



ARNEWOOD NEWS

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SUMMER
2023



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HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

Welcome to the summer newsletter!

As we reach the end of another busy term, I could not be prouder of the way our students have thrown themselves into the range of challenging, thought provoking and engaging activities over the last few months. I am sure your children have already shared the highs and lows of the events, but please do take a moment to sift through the photos and accounts within this newsletter. To give you just a flavour of the activities we have enjoyed: our Year 11 and Sixth Form proms, an Expressive Arts Awards evening, Year 6 Induction Days, the Summer Concert, a



trip to Bovington Tank Museum, a muffin day in aid of The Basics (food) Bank, geography field trip to Hengistbury Head, sports day (eventually), a residential trip to Barton Hall, a trip to Splashdown, a visit to the state of the art LifeLab at Southampton University and a coffee morning with some of our alumni. I am sure you would join me in thanking the staff that have made all these experiences for our pupils possible.

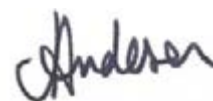
For me, one of the highlights of this term has been the graduation assemblies. It is always a privilege to be able to recognise and reward those students who have gone above and beyond, either due of their kindness to others, their sense of community and civic duty, in terms of overcoming adversity, or with regard to their progress or achievements in a particular subject area – well done to all involved!

At the end of this term, we say a fond farewell to Dr Bryant, Ms Rennie, Mr Hazell and Mr McFerran. After 2 years of service Dr Bryant is taking up a position at Twynham School. Ms Rennie has led our Initial Teacher Training programme for 6 years and is moving to The Bourne Academy to take on the role in a new environment. An excellent teacher of history and psychology, she will be missed by her colleagues greatly and we wish her every success in her new school. Mr Hazell leaves the Learning Support department to pursue an academic career – a PHD at Bristol University and Mr McFerran is joining a school in Havant to take on a pastoral leadership role.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the parents and carers, for your continued support of what we are trying to achieve at The Arnewood School. Following our reset in relation to uniform, we have seen a marked improvement in the pride in which the student body wear the uniform and I look forward to this continuing in September. If, with your consent, your child is planning any new piercings or radical change in hair colour please use the summer holidays as a time to do this so that they can return in September in the correct uniform. As a reminder, they are allowed one silver or gold stud in each ear, any other piercing should be removed or contain a clear retainer. In relation to shoes, the Student Council were successful in advocating trainer style black leather/leather like shoes (such as Nike Air Forces) as practical school shoes and so there is no change to our footwear policy for September. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on our website.

Next year, we continue our journey towards a relational school offering a model of high challenge and high support for all members of our community. We have planned parent information evenings in the autumn term (Year 8 is in the Spring term) to offer more detail on what this means and how you can further support this at home.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,



BEST OF LUCK FOR RESULTS DAY!



We hope all your hard work pays off

COMING UP THIS HOLIDAY & IN SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST
A LEVEL RESULTS DAY

THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST
GCSE RESULTS DAY

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
BACK TO SCHOOL

4TH & 5TH SEPTEMBER
INSET DAYS - School Closed

6TH & 7TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL PHOTOS

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER
OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER
ARNEWOOD SIXTH OPEN EVENING

Special moments when one looks back over the exam season to see students huddled together in the last moments of revision before a GCSE exam. Here students are busy revising their notes ready for a Religious Studies exam. Well done to them and all students this year with the work they did to prepare for examinations.



GRADUATION ASSEMBLIES 2023

The penultimate week before the end of term saw each year group attending a graduation assembly to celebrate their achievements and capabilities over the past year. Each assembly hosted a guest speaker, our newly appointed Head Students, Headteacher, Mr Anderson and the Chair of Governors, Mrs Elizabeth Cook.

Students were awarded certificates for Ambition (for determination and endeavour), Citizenship (for contribution to the school or wider community), Half Colours (for nominations in approximately half their subject areas) and Full Colours (for nominations in nearly all their subject areas). The most notable awards are the Headteacher's Award for Academic Excellence and the Chair of Governors' Award for Scholarly Endeavor which are both awarded to only one student in each year group. In addition the Arran O'Sullivan Award is awarded to one student in Year 10 who has demonstrated the spirit of endeavour despite challenging personal circumstances.



