



ARNEWOOD NEWS

Working Together - Shaping Tomorrow

SUMMER
2023

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HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

Dear parent(s),

After a beautifully sunny week it looks like summer has finally arrived! This edition of the Arnewood News celebrates the range of activities that our students have been afforded over the last 6 weeks or so. It is important to me that education at Arnewood includes a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. I believe it is our responsibility to open windows into different careers and lifestyles challenging students to find their passion and pursue a fulfilling career and healthy lifestyle. I would like to thank Miss Vincent, Mr Vibert, Miss Sheppard, Miss Tyas,

develop strong relationships between us. This is a vision that Andrew shared and worked to achieve alongside Elizabeth Cook, our Chair of Governors, and my predecessors. The celebration of his involvement with the school, covered later in the newsletter, was an excellent and a fitting tribute to his hard work.

As summer starts, so does the examination season. Our



Year 11 students are now in the swing of things and seem relieved to be working their way through their exams. Year 13 stand on the precipice of their challenge – and I wish them all the very best of luck! You will find some stunning examples of the artwork produced later in the newsletter. It is important for both Yr11 and 13 to keep chipping away at revision over the break. My advice to students is simple: make sure you have a timetable, get up early and start revision before you are distracted by something else, and plan to relax

in the afternoon – it sounds so simple, doesn't it?!

Miss Gardiner, Mr McGregor, Miss Samuel, their respective departments and support staff for organising and arranging many of the events, ensuring that they were safe and enjoyed by all.

Even though I have only been in post for a short time, the impact that Reverend Bailey has had on the students of The Arnewood School is clear. He has been a valued supporter of our community for nearly 30 years and familiar face to the students who have passed through our corridors during this time. The Arnewood School has an important responsibility to the community of New Milton, it is my intention to foster links and enable activities that utilise the facilities that we have, to

Finally, a special mention goes to our athletics team who performed out of their skins at the New Forest Athletics Championship; with many students qualifying for selection to represent the New Forest at the forthcoming county championships. Congratulations to all involved!

Wishing you a restful half term,

HEADTEACHER, MR J ANDERSON

COMING UP THIS SUMMER TERM

MONDAY 5TH JUNE

Back to School

WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE

Student Council Meeting

TUESDAY 20TH JUNE

Y12 Life Skills - P3&4

24TH & 25TH JUNE

DofE Final Expedition
Qualifier

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

EXTRA CURRICULAR



For a full list of all the extra-curricular activities on offer this summer term please visit our website or check our weekly WHAT'S ON GUIDE at: www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/the-arnewood-school/whats-on-guide/



The Arnewood School recently played host to a Faraday Challenge Day, inviting teams from our neighbouring secondary school, Highcliffe to join the fun. The Institution of Engineering and Technology's (IET) Faraday Challenge enables students to become real-life engineers for a day as they research, design and build solutions to real engineering problems.

ARNEWOOD & HIGHCLIFFE: TAKE THE FARADAY CHALLENGE

A total of 187 IET Faraday Challenge Days are taking place across the UK during the 2022-23 season. Up to six teams of local school students compete at each event to find the best solution to an engineering-related challenge.

This year's challenge is in association with UKRI's Future Flight Challenge and is based on future flight technology, but the brief for these young engineers is hidden in secrecy to avoid unfair preparation and research. Teams raced against the clock to solve a real-life engineering problem, putting their engineering and technology knowledge and

skills to the test. The events aim to encourage more young people to study and consider exciting and rewarding careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) by using creativity, innovation and problem-solving skills.

The Arnewood School is passionate about giving students new and exciting opportunities to engage in STEM subjects and get engineers of the future interested from an early age. Four teams from Arnewood and two teams from Highcliffe tackled the brief head on, demonstrating excellent teamwork and adaptability. The day culminated in each team presenting their prototype and fielding questions. The competition was fierce, there was only a matter of 8 points between all 6 teams.

Ultimately it was Arnewood's Team 6 that came out ahead and won the competition. Each team member in the winning group was awarded a prize and secured the trophy for their school. The Arnewood School is currently placed in the top 80 on this seasons national table. The top five teams from across the UK will receive an all-expenses paid trip to the national final in June 2023 to compete for a cash prize of up to £1,000 for their school.

Arnewood Headteacher, Mr Anderson visited students during the challenge and said, "It was great to see the collaboration between students who were clearly enjoying the task. The school fully supports activities that can promote STEM subjects, contribute to the local

community and inspire engineers of the future."

Natalie Moat, IET Faraday Education Manager, said: "Students who take part in the Faraday Challenge Days this year will experience working as an engineer through hands-on and practical engagement with real-life challenges relating to UKRI's Future Flight Challenge.

"There is a huge demand for new engineers and technicians, and we are confident that this will challenge young people's perceptions of engineering and inspire the next generation by giving them an insight into the life of a real engineer and show them just how exciting and creative engineering really is."





