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COMING UP

MONDAY 15TH APRIL

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**STUDENT COUNCIL
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**MAYFLOWER DRAMA TRIP
COME FROM AWAYz**

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

PARENT FORUM

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

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**STUDENT COUNCIL
MEETING**

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Y12 LIFE SKILLS

TUESDAY 14TH MAY

**MAYFLOWER DRAMA TRIP
LIFE OF PI**

FRIDAY 17TH MAY

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FRIDAY 24TH MAY

Y7 WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

**Y11 PREFECTS THORPE
PARK TRIP**

27TH - 31ST MAY

HALF TERM

THE ARNEWOOD
SINGERS
MUSIC GROUP



TUESDAY
3.00 - 4.15PM
LOCATION A51
OPEN TO ALL YEARS
WITH MR BYLES
STARTS 20TH FEB

SCIENCE CLUB
YEAR 7 WEDNESDAY 3-4PM

**Witchcraft
and
Wizardry**

SORTING HAT | POTIONS | INVISIBILITY CLOAKS
HERBOLGY | LEVITATION | APPARITION | CHARMS
CARE OF MYTHICAL CREATURES



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. The first UK event was held in 1997 and it has continued to grow year-on-year over the last 25 years. It is now marked in over 100 countries across the globe. It is synonymous with fun and fancy dress in the name of reading for pleasure and offering all young people the opportunity to have a book of their own. The case is no different at The Arnewood School as we all embraced World Book Day with gusto this year.

Staff and students were invited to dress up as a character from a book and a whole array of amazing activities were planned out by Mrs Anderson and Mrs Atkins. Staff decorated their doors in the theme of different books and took part in a dress up competition. £500 of donations were raised towards the Reading Canon. Book tokens were distributed to all students.

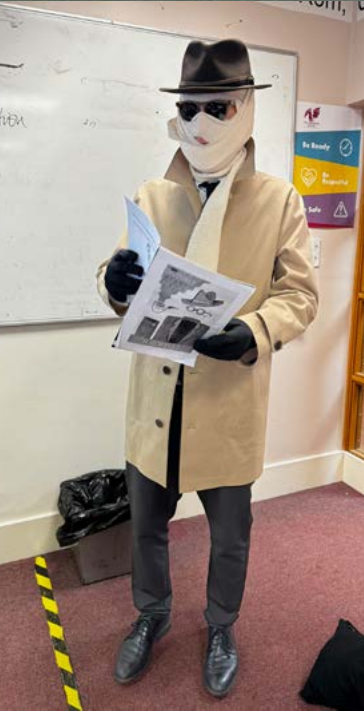
The library hosted a book tasting session and a competition where students design a character on a wooden spoon. Students also took part in a 'book treasure hunt', where staff attached mini book cover to their lanyards and students had to collect as many books as possible.

The whole school also read a "story in a day" again this year. The story was divided into five chunks and read to classes across all 5 periods. By the end of the day, they had heard the entire story.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success - more than their family circumstances, their parent's educational background or their income. The importance of reading, creativity and expression is fundamental to the Arnewood experience.

Headteacher Mr Anderson said, "We went all out for World Book Day this year. Literacy and fostering a love of reading is so important to The Arnewood School. It was great to see students and teachers across all departments supporting each other and fully embracing the celebrations."





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On the 29th of February, drama students experienced a very special workshop presented by Kerry Frampton. The devising workshop was open to years 9, 10 and 12 and ran for the entire school day.

Kerry Frampton is the founder and Artistic Director of Splendid Productions, she is an Olivier Award Nominated actor, and will be directing and performing at The Globe this summer. Kerry is a passionate advocate of drama in schools and has been educating and encouraging young people through drama for the last 18 years.

Head of Drama Mrs Watson said "the workshop concentrated on the techniques that would help students to achieve highly in their upcoming devising exams. Kerry is an incredible practitioner and left the students with an invaluable experience."

KERRY FRAMPTON DRAMA WORKSHOP





YEAR 12 LIFE SKILLS

As part of the year 12 Life skills programme, Claire Sutton from ASK apprenticeships, came in to deliver a presentation and workshop on the different levels of apprenticeship. students were given some excellent practical examples of the Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and were able to find out the process for accessing these fantastic career paths. The workshops provided a great opportunity for the students to use our careers platform Unifrog to support finding out about their next steps.



Thank you to the students who represented The Arnewood School at the annual civic service held at St Mary Magdalene Church on Sunday. Four year 7s, Charlotte, Zoey, Archie and Isabel attended the service and both Charlotte and Isabel performed their readings excellently.



Rhiannon Gilbert played in the New Milton Music Festival and earned a distinction in the g6 brass solo class, taking home the silver medal. It was a large and competitive class and Rhiannon played her solo, 'The Girl with the Flaxen Hair' by Debussy, beautifully.

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AI SIXTH FORM ASSEMBLY



With Artificial Intelligence (AI) being in the media regularly, and students being exposed to AI on a day-to-day basis, the sixth form students had Solent University come in to present to them about how they can use AI positively to impact on their education and next steps. The presentation highlighted how important it is not to rely on the software and use it in conjunction with other forms of literature to inform opinion. The students were blown away by Khalid, the lecturer from Solent University, who was visually impaired and presenting from a braille mat at the front of the Hall.