In year 7 Vesper Prior received the Headteacher's Award and Harvey Costello received the Chair of Governors' Award. In year 8 Euan Bagshaw received the Headteacher's Award and Jack Bourne received the Chair of Governor's Award. In year 9 Lara Allo received the Headteacher's Award and Allana Vincent received the Chair of Governors' Award. In year 10 Charlotte Bean received the Headteacher's Award, Charlie Stanley received the Chair of Governors' Award and Skye Edwards received the Arran O'Sullivan award and trophy.





GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIP

On Wednesday 12th July, Mrs Gardiner organised a geography fieldtrip to Hengistbury Head for students to study coastal processes. This is an essential part of the GCSE Geography syllabus and introduces fieldwork techniques that may be tested on in exams.

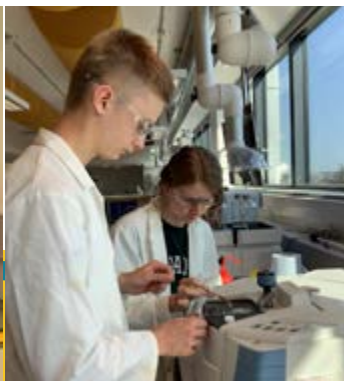
The Arnewood School is incredible fortunate to be situated in a location so abundant in natural resources and so close to places of interest





Infrared electron spectrometer TWILIGHT SESSION

A group of chemistry students from Year 12 had the opportunity to visit the Southampton University Chemistry Department for a twilight session on the 7th of July. They were able to have hands on experience with an Infrared electron spectrometer, an incredible piece of equipment that is usually only available in high level industry or universities. The experience could prove valuable as they will be tested on the equipment in their year 13 exams. The students used the Infrared electron spectrometer to extract trimyristin from nutmeg. They then also used an NMR machine and thin layer chromatography to test for and identify their product and test its melting point.



School were delighted to have PC Richards, PC Hills and PC Gallimore visit us in early July and share how students can keep themselves safe in the community. The focus was 'Knife Crime Awareness' The session allowed students to engage with officers, ask questions and seek reassurance that support is available for anyone who has a concern about themselves, family and friends or even someone they may not know.

The Police have suggested the website www.fearless.org is a place where information can be reported anonymously. Once again please do make contact with safeguarding here at school if you have a concern for a child's safety or if a child is at risk or imminent risk please call 999. We look forward to inviting the officers back in the autumn term to talk with our older year groups and Sixth Form. They will also be joining us for the Safeguarding event.



SAFEGUARDING & STUDENT WELLBEING

A massive thank you to all those parents and carers who joined the webinar ran by Anoushka Dunic from The Ben Kinsella Trust on how to keep our children safe in the community. We look forward to more opportunities for parents and carers to join us for these sessions and others. If you have a particular request do let us know and we will see what we can organise for school and if possible hold some workshops in school to support you.



OUR SAFEGUADING TEAM ARE:



Mrs Reece
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Watson
Deputy Designated Safe-guarding Lead



Mrs Evans
Deputy Designated Safe-guarding Lead



Mr Anderson
Deputy Designated Safe-guarding Lead



Mrs Sheppard
Deputy Designated Safe-guarding Lead Sixth Form

On behalf of the safeguarding and well-being team I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep our young people safe. Please do contact us if you have a concern or would like to chat further.

zMrs Reece
(Assistant Headteacher)



SPONGE & CAKE

Arnewood Sixth's leadership team are raising money to hold a safeguarding fair to promote safety and wellbeing for the whole school community. During lunch on Wednesday 28th June, they hosted a hilarious "sponge the teacher" event and a cake sale.

It was fantastic to see so many students and teachers getting involved. Arnewood Sixth has expressed thanks to all the parents/guardians and staff who supplied delicious cakes for the sale and those who sent students in with some money and made this special event possible.

The weather was fantastic for getting wet and the teachers were great sports, baking cakes and allowing

students and other teachers to throw wet sponges at them, everyone seemed to have perfect aim!

The sixth form leadership team did the most fantastic job of organizing the event and getting involved. At the end of the event the teachers got their own back and the sixth form students got soaked by the bucketful.