DETECTION DOGS

Arnewood and Eaglewood Schools were lucky enough to receive a visit from Hampshire Safe with the Detection Dogs and our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's). Our students were able to witness Zuma in action around the school grounds and in the buildings, making sure our school community is a safe and a drug free zone.

One science class were fortunate enough to be able to see the full process of how Zuma conducts his job. The class played along whilst a smell was planted in the classroom for Zuma to track, the students watched Zuma track the smell and

communicate to his handler a positive indication. Our Sixth Form students were also able to get involved, after seeing Zuma in action they asked if they could witness a positive indication from Zuma and how he behaves.

This was a valuable and enjoyable afternoon that gave our local PCSO's the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about safety within our local and school community. With the help of Hampshire Safe and our PCSO's we were able to convey a positive message to our students and reiterate the importance of keeping our school safe and drug free.



After nearly 30 years of serving the community of New Milton, Reverend Andrew Bailey is due to retire. The Arnewood School marked the occasion with a celebration assembly and a tree planting ceremony followed by tea and cake on Thursday 4th May.

Reverend Bailey was the guest of honour at the Year 7 assembly, accompanied by Chair of Governors, Elizabeth Cook. The Arnewood School Choir sang "This is Amazing Grace" as the big screen displayed a montage of images of Reverend Bailey both in service around school and at work in his parish church. The Gryphon Trust CEO, Mr Pressnell gave a congratulatory speech which the Reverend followed with words of thanks and a final prayer of blessing upon the school. Reverend Bailey was notably moved by the gathering and gestures of gratitude for his years of service.

The event was organised by head of year 7, Miss Vincent who said that "Reverend Bailey has played such an

integral part in the annual traditions of the Arnewood School year after year, we will certainly miss his presence."

The Reverend has strong ties with The Arnewood School, having christened

CONGRATULATIONS REV. BAILEY

a good many of its pupils. His own four children have attended the school. There is a longstanding tradition for the Year 7 students to attend the St Mary Magdalene's church for their Christmas Assembly, officiated by Reverend Bailey. The Reverend Bailey happily blessed the school's new flag standard, and is always involved in the yearly Christmas shoebox present appeal. This involves Arnewood students putting together gift packages for children in difficult circumstances throughout the world.

After the assembly a small group of children congregated on the Arnewood Sixth lawn to plant a symbolic tree in

honour of Reverend Bailey. The school chose an acer campestre, which is the UK's only native maple. The tree is a sturdy broadleaf that resists air pollution and provides a haven for wildlife. It will be marked with a plaque for Reverend Bailey as an enduring legacy of his commitment to the school and parish.

The group then retired to the Aspirations Meeting Room to enjoy some tea, cake and relaxed chat. Reverend Bailey shared some of his plans for retirement and made the children laugh saying his first action on retirement would be to "throw his alarm clock in the bin!"





On Thursday 20th April a group of our Year 9 geographers took a trip to the New Forest Wildlife Park. The day trip gave students the opportunity to learn about conservation and restoration. Many of the animals at the park, such as the giant otter are on the IUCN endangered species Red List so any efforts to help breed and conserve them for the future is environmentally significant. The students took some amazing photographs of the animals.

NEW FOREST WILDLIFE PARK





SAILING TRAINING

A group of 10 lucky students participated in the Rona Sailing Project from Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th, and took to the high seas. The excursion was graciously sponsored by the New Forest charity, Olivia Inspires.

The Rona Sailing project provides offshore sail training opportunities to young people in order for them to acquire the attributes of a sailor which will serve them well throughout life, namely; a sense of responsibility, resourcefulness and teamwork.

The group of students boarded the Donald Searle, which at 22.86m is the largest of the boats in the PSP Fleet. Learning to sail and run the boat was exciting and fun adventure that opened a whole new world of challenges. They worked on skills

such as, handling sails, rope and knot work, helming, navigating, keeping watch and cooking meals onboard.

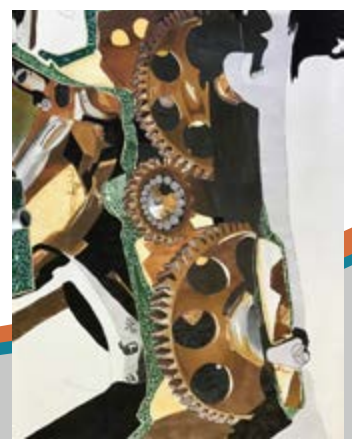
The RSP is a volunteer-based sail training organisation, and although sail training is a fun and rewarding adventure activity they say "it also requires participants to dig deep and work through demanding challenges, physical and emotional. It is an activity that inspires self-confidence and the acceptance of personal responsibility. It promotes an acceptance of others whatever their social or cultural backgrounds, and develops a willingness to take controlled risks. For those who participate it can be a positive life-changing experience."





