



# ARNEWOOD NEWS

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## AN ABUNDANCE OF AWARDS FOR ARNEWOOD



From the 12th to the 15th of July, The Arnewood school held a series of Presentation Assemblies to recognise and celebrate the achievements made by students throughout the year. The overall resilience of pupils has been unparalleled in recent times so the presentations were a tremendous opportunity to offer well deserved commendations.

Certificates and badges were presented to awards Citizenship, Ambition, Half Colours and Full Colours. Citizenship awards seek to recognise the non-academic contribution of students within the school or wider community and were presented by guest speakers, James Bryant or Joe Turner. Ambition awards are given to students who have demonstrated the aspirational values of Arnewood in and out of lessons and are presented by Assistant Headteachers. Half Colours are for pupils who received numerous subject nominations and are presented by Assistant Headteachers. Full Colours are presented to pupils who have been nominated in

over half their subjects and are presented by the Headteacher.

Special awards include the Headteacher's Award, the Chair of Governors Award and the Arran O'Sullivan Award. The Headteachers' Award is presented by Mr Pressnell to the pupil who has demonstrated academic excellence in all areas for their year group. The Chair of Governor's Award for Scholarly Endeavour is given by Mrs Cook to the student who has shown the highest levels of improvement in their year group. The Arran O'Sullivan Award is an award that is presented to a single year 10 student who has shown the spirit or endeavour despite adversity and personal challenges.

Throughout the week, speeches and the proclamation were given by Head student, Isabella Romley and deputy head students, Harrison West and Maddie Saunders. Guest speakers, Joe Turner and James Bryant who are both Arnewood Alumni shared career and education advice based on their personal experiences. Each head of year

announced the award winners and spoke about their individual achievements while awards were collected on stage. Headteacher Mr Pressnell concluded his address and the presentation ceremonies by announcing ice creams and lolly ices would be served in a shady spot on the field.



### Notable Award winners:

**Year 7** - Headteacher's Award – Isabelle Arend. Chair of Governors' Award – Oscar Harrison-Black.

**Year 8** - Headteacher's Award – Lori Gouldstone. Chair of Governors' Award – Alfie Poyser

**Year 9** - Headteacher's Award – Charlie Burroughs. Chair of Governors' Award – Katelyn Brown

**Year 10** - Headteacher's Award – Noah Taylor.

Chair of Governors' Award – Eleanor Benoit-Means. Arran O'Sullivan Award – Tom O'Callaghan





Year 7 students had the exciting opportunity to take part in an end of term Activity Day at Dorset Adventure Park on Wednesday the 13th of July.

The Dorset Adventure Park is situated at the historic Corfe Castle and is surrounded by breath-taking views of the Purbeck countryside. The park features 18 acres of woodland with two fully lifeguarded lakes, a total wipe-out style aqua park and a mud trail assault course that boasts over 50 challenging obstacles.

## YEAR 7 WIPEOUT

Students first faced the wildly amusing mud trail assault course with hilarious

consequences. Showers were then required before wetsuits and buoyancy aids could be donned in order to tackle the fantastically fun, aqua park. Then everyone enjoyed a picnic packed lunch.

As well as being a fun and entertaining experience, the activities were physically challenging and required teamwork, helping students to develop important social and life-skills.





# Bonjour Paris!

By Emily Reece

On the 10th of June a group of MFL Students headed off to France. After the Euro Star trip and a long coach journey they finally arrived and were rewarded with a delicious meal at their Chateau. Students then proceeded to get to know the surroundings and took part in some onsite activities, not to mention, Mr Barrett's famous plank of the day – well done Lewis!

The next morning it was traditional fresh pastries for breakfast followed by a trip to the Marché in Melun where pupils were challenged to order lunch in French. After lunch the group ventured out to a fifth-generation cheese making experience with a tour of the small museum full of traditional, old utensils used to manufacture the cheese followed by a demonstration on the elaboration of Brie cheese. They then got to treat their palates to some delicious samples of the local Brie. After a cheesy experience there was time to cool off with a swim in the sun followed by a lesson making French Crepes from scratch.

Its Paris day! An early start was required to embark on a jam packed day in Paris. First stop is a visit to l'Arc de Triomphe followed by an ascend up the Eiffel Tower and cruise on the River Seine. They then headed back to the Chateau, pit stopping at the Louvre to see the pyramid and had beautiful views of the Stade de France.