The event managed to raise £483.55 towards the goal of holding a safeguarding fair aimed at keeping children safe in school and out in the community. The fair is run by Hampshire Police who work with different companies and charities such as AlterEgo. These organisations deliver an innovative and powerful

production, which effectively highlights very serious and emotional issues of child sexual exploitation.

These fun and incredibly beneficial events would not be possible without the participation and support of everyone involved. Well done and thank you to you all! Special thanks to the sixth form student team:

Elizabeth Grylls, Jess Embleton, Fred Gouldstone, Elisha Jones, Ethan Miles, Tim Chan, Abbie Light, Mollie Gazzard, Izzy Hollyoake, Daisy Adams-Vivian, Mackenzie De Caux, Luke Lansbury, Francesca Witney, Tilly Burn, Fidel Henry & Samuel Douglass





DREAM LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Arnewood School is both excited and proud to introduce the Student Leadership Team and name the Head Students for the academic year 2023 – 2024. Congratulations to:-

Head Students, Elizabeth Grylls & Mollie Gazzard.

Deputy Head Students, Jess Embleton (Wellbeing Lead) & Fred Gouldstone (Enrichment Lead).

Senior Prefects, Bren Carrington, Joey Dewhirst, Fidel Henry, Izzy Hollyoake, Elisha Jones, Scott King, Abbie Light, Edyth Shinn & Fran Witney.





BOVINGTON TANK MUSEUM

The Humanities Centre of Learning was delighted to offer Year 8 students the opportunity to visit Bovington Tank Museum this term. On Thursday 29th June two coach loads of our finest history enthusiasts enjoyed a trip that included workshops focusing on fighting in the trenches during World War One and the role of the MK IV Heavy tank. All the activities undertaken across the day supported understanding of Year 8 History units on World War One and World War Two.





LEGO TOURNAMENT

A team from Year 8 took on a team from Year 9 in the Lego engineering challenge this term on Wednesday 12th of July.

The students competed in the Lego Spike Prime T challenge which introduced them to the world of robotics. With this challenge, competitors gradually learn the basics of building and programming autonomous robots using sensors. The teams worked together to build an effective competition robot and test and refine the programs using the design process to complete missions.

In the final challenge, each team completed various missions for points within an allotted time. Head-to-head it was the Year 8 team that came out on top and took the Lego trophy.





REWARDS AFTERNOON

The PE department hosted a Rewards Afternoon on Monday 17th July and for once the weather was on side. The afternoon was planned in order to recognise and reward the particular efforts and successes of any students that stood out in PE over the academic year. Students were invited to attend not only for

achievements but also for demonstrating qualities that are championed throughout The Arnewood School curriculum.

Almost 90 students were invited to take part in a fun rounders tournament and then to enjoy an ice lolly in the shade of the trees at the end of the day.





YEAR 6 INDUCTION

The Arnewood School was pleased to host the Year 6s that will make our next Year 7 cohort for two full days of induction. The pupils met their tutors and were placed in their tutor groups ahead of their start in September. To get a taste of life at Arnewood they attended classes and had lunch in the cafeteria. Head of Year 7, Mrs Timmis made sure there was plenty of fun activities to support team building and collaboration.

Over both days, pupils took part in a treasure hunt to see if they could attain or demonstrate 3 of the 5 qualities that are the bases of the pillars of the Arnewood

curriculum, namely collaboration, ambition and tolerance. At the end of the second day they attended an assembly to officially welcome them to The Arnewood School Community. They received badges and certificates in recognition of their efforts in the treasure hunt as well as their willingness to participate. After the assembly they all went out onto the field to enjoy an ice lolly together.





STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has recently started discussing ways in which we can improve our school environment, not only in providing new facilities for the school, but also in developing our school's organisation system which could enhance the future experience for pupils at Arnewood.

Firstly, The Student Council has heard and taken into account the student voice in regards to new facilities which could be added to the school. Together with the PSA we have discussed the addition of more picnic benches in outside areas, which would allow students to have a larger seating area for both lunch and break time, and also a covered eating area outside which would also allow students to have more options on where to eat and would make the back of the school less cramped as everyone would be able to have different places to spend the unstructured moments of the day. We have also looked into ways in which we could add more bins to reduce littering and increase the number of water fountains around the school. We agreed that the addition of goalposts in the field would be a valuable addition.