What a privilege it's been to run the Year 8 football team this year! The squad have been a credit to themselves, to each other, their year group and to The Arnewood School! The boys worked hard for one another from the get-go. Their positive attitude, teamwork and regular training regime saw them reach the semi-finals of the Town Cup.

We kicked off the season with a comfortable 2-0 victory over BCS. Our new goalkeeper for this season, Finley Gaunt, proved a safe pair of hands making some impressive saves. Our captain, Ethan Price led by example in defence. His strength and composure on the ball got us out of trouble on many occasions. Superb Ethan! Supported by a choice of our other strong defenders; Harley Cooper, Thomas McCarrick, Drew Dadson, Ryan Annette-Kelsey, Lucas Russell and later in the season, Isaac Dibben, we saw off plenty of attacks.

Our next game v St Peters' was a real 'ding dong'. It was such an exciting game but unfortunately, we conceded in the last minute to finish 5-4 against us.

Throughout the season our creative midfield was an instrumental part in our success. The hard work of Riley Milligan, Ethan McCue, Rylee Hopkins together with the skill of Seth



YEAR 8 TOWN CUP SEMI FINALISTS **OUR 'BAND OF BROTHERS'**

by Mr S Smailes (Year 8 Team Manager)

Price (including his goal of the season!) put us in many strong attacking positions. A special mention must go to Will Mercado, Charly Wallace and Jack Forbes, who formed a special relationship on the pitch. All three were determined and tenacious in our attack and their hunt for goals and together were successful in breaking down the opponents' defence. A highlight for us was defeating a strong Highcliffe team 7-2 with Jack Forbes converting most of the chances presented to him, bagging 5 goals! Amazing work! The icing on the cake was this victory being witnessed by our many home supporters – so thank you to the wider Year 8 team!

Other results were a convincing 8-1 win against the Grange and an exciting 3-3 draw v Twynham. These results took us to the Semi-finals of Town Cup where we were defeated by Bournemouth School. The boys can be incredibly proud of their season, particularly with their Teamwork – the way they consistently worked for one other. I'm already looking forward to next season with this 'Band of Brothers'.

Our 'Player of the Season' is awarded to our Kingpin Charly Wallace for his maturity, composure, skill and determination. Great work Charly!

LEARNING SUPPORT

HOMEWORK CLUB

ALL YEARS WELCOME
3-4PM EVERY DAY

STUCK AND NEED HELP
WITH HOMEWORK

OR A PLACE TO CATCH UP
ON REVISION

WE CAN HELP!

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YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

By Mr Colman



The year 7 football team made it all the way to the semi-final of the Hampshire Cup but lost to John Hansen School in Andover. It was a fantastic achievement by the team to reach this round of the competition and they certainly did themselves proud on the pitch. The year 7's also finished 3rd in the Bournemouth Schools league that were narrowly pipped to second place by St. Peter's. Well done to all involved.

U16 GIRLS FOOTBALL

By Mrs Saywell

"The U16 girls football team have been competing in the New Forest League this term competing in fixtures at schools such as Ringwood and Burgate. Having struggled at the beginning league, Arnewood took on all feedback and built themselves up to finish the league on a huge high with 3 goals scored in their last game. They celebrated each other's success and have developed great sporting personalities. We look forward to what next year brings. Thank you for a great year."



CROSSCOUNTRY

Congratulations to Edward for his recent cross country achievements. He was chosen to represent the New Forest area for the County XC last week and came 62nd out of 111 runners helping the New Forest reach 3rd place overall for the U13 Boys. Well done!

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HARRY POTTER SCIENCE CLUB

by Mrs S Galton (Science Teacher), Mrs T Barnes (Technician) & Mrs S Stefanova (Technician)

Arnewood Science Club is designed to attract Year 7 students into the field of science using the medium of magic. The students are able to partake in a Discovery Crest Award recognised programme whilst enhancing their passion for Science in a hands-on approach. This will lead them into the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

So far, they have been sorted into their Hogwarts houses using the chemical magic of flame tests, created apparitions through the making of holograms and charmed beans and flowers. Their latest session involved competitive levitation. Future sessions will cover magical creatures, invisibility, potions and herbology lessons.

Science Club in Year 7 helps inspire the students of Arnewood to pursue further studies within the school leading to scientific careers in later life.





ROTARY

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

COMPETITION

By Mr P Clarke

The Arnewood School took two teams to compete in the Rotary Design and Technology competition at the Bournemouth Collegiate School on the 8th March. The students received their design brief on the day and had to design and make a vehicle to transport a Minotaur survival crate over a ravine. There were seven other school and 15 teams competing in their category. Arnewood students, who were competing in the tournament for the first time, put in an outstanding performance and were placed just outside the first three teams.

The guest speaker was Spike Jepson, a former officer commanding and team leader for the Red Arrows, he was very complementary of our student's effort and ingenuity.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day and deserve to be congratulated for such outstanding effort.

Team A – Charlie Blackburn, Izzie Hendy, Ben Couch, Caleb Perryman
Team B – Theo McCrey, Lucy Knight, Logan Mawer, Ryan Annette-Kelsey.

YEAR 10 ADVENTURE SPORTS

Head of Year, Mr