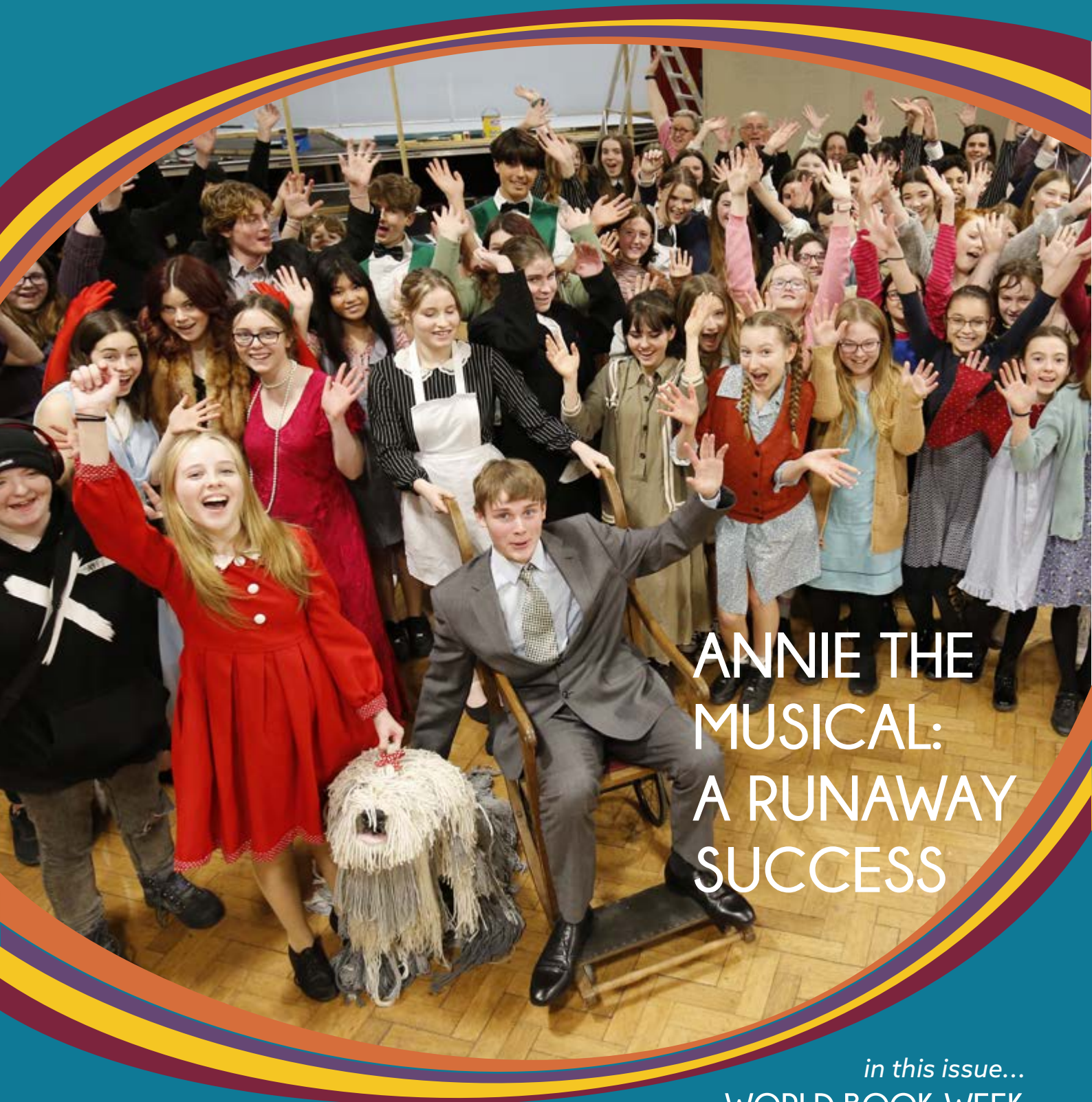




# ARNEWOOD NEWS

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## ANNIE THE MUSICAL: A RUNAWAY SUCCESS

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A SPANISH VISIT  
FOOTBALL TRIUMPHS

## HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

This term has been peppered with some fantastic events. The production of Annie was a huge success and involved a large number of students from across the school. The Pyramid Concert saw excellent performances from Ashley Infant School, New Milton Junior School, Hordle Primary School, Tiptoe Primary School, New Milton Infant School and, of course, our own choir. Both events were superbly supported by parents and, as I write, another crowd is filing into the Hall to watch the Spring Concert. I believe passionately that the Arts play a pivotal role in education and would like to thank Ms Watson, Mr Elkington, Ms Briscoe and Mr Byles for leading these events. Alongside the Arts, our Year 9 football team have enjoyed an excellent run of form with victories against Twynham, Highcliffe and BCS, reaching the semi-finals of the Bournemouth Town Cup.