Secondly, The Student Council has also discussed with Mr Anderson the possibility of launching a house system in the school during the next academic year, which would be a way in which we can create a stronger and more connected community within the school. The Student Council considered the possibility of having either three or six houses, in which there would be either one or two tutor groups from each year group. The Student Council also suggested that house events and

competitions could be hosted, creating a community within the school walls. Houses could be identified by different coloured badges and each pupil's number of ADDS points could be added up to a 'House Total'.

The issue of litter around the school has been an ongoing topic of debate. The Student Council has proposed that litter picking could be a consequence for those who litter. Since the problem is severe however, measures need to be taken in the long term in order for littering to stop completely as the impact on the school environment is huge.

Overall, The Student Council has been discussing both the present and the future of The Arnewood School. As a member of The Student Council, I hope all these plans and ideas can be implemented to create a better school environment for everyone, staff and pupils alike.





The Arnewood Student Council organised a non-uniform day on Tuesday 18th July. In return for attending school in their own clothes pupils were asked to bring in food and consumable items that could be donated to The New Forest Basics Bank (NFBB). The NFBB is a Lymington based charity that provides food parcels and poverty alleviation in the Southern New Forest Area. The Food Bank help to provide essentials for hundreds of people in need, they are 100% independent completely reliant on donated food, household items and personal hygiene items.



The Student Council with some of the donated items on the non-uniform day they organised.

and consumables filled the entire reception corridor.

and toiletries.

The donations proved too numerous to fit in Miss Tristram's car so the School Minibus was commissioned to make the delivery to the NFBB. The items filled up 8 trolley

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Student Council, overseen by teacher Miss Grace Tristram is always looking for ways to improve the school and local community through their endeavours. They were overwhelmed with the response as groceries, food

Miss Tristram said, "It was lovely to see so many staff and students contributing to the Basics Bank donation. When we were offered a non-uniform day The Student Council were asked about what causes we could raise awareness of, and they were all in agreement that donating to the Basics Bank was the best idea."

Tesco Community Champion, Amanda saw a social media post from the school and responded generously by donating groceries that were already set out in meal plans



Tesco Community Champion, Amanda adding to the donation.



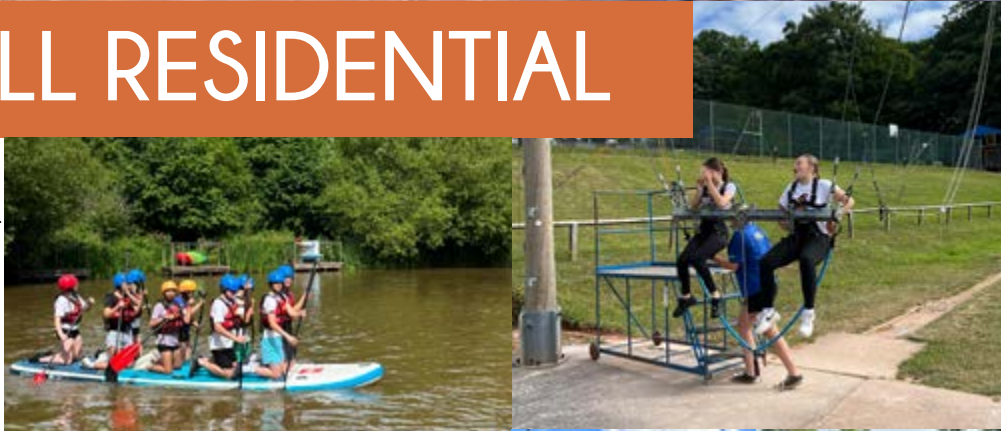
Miss Tristram with volunteers from the food bank and the 8 trolley loads of groceries.

loads and a spokesperson for the basics bank said that it was, "Fantastic to receive 8 trolley loads of donations from The Arnewood School's non-uniform day! A BIG thank you to all students, school staff & parents."