ART EXAM WORK

A Level and GCSE art exams have produced some outstanding work this year. Here is a small glimpse of what our students have created.







THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL
Parent & Staff Association

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We were once again delighted to be able to support the school at their Production of Annie in January. The PSA Committee Members plus parent and staff helpers provided refreshments each evening – we raised £862!! The money we raised has already been put to good use as we have donated £900 to the school towards the cost of the next school Production. We see the value that the show brings to the whole school community, and it was great to be able to already support the next fantastic show!

PSA SECOND HAND UNIFORM NEWS

Our second hand uniform shop has continued to provide much-needed uniform items this year, including helping out during the school's Reset Week.

It is a requirement for schools to now offer a second hand uniform option, so we are ahead of the curve inasmuch as we have been going for over 2 years! We rely entirely on donations of outgrown, gently-used and washed uniform and PE kit, and are grateful for all donations received. The monies raised are all spent buying student-led requested items and equipment to enhance their time at Arnewood.

Links to our shop can be found at the top of the Uniform page on the school's website, in a burgundy box with a link to 'PSA ONLINE UNIFORM'.

Donations can be dropped off at Reception for our collection. Thank you to all our customers and donors!

PSA FUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS

In this school year so far, we have raised £4,700, which includes a £2,000 funding grant from Souter Trust. We have contributed £2,000 to The Zone, £1,000 to help kick start a brand-new reading scheme, and a £900 contribution towards the next school production costs.

We would like to thank everyone that plays the weekly school lottery, especially those that generously donate their prize winnings, this is the highest earning PSA activity fundraiser and such an easy way to support the school.

[Play along here!](#)

AGM last October – What a great start to the new school year – handing over a cheque for £15,000 from fundraising last school year: ↓



↑ Christmas Fun



Funding provided for The Zone at the school ↓



YOUR PSA NEEDS YOU!

Without the support of more parents we are not able to continue to provide much needed funding for the school. Some of our Committee members are sadly leaving us at the end of this school term as their children leave school, so we are looking for anyone who can spare some time to join our PSA group to support our fundraising events and activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to Jo, Sonia, and Bex for all their hard work and contributions to the PSA Team over the last few years, we certainly had a lot of fun raising money for the school and enjoyed a few fantastic social nights out!

Welcome to Tom who is stepping in to take on the role of Treasurer.

All Committee Roles will be nominated and voted in at the AGM.

Even if you can spare a couple of hours to help out at any of our events it would be greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of upcoming events.

Look out for our AGM in the Autumn term, come along to say hello and show your support!

If you are interested in finding out more about the PSA and / or would like to offer your help, please contact us at PSA@arnewood.hants.sch.uk



INTRODUCING...

You may have noticed a few new fresh and lovely faces around the school lately. Let's take the opportunity to introduce a couple of our new staff members from this term. We have asked them a few questions so you can get to know them better.



Mrs Morgan MATHS TEACHER

What is your favourite hobby?

Scuba diving

Where is your favourite travel destination?

Mauritius

What was one of the most

valuable lessons you learned from your education?

To try my hardest and don't be afraid to ask for help.

Do you collect anything?

Board games.

What is on your bucket list?

Fly a helicopter.

What was the last thing you read?

"The Five Ancestors" by Jeff Stone

What is the one thing that can instantly make your day better?

A cuddle from my cat, Tuppence.



Mrs Lewis FINANCE ASSISTANT

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a maths teacher

Where is your favourite travel destination?

Beijing China.

What is your favourite hobby?

Reading books.

What kind of pets do you have, if any? What are their names?

I have 3 fish, called Lily, Peter and Ava.

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Rice.

What is the one thing that can instantly make your day better?

Chatting with friends



Mrs Timmis TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to work in the film industry, either in

costume/set design or a screenwriter, with my very own named chair.

What is your favourite hobby?

My favourite hobby, is to read. However, I love to draw and illustrate stories for fun.

Where is your favourite travel destination?

I will travel anywhere, anytime. Everything from chilled beach holiday, to an adventure across Canada!

What kind of pets do you have, if any? What are their names?

Unfortunately, I don't have any pets, even though I love animals.

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Chocolate, obviously! Specifically Dairy Milk.

What is on your bucket list?

I have lots of things on my bucket list, including going to Japan for Studio Ghibli Land and wanting to skydive!

What was the last thing you read?

The last book I read was, 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist' by Mohsin Hamid, astounding book.

What is the one thing that can instantly make your day better?

Kindness, in all of its forms, makes my day instantly better! I also try and do 3 kind things a days for others.



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

On the 23rd of May a teams of our most enthusiastic althletics headed to Kings Park in Bournemouth to compete in the New Forest Athletics Championship.. All of the students did the school proud and enjoyed the experience. Many qualified and were selected to represent the New Forest at the forthcoming count championships. Watch this space!