The Student Council had a productive meeting this week to discuss the one-way system, Reset arrangements and items of uniform that they would like to change. They presented some useful suggestions in relation to lunchtime arrangements which Mr Merrick will consider and there was some discussion about the quality of the school skirt - so we will approach our uniform supplier to see what options there are available to improve this. They would also like to consider a 'summer uniform' which I think is an excellent idea and something we will return to at a future meeting. Finally, the issue of footwear was raised in relation to Air Force style black trainers. Students were unanimous in their view that the current rules should remain unchanged. The main arguments presented were that shoes like the Air Force trainers are more durable (particularly raised by female students), they can be used at the weekend as well as in school and so are more versatile and that they work out being more cost effective for students who have to purchase adult sized shoes. As a result, we will continue with the current expectations in relation to footwear. I would like to thank you for your support in raising our uniform standards, it has had a big difference to look and feel of the school. The student council felt that this step, together with our Reset arrangements, have improved their experience in lessons, which was great to hear.

If you have not yet seen the term dates for the next academic on the website, they will be as follows:

### AUTUMN TERM

Monday 4th September to Tuesday 19th December  
Half Term - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October  
Inset Days - 4th & 5th September, 8th November

### SPRING TERM

Thursday 4th January to Thursday 28th March  
Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February  
Inset Days - 28th March

### SUMMER TERM

Monday 15th April to Tuesday 23rd July  
Half Term - Monday 27th to Friday 31st May  
Inset Days - Friday 3rd May

Recruitment of teachers and support staff continues to be a challenge, but I am pleased to report that we are nearly fully staffed for September with just a couple of appointments to make next half term. Any vacancies to work at The Arnewood School are found here <https://www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/vacancies/> - we will be advertising shortly after Easter.

At the end of term, it is always sad to say goodbye to colleagues. Mrs Beer leaves us after 5 years to spend more time with her family, but we hope to see her back in the classroom at Arnewood in the future. Ms Marks leaves us to take a position at Highcliffe School after being with us for 2 years. I am grateful to the support both colleagues have given me personally and the school as a whole. Most importantly, they have worked tirelessly for the students of Arnewood and go with our very best wishes for the future.

We have recently welcomed back Ms Shevlin-Child following her maternity leave. We have new staff joining us after Easter, Miss Gurd and Ms MacKenzie in science, Miss Morgan in mathematics, Mrs Timmis as a Head of Year and Teacher of D&T and also Mrs Dyer in D&T. Mrs Bishop-Maddock will also be joining us as Sixth Form Administrator and Mr Fogarassy-Dima as Site Team Manager.

HEADTEACHER, MR J ANDERSON



## COMING UP THIS SUMMER TERM

MONDAY 17TH APRIL

**Term Starts**

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL

**New Forest Wildlife Park Trip**

MONDAY 24TH APRIL

**Year 7 PSHE Workshop**

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

**Shoebox Theatre Workshop**

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

**Year 8 HPV**

**Year 8 PSHE Workshop**

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

**NEU Strike**

MONDAY 1ST MAY

**Bank Holiday - School Closed**

TUESDAY 2ND MAY

**NEU Strike**

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY

**Year 9 Progress Evening  
Student Council Meeting**

4TH MAY - 28TH JUNE

**External Exams**

5TH - 7TH MAY

**Year 8 IOW Little Canada  
Trip**

MONDAY 8TH MAY

**Bank Holiday - School Closed**

MONDAY 15TH MAY

**Y12 Life Skills - P3&4**

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY

**Open Morning**

### Orchestra

Contact Mrs Gallon to join or for more information

Thursdays 3-4pm in the Hall

29TH MAY - 2ND JUNE

**HALF TERM**

WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE

**Student Council Meeting**

TUESDAY 20TH JUNE

**Y12 Life Skills - P3&4**

24TH & 25TH JUNE

**DofE Final Expedition Qualifier**

### DANCE CLUB

MONDAYS  
**3-4PM**

LOCATION H90  
FOR YEARS 7 & 8  
WITH MISS BRISCOE  
STARTS 17TH APRIL

MONDAY 26TH JUNE

**Inset Day - School Closed**

MONDAY 3RD JULY

**Sixth Form interview Day**

3RD - 7TH JULY

**Year 10 Work Experience**

TUESDAY 4TH JULY

**Year 7 - 9 Sports Day  
Summer Concert**

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

**Reserve Sports Day  
Student Council Meeting**

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

**Sixth Form Academic  
Mentoring**

12TH - 17TH JULY

**Graduation Assemblies**

17TH - 21ST JULY

**Sixth Form Work Experience**

THURSDAY 19TH JULY

**Year 7 Waterpark Trip**

FRIDAY 21ST JULY

**End of Term**



**O**ver three nights Arnewood School's spectacular production of *Annie* played to a packed house of happy theatre goers. There was much to impress given the scale of this year's production and the increasing number of players, stage crew and orchestra who threw themselves wholehearted into the project.