BARTON HALL RESIDENTIAL

Year 9 Students had the opportunity to attend a PGL trip to Barton Hall, Torquay from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th of June. It was a busy and active weekend, but plenty of fun was had by all.





THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL
Parent & Staff Association

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We would like to thank everyone that plays the weekly school lottery, especially those that have generously donated their prize winnings this year. As a reminder our school uniform shop is available to purchase pre-loved second hand uniform in readiness for September – click on the burgundy tab [“PSA Online Uniform”](#)

We are looking forward to putting on some exciting fundraising activities and events in the next school year. We will be holding our AGM in the Autumn term, it's a great opportunity to come along and say hello! You can keep up to date with all the PSA events and news on our [Facebook page](#).

We would like to wish
everyone a wonderful
summer!

Your PSA Team

Sheralee Coles, Kat Smith,
Tom Herbert, Niks Buchan
and Nicki Benoit-Means

PSA FUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS

We are drawing to the close of another school year, and we would like to thank all the parents and staff for their support in this school year. Your support has enabled us to raise vital funds for our wonderful school and from which all students benefit.

This year we have contributed £2,000 to The Zone, a £900 contribution towards the next school production costs and £1,000 to help kick start the brand-new Reading Cannon project, which was rolled out to year 7's this year. Each year 7 tutor reads a book in tutor time and every pupil has a copy of the book and reading ruler to follow along. It was so well received that we are in the process of providing further funds for this scheme, so that new books can be purchased to follow the year 7's into year 8.

As we say goodbye to some key PSA Committee members, whose children have finished Year 11 and sixth form, we are still looking for more parent and staff support and would welcome any volunteers to join our Committee. We would love to hear from anyone with previous fundraising experience, as we look to



strengthen our team. In particular we are keen to hear from our new Year 7 parents, it's a great way to meet other parents in the transition to secondary school and we do have some fun social evenings out.

These are volunteer roles. We are all working parents who enjoy giving something back to the school. Any time you have spare is appreciated - if you can spare a couple of hours to help volunteer at our fundraising events, or if you would like to join the Committee team as one of our members, we would love to hear from you – please email us at psa@arnewood.hants.sch.uk

If you can't spare the time but would still like to help to raise funds to support your children, then why not sign up to our school lottery. This is by far our highest earning PSA activity fundraiser and such an easy way to support the school. [Play along here:](#)



Thanks to funds raised by our incredibly generous PSA, Year 7 have been reading from our reading canon - 6 books that have been chosen for their wonderful writing and powerful themes. The books in the Year 7 Canon are:

A kind of Spark By Elle McNicoll
Now is the Time for Running By Michael Williams
The Bone Sparrow By Zana Fraillon
The Girl of Ink and Stars By Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Refugee Boy By Benjamin Zaephaniah
Fake By Ele Fountain

TUTOR READING

7LBE have been 'The Bone Sparrow' by Zana Fraillon in their tutor sessions this half term. The book is set in an immigration detention centre and tells the story of the friendship between Subhi, a ten-year-old refugee boy, and Jimmie, an illiterate young girl who appears on the other side of the fence. The novel gives a harrowing insight into life as a refugee, and deals with themes of friendship, courage, cruelty and resilience.

So far, there has been notable success in the tutor reading scheme and positive feedback from both tutors and pupils alike.

ARENWOOD SIXTH PROM





YEAR 7 WATERPARK

Year 7 got to spend their End of Term Activity Day at Dorset Adventure Park on Wednesday 19th July 2023 .

Dorset Adventure Park features a total wipeout style aqua park as well as a fun mud trail assault course with over 50 challenging obstacles. The park is located at Corfe Castle, Dorset and is surrounded by breath-taking views of the Purbeck countryside with the historic Corfe Castle as a backdrop. The park features 18 acres of woodland with two fully

lifeguarded lakes.

During the day, students spent approximately 90 minutes on the mud trail and approximately 90 minutes in the water park. The activities were physically challenging and required teamwork which helped develop important social and life-skills for the students. Mud was guaranteed and as you can see from the photos that promise did not disappoint.







