up from a scrum and a clever dummy by Andrew Perry saw him cross for a fine individual try beating two men from 30 metres out to enable Arnold to take a 10-7 lead. St Mary's continued to press the Arnold try line but some heroic tackling by Elliott Fackey and Matthew Swallow prevented what seemed certain tries. Sadly, with only two minutes remaining St Mary's crossed in the corner to regain the lead, 14-10, and despite some fine last ditch efforts by Arnold this was how the score remained.



footwear

As part of our topic work on The Elves and the Shoemaker, Reception East children made some slip on shoes. To ensure they were the correct size the children drew around their feet to make card templates. They then chose their favourite colours and decorated the band to go across the top. We discussed pairs and tried to remember to decorate both shoes in the same way. Some children found this part a real challenge! Please feel free to look at our shoes outside the classroom.



presents of mind

Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts? Would you like to donate them to a very worthwhile charity? Trinity Hospice and Brian House are appealing for your unwanted Christmas gifts. Every gift will be put to good use – children's gifts for use at Brian House – while others will be resold in Brian House and Trinity Hospice shops, with every penny raised going towards the upkeep of the children's hospice which provides expert and loving care to children who have life-limiting conditions or terminal illness. Toys, puzzles, tins of biscuits, gifts etc should be brought into School next week and will be passed on to Trinity Hospice and Brian House.

norovirus

I am sure you will all be aware of the nasty stomach bug that has swept the country of late. Schools are clearly breeding grounds for such viruses and we would ask that if your child contracts it that they do not return to School until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.

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.

Anya	Shelmerdine	3SO
Jonah	Lonberg	5NO
Emily	Eccleston	4NO
Joseph	Hopkinson	REC W
Karthik	Kinagi	5NO
Joseph	Buckley	5SO
Nicole	Bowles	KINA
Anabella	Kenworthy	6SO
George	Culpan	4NO

A belated Happy Birthday to Emily Dignan (1E) who celebrated her birthday on the 7th January.

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, Ella Ross, Antonia Pilkington, Jason Gallagher

Year 1: Harvey Shaw, Grace Buck, Georgia Cretney

Reception: Ali Munir, Sophie Bridges, Emily Peacock, Zachary Smythe, Lily Butcher

puzzle corner

Lateral Logic:

How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't hit anything, there is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it?

Arnold Anagrams:

Complete song dash (film)

Last Issue's Answer: Leon and Manchester United

Answers in the next issue

house points

	Weekly	Total
Jebb	149	1060
Scott	123	1046
Ryder	81	956
Dickens	112	1217