The last evening at the Chateau saw students being brave enough to try some traditional escargots. The next morning it was sadly time to head home, with a quick stop for lunch and to pay respects at the war memorial at Vimy Ridge. Au Revoir France!

Special thanks to Mrs Gleave for the incredible organisation of this wonderful trip.







## FREYA TRELIVING

**F**eatured in last term's newsletter as one to watch Freya Treliving has made since made some noteworthy achievements in addition to competitive pool swimming, Freya is truly inspirational and much can be learnt from her positivity.

On 10-July Freya Treliving won Gold in the 9-13yr old category for Half Mile distance in the '2022 Henley-On

Thames Open Water Swimming Festival'.

The event was along the beautiful stretch of the

River Thames, Freya absolutely left everybody in her category behind and in doing so she caught up and passed all the swimmers who mass started in the wave ahead and showed really aptitude, skill and experience with her sighting and positioning in the water.

Having won 'Southwest England Regional Open Water 2k event' a couple weeks ago Freya will be competing on 10-August at '2022 National Open Water Championships' against all the other Regional Winners from all corners of the country. This will be a really special day indeed and she is looking forward to it.







## HEADTEACHER SET FOR A NEW CHALLENGE

**H**eadteacher, Mr Pressnell, who has led The Arnewood School for seven years, is taking on a role in the trust which oversees it.

Mr Pressnell will leave his post in January 2023 having seen Arnewood through major refurbishment and pandemic challenges.

He will become chief executive of the Gryphon Multi-Academy Trust, which also incorporates Eaglewood School for

pupils outside mainstream education.

Mr Pressnell said: "One of the things I am most proud about during my time is the strong relationships between the staff and the students. It is the warmest school I have taught at.

"We have four Ukrainian students here at the moment and I'm so proud of the way they've settled in and how everyone has made them welcome, and together we've made a real difference."

Mr Pressnell joined Arnewood 21 years ago, appointed by predecessor Chris Hummerstone as deputy head in charge of the sixth form and as a design technology and computing teacher.

He credited its technological advancements, including an iPad scheme, with aiding the transition to home education when lockdowns hit in 2020.





## WITCHCRAFT & WIZARDRY



## SCIENCE CLUB AT HOGWARTS

By Mrs Galton & Mrs Watson (KS3 science Club)

It was a bright, sunny day when the science club trainee witches and wizards, took to the road for a day at Warner Brothers Harry Potter Experience. Two minibuses in convoy and two and a half hours later, 32 very excited people arrived to receive a lesson on "The Art of Foley;" How sound effects are created for film. The Stem lesson took place in a state of the art classroom and divulged some of the film making secrets and technical skills involved in

Lunch took place under the watchful eye of the flying dragon. Pupils then waited on Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  for the Hogwarts Express to transport them to the world of Harry Potter. All were amazed by the sets, props and costumes from the films. Notable attractions included the magical night bus, a viewing of Privet Drive and a wander through the Hallowed Walkway onto Diagon Alley.

The model of Hogwarts Castle astounded all, but one of the most popular events of the day was to visit the shop at the end of the tour. On seeing the photos from the trip on social media, Warner Bros Studio commented that they were "delighted you enjoyed your visit."



creating a believable on-screen world.

After lessons, science club was treated to the grand tour of The Makings of Harry Potter. Pupils were fascinated to learn which other well-known films had been produced at the studios.







"It was absolutely amazing! It was really fun to see how they created the sounds and the CGI. All the props from the movies were very detailed and lifelike. Overall, the experience was super!"



"It was "WOW-mazing as it was like I was ACTUALLY in the movie. The real-life props that were used in the movie were super cool!"



"The science lesson was fun because it was cool learning about what they did to make the movies. The gift shop was my favourite!"

"I enjoyed seeing the dragon breathing fire. The way the screen made the dragon appear 3D was very cool and interesting to watch."







Miss Gardiner's Year 8 Student Leaders have received some encouraging support for their Memorial Garden project from two local landscaping companies: J T Landscaping and Jasper Miller Landscaping.