EXPRESSIVE ARTS AWARDS

On the 18th of July the Expressive Arts Department gathered with the wider school community to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students throughout this academic year. The Expressive Arts Awards recognises and honours the hard work, passion, and exceptional skills of students in the disciplines of the arts.

The sheer quantity of nominations serves as a testament to The Arnewood School's commitment to the Arts in a world that often solely emphasizes academic pursuits. The number of students studying arts in school across the nation continues to decline but The Arnewood School proudly celebrates the high number of students studying music, drama, art, and photography. We are grateful to be part of a school that champions the arts and firmly believes in the transformative power of creativity.

This academic year has been yet another successful chapter in our expressive arts journey. Our students have been offered so many opportunities through productions, workshops, theatre and art gallery trips, recitals, and concerts. The Expressive Arts has the power to bring joy, foster self-expression, and nurture imagination. It encourages collaboration, empathy, and critical thinking. It teaches us that there are no boundaries to what we can achieve when we allow our creativity to flourish.

In her welcoming speech, Head of Expressive Arts, Mrs K Watson said "I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to my dedicated colleagues. Their unwavering commitment to their students' growth and development has played an instrumental role in shaping the success we celebrate tonight. Their guidance and mentorship have been invaluable, and I hope like me, you appreciate their tireless efforts."

Mrs Watson went on to say "The true stars of the evening are our students. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of your artistic journey, for your unwavering dedication, and for consistently pushing yourself to achieve greater heights. Your hard work, creativity, and passion are an inspiration to us all."

Special guests included alumni student Emily Drew who returned to Arnewood to talk about her time at university and how her studies within the Arts have helped her to progress her career as a lawyer. The school also welcomed the phenomenal playwright, Mark Wheeler, who specialises in writing plays using verbatim. Mark began his career as a drama teacher, where he also ran a youth theatre. His plays have been on Drama GCSE exam specifications for Edexcel and OCR making him one of the most studied contemporary playwrights in the UK. Year 9 students have just finished studying his play Missing Dan Nolan. We are incredibly grateful that he has offered us his time to give out the awards and speak to us tonight about his career.

Once again, congratulations to all the nominees and awardees, your hard work, passion, and skill that have made this academic year truly remarkable.



YEAR 11 PROM

On Wednesday the 5th of July our Year 11s donned their finery and braved the drizzly weather to attend their Prom at Elmers Court Hotel in Lymington. Miss Begum was on hand to take photos at the event. It was great to see the students finally able to relax after the months of hard graft during the exam period.





ARNEWOOD ALUMNI Q & A

FINBAR KANE

Finbar graduated Arnewood Sixth in 2019 and moved on to pursue a career in golf. He recently got the call to participate in the final qualifying for the Open Championship. We caught up with him to find out more.

Q: What path have you taken to reach this point in your golfing career?

A: Coming out of Arnewood I decided to do my Professional golf studies degree at Birmingham university. This qualification enables me to be a coach and learn the golf industry skills for all areas. I am going into my final year this September.

Can you describe how it felt to get the call up to the Open?

I knew I was on the cusp as I was 30th reserve but getting the call a day before and having to travel to Scotland was a big rush. Felt like a good achievement in the right direction.

How does participating in final qualifying for the Open Championship relate to your goals?

It definitely has been a goal of mine as I wish to compete at the highest level once I qualify from my degree. So that is a positive step in proving that I'm good enough to compete at that level.

Are there any particular challenges have you faced and what are you doing to overcome them?

Tiredness with my full time job and then playing tournaments on my days off is always a tough one to balance. So trying to sleep when I can always helps!

What are your major highlights and achievements within your golfing career?

I have won 14 professional tournaments in 80 events which is a good record for the moment.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in sports?

I have always loved every sport so i couldn't imagine myself doing a 9-5 desk job.

Is there a coach or professional that you look up to as a role model and why?

My coach Matt Belsham who teaches many DP world tour, PGA tour and LPGA players. He's been a big inspiration as well as Rory McIlroy and Justin Rose.



SPORTS DAY

After 2 postponements due to bad weather, we finally managed to have our Sports Day. On Thursday 20th of July, the sun came out, the crowds were on form, the athletes brought their A game, and Sports Day turned out to be worth the wait. Here are some of the photos from this iconic Arnewood day!