Lois Robinson deserves credit for her energy and stamina. Her characterisation in the lead role warmly admired as Annie. With barely a scene to catch her breath off-stage, Robinson was seemingly constantly in the spotlight. This young actor looked comfortably at ease on the stage despite pushing herself hard – a professional in the making. *Annie The Musical* needs a reliable star and Robinson was more than a match for the demands and responsibly; she truly excelled.

It takes awareness and generosity in any production so rich in talent, for no single actor to steal the stage from a peer. Elizabeth Grylls, playing Miss Hannigan, looked concerningly comfortable with a half empty bottle of wine, singing drunkenly at the top of her voice. She complemented equally spirited performances from Noah Woodcraft's bad guy Rooster who was haplessly supported by partner in crime, Lily St. Regis ("Named after the hotel") played by Jess Embleton with a subtle and nonchalantly comedic tone.

Ed Shinn's interpretation of the orphan championing Warbucks utilised Shinn's talent as both actor and singer. His polished

vocals offered gravitas, befitting his strong characterisation of the vulnerable and occasionally irascible philanthropist. This seemed the perfect foil to the dutiful and efficient secretary Grace Farrell played elegantly and with panache by Mollie Gazzard.

## ANNIE THE MUSICAL: A RUNAWAY SUCCESS

by Mr N. Pressnell

Seasoned performers Andrew Ramplin, as President Roosevelt, Toby Sabin as butler Drake, and Josh Brindley as the tap-dancing radio host Burt Healey, add value to every show in which they are cast. It is always pleasing to see versatility deployed with such dramatic impact. Among the many highlights of this show, Edyth Shinn (Mrs Pugh), Cassie Kendall (Star to Be), and Amy Payne (Cecile), doubled as the harmonising and glittering Boylan Sisters. Their performances as flamboyant and shining as their costumes under the stage lights deftly controlled by lighting engineer Lily Annear.

Mrs Watson (Director and Producer), Mr Elkington (Musical Director), Mr Byles (singing coach) and Miss Briscoe (choreographer), need not worry

that they will be running out of talent as older actors and musicians move on from the sixth form. Behind the veterans are a new wave of up-and-coming stars. Faith James-Morse (Molly), Katie Gazzard (Duffy), Imogen Bowerbank (Pepper), Isobelle Gilbert (July), Annie Adams (Katie) and Erin Arnold (Tessie) delighted the audience with their polished dance routines and chorus.

A cabaret of performers, too many to mention individually, brought Dr Evan's professional stage design to life as orphans, Hooverites, Warbucks's Staff, and Roosevelt's Cabinet. The orchestra, featuring Jon Workman (drums), Charlotte Hook (tenor sax), Lori Gouldstone (flute), Lewis Lyons (guitar) and Cameron Gilbert (keyboard) exemplified the growing musical ability found across all year-groups. To this end, current and former staff, Mrs Galton (violin), Mrs Glaze (violin), and Mr Short (woodwind) are to be applauded.

Sound was engineered by the unflappable Millie-Anna Vigar. Stage Mangers Kasia Stopyra, Lily Renouf, and Lillie Coster, deployed their Backstage Crew to make this complex undertaking sure-footed. Mr Stonhill (acting coach), Mrs Anderson and Miss Tristram (vocal support), Mrs Emery (photography and publicity) richly deserve a share of the credit along with many others, including staff and parents, who assisted in this production's success. The whole ensemble grateful for the generous patronage of The Language Training Co.









On Monday 20th March, thirteen students from Hispania College in Murcia, Spain joined The Arnewood School on a cultural exchange trip. The 5 girls and 8 boys, aged between 14 and 15 years old, spent four days soaking in the Arnewood experience. The students were accompanied by one member of staff from Hispania College. Miss Vincent

## HOLA AMIGOS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

took the organisational reins, creating a fun packed itinerary to make the most of the time the group would have together.

After an initial welcome the Spanish students were paired up with host students in a buddy system. The pairs attended lessons together, took

lunch breaks together, and had the opportunity to learn about each other's language and culture.



Mrs Hitchens conducted a special class teaching the students how to bake scones, which many of the Spanish students had not tried before. The next day the scones were enjoyed as a traditional afternoon tea complete

with jam and clotted cream while everyone took part in a team quiz. The participants of the winning team each received a prize for their efforts.