Here is Miss Gardiner's update on what the Gardening Club has been up to lately:

**The Year 8 Student Leaders have been busy working on a number of projects across the school. This includes designing a School Memorial Garden, planning vegetable patches, organising a film night for students and also planting lots of flowers around the school site.**



**The Student Leaders are working towards a student leadership qualification**

**with the SSAT and have been working incredibly hard on how they can help to improve and enrich the school environment. Students are pictured here adding lots of lovely flowers to the planters at the front of the school.**

## STUDENT LEADERS GREEN FINGERS







## Student Art *Exhibition*

The art department extended an invitation to the community when it opened its doors to the public for a student art exhibition on Thursday 14th July. The next day the exhibition was open exclusively to Arnewood pupils during break

The exhibition served to commend and celebrate the outstanding work produced by A level and GCSE students this year. The work on display ranged from the aesthetically stunning to the conceptually thought-provoking.

Miss Tyas and the Art Department outdid themselves curating the exhibition and transforming the art and photography classrooms into a bright and visually engaging walk through experience. We look forward to them hosting similar events in the future.







## CYCLE SUPERSTAR **MADDIE SAUNDERS**

by Emily Reece

Huge congratulations to year 12 student and cyclist, Maddie Saunders, Racing for South West & Wales with yet another incredible performance, competing in and winning the Woman's Battle of Britain! Maddie also took part in the National Grand Prix on the same day, coming 5th individually! Well done, Maddie.

## KARATE WORLD RANKING 41 **HARRISON WEST**

Earlier this term year 12 student, Harrison West (now also a deputy head student) travelled to Cyprus to compete in the karate world ranking competition. Harrison found much success and placed 41st in the individual world rankings.

Harrison has been training consistently since the age of 6, holds a black belt and and is a member of the local club SEKF.







BACK NEXT TERM...

## IS THERE WITCHCRAFT & WIZARDRY IN THE REAL WORLD?

YEAR 7  
FIND OUT AT THE  
YEAR 7 SCIENCE CLUB  
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Potions | Care of mythical creatures | Herbology  
Alchemy | Invisibility cloaks | Levitation  
Apparition | Charms

SPEAK TO MRS GALTON OR MRS HOROBIN

## Miss Parry's Meerkats

The GCSE Biology Trip to Marwell Zoo on Thursday 16th of June enabled Arnewood pupils to revisit the meerkats adopted by Miss Parry's tutor group last year. How adorable is this little guy?  
Photo Credit: Dr Evans.



# PREFECTS

This year an unprecedented amount of year 10s applied to become prefects. They were all smiles when they received their prefect ties from HOY, Mr Elward and signed up for their preferred prefect duties on Thursday 7th July. Congratulations! #jumpthelunchqueue







## A MYTHICAL DIVERSION

with Storyteller Mike O'Leary

So it was the hottest day on record and Year 7 were seated in one of the warmest rooms in the school. Not a promising start!

The amazing Storyteller Mike O'Leary had arrived for his eleventh visit to The Arnewood School, prepared with his travelling trunk to transport us to a world of music, song and wondrous tales.

Mike's first session began with an introduction to his range of unusual instruments. His walking stick doubles as a flute, he has a recorder his mother made, we all jumped with the pitch and volume of his double-reeded penny whistle and the gentle singing bowl sang a note of tranquillity. The most unusual instrument he demonstrated was his beautiful ceramic ocarina. From this emanates a breathy, mystical tune to carry the listener to a far-away place of peace. The favourite instrument with our students, however, is always Mike's thunderbox! As the name suggests, evocative of rumbling thunder, but also useful to portray the stomping of a giant. Not content with doing all the singing himself, Mike inspired one very enthusiastic group to sing along with him in a story about cooking a magical goose.

Accompanied by his instruments and his own songs, Mike succeeded in taking us all out of the heat to lands populated with dragons, mermaids, pixies, ghosts, wicked witches, powerful kings, scheming women and, as we'd expect, princes and princesses. Mike's storytelling skills carry the listener into adventures, stories of love and loss, bravery and cowardice, magical kingdoms – and Southampton!

Once again, Mike proved the power of a good story well told to entertain and enrich his listeners.

BY MRS WOODACRE







## Brilliant Club GRADUATION

The year 8 Brilliant Club attended their graduation ceremony at Southampton University on Friday the 15th of July. It was a beautiful sunny day when some of our most brilliant pupils enjoyed a tour of Southampton University before taking the stage to receive their certificates.

The Brilliant Club works within schools and universities across the UK to support students who may be less advantaged to gain access to the most competitive universities.

Pupils work towards completing a challenging final assignment which is marked and moderated using university grades.

This group's assignment topic was 'The Anthropocene v Deep Time'. Arnewood spoke-scholar Charlotte Hook impressed with her knowledge and confidence when she explained the research and conceptualisation that went into their assignment.



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# SPORTS DAY

Sports day for Years 7 & 8 took place on the morning of 28th of June, with Year 9 following in the afternoon and Year 10 having their version on the 14th of July.

Students enjoyed competing in all sorts of sporting events including, track races, field events and a tug of war.

In celebration of the Commonwealth Games taking place in Birmingham this summer, the student's tutor groups were allocated a country competing in the Commonwealth to represent.

Shuttle relay races and tug of war proved to be very popular spectator events with the teachers tug of war possibly providing the most entertainment value.

By **Emily Reece**











## PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION

By Jo  
Ankers

**I**t has been another busy year this year for the PSA, despite continuous interruptions thanks to fluctuating pandemic restrictions!

As a PSA, our primary mission is to support the school and students through fundraising as well as offering the community a variety of extra-curricular events throughout the school year. Thanks to our old friend COVID-19, the usual extra-curricular events such as school discos, bookfairs etc. had to be mostly cancelled this year. However we are pleased to let you know that our fundraising drive was still very active and successful!

### Our Fundraising

Thanks to some community fund donations from the likes of Tesco, Co-Op and South West Water, as well as our continued participation in Your School Lottery, we have managed to raise just under £8500 during this school year!

#### A breakdown overview:

**Grants – £5438**

**Coop Local Community Fund - £2458**

**Tesco's Blue Token Local Community Fund - £1000**

**Bournemouth/SW Water - £1000**

**Arnold Clark Foundation - £1000**

**Other fundraising/programmes- £2785**



**School Lottery - £1739**

**School Uniform Online Shop - £458**

**School Production Bar Sales - £473**

**Other - £115**

### What have we spent the money on?

Thanks to our fundraising efforts, we have been able to support the school community by helping fund the following initiatives:

- New tennis nets for the Astroturf
- New picnic benches for the students to use at lunch break
- A new outdoor shelter for all to use at lunchtimes. Plus the new shelter will mean the after-school Gardening Club can now be year-round. Soon be installed!

### Highlights of the year

Our face-to-face opportunities at school events may have been limited but a couple of

things to highlight are:

**School Production** – We ran a Bar and refreshments/ice-cream stand for all three nights in January, enhancing the overall experience for both the audience and participants (ice-creams were a huge hit at the interval!)

**Gently Used Uniform Online Store** – our online uniform store continues to support the parent community offering an affordable uniform supply, plus encouraging recycling of discarded uniform. [The link to our online shop is here](#)

**Your School Lottery** – this continues to be an easy no hassle way to support us. You can join in for as little as a £1/week, a weekly prize amongst the school community and we receive 40p in every £1 spent. [Link to join here](#)





## YOUR PSA NEEDS YOU!



Most of you reading this will not know any of us, and neither did we until we took the plunge and started up this PSA just three years ago!! Because of COVID we have been unable to be at many events, so we have not had the chance to meet many of you. We would love you to consider coming to join us!

We are a friendly bunch of working parents who love to meet new people whilst helping raise money for our school children. We would love to welcome any new parents/staff to the PSA for the next school year. In particular, we urgently need someone who could help us in a Treasurer capacity as our current Treasurer will be stepping down in September. There would be a gradual handover and the rest of the

team are taking on some of the tasks.

We all do what we can when we can - no pressure and we have fun along the way. There is no commitment to attend any meetings if you are not able to. To run ad-hoc events we need a group of willing volunteers to help out. Other useful input would be providing contacts to help with services, donations, items at cost etc. Or any expertise in matched funding, gift aid or GDPR. Any ad-hoc support will be very welcomed

If you would like to get involved, please send us an email.

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**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!**





## YEAR 8

LITTLE CANADA PHOTO GALLERY