On Wednesday the group was out of school all day on a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Stonehenge and the ornate 13th-century, Salisbury Cathedral.



For their last day the visitors attended a graduation ceremony, and each received certificates presented by Gryphon Trust CEO, Nigel Pressnell before departing Arnewood and heading back to Spain.



**T**his February our Year 11 geography students attended their final compulsory fieldtrip, investigating urban change in New Milton. Armed with clip boards our GCSE students braved the chilly weather and headed to New Milton high street to complete an investigation into changing land use. Working in smaller groups each student had the chance to study and appraise the fieldwork techniques that may be applied in these particular investigations.



## URBAN FIELDTRIP

The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human environments; the dynamic nature of these environments that change over time and place; the need for sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these environments.





## PYRAMID CONCERT

The Arnewood School played host to the annual Spring Pyramid Concert, where all our local pyramid schools come together to present a vocal performance on stage. As a school we relish the opportunity to be part of the larger community in collaboration with our neighbouring primary, infant and junior schools.

The concert proved to be a delight to children, staff and audience alike, as each of the schools took to the stage to sing two songs and showcase their best vocal talents. The Arnewood School completed the concert by performing the songs "This is Amazing Grace" and "Lovely Day" under the direction of Mr Elkington, Head of Music.



## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Friday 27th January, The Arnewood School participated in #LightTheDarkness by lighting a candle to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

For the week of Holocaust Memorial Day each year group attended special assemblies focusing on this year's theme of "Ordinary People". Highlighting how ordinary people were victims, perpetrators, bystanders and rescuers during the Holocaust and included "Erika's Story". Several

students have been visiting the display in our school library to find out more about her story over the past week.



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1



GCSE history students, Freyja Gaylard and Josh Ferris joined headteacher, Mr Anderson to light the Holocaust Memorial candle. By lighting a candle, we remember all those who

perished as well as recognised our role in ensuring that nothing like the Holocaust ever happens again.



## WORLD BOOK WEEK

The official world book day unfortunately coincided with the NEU strike day on Thursday 2nd March so Arnewood planned a huge array of fun activities to stretch out the celebrations for a full week instead!

All week students were able to take part in a 'book treasure hunt' where they had to find as many mini book covers that were 'hidden' on all the teacher's and staff's lanyards throughout the school, with a prize for the student who found the most. Librarian Mrs Atkins organised a 'book face' competition and the library played host to a WBD themed bunting design activity.



The whole school took part in a 'story in a day' group reading activity. Head of literacy, Mrs Anderson issued a story, divided into 5 chunks for all teachers to read to their classes, each period, in stages throughout the day. Students eventually heard the whole story across all 5 periods. Book tokens were distributed via a QR code this year.

Staff jumped at the opportunity to dress up as an array of literature's favourite or most infamous book characters. Headteacher, Mr Anderson became Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective Sherlock Holmes complete with pipe, deer-stalker cap, and inverness cape. The science department wowed as the Queen of Hearts and her pack of cards from Lewis Carols, Alice in Wonderland. The Cheshire Cat, Mad Hatter and Alice completed the cast. Michael Bond's, Paddington Bear was at the meeting, Martin Hanford's Where's Wally was sighted, Jeff Kinney's, Greg Heffley from Diary of a Wimpy Kid made an appearance, and Dodie Smith's, Cruella Deville had a small entourage of Dalmatian puppies that had not yet been made into a coat. Prizes for the best costumes were nabbed by Miss Briscoe as the March Hare, Mrs Tuckett as Padding Bear and Dr Evans as the Queen of Hearts.

## BOOK FACE



ADA IN YEAR 9 †



PAIGE IN YEAR 8 †



DYLAN IN YEAR 9 †



TAIYA IN YEAR 8 †



ALEX IN YEAR 7 †





Professional theatre director Sean Hollands visited Arnewood to lead 2 full day workshops with drama students. Sean trained at Rose Bruford Drama School and has since performed and worked as a practitioner for leading UK theatre company Frantic Assembly as well as other prestigious theatre work.

As part of the GCSE Drama specification, students create a devised performance and complete a portfolio, this component is worth 30% of the final GCSE mark. The workshops concentrated on helping students towards achieving the highest mark possible for their devised pieces. Devised pieces need to be highly creative with a strong use of performance skills.

## SEAN HOLLANDS DRAMA WORKSHOP







Thank you to Arnold Clark for providing our year 7 footballers with a fabulous new kit. The team looks really smart and they have done the school proud in all of the spring term matches they have played.



# WELL DONE

Congratulations to our Year 9 Football Team for securing victories against Twynham, Highcliffe and BCS and making it all the way to the semi-finals of the Bournemouth Town Cup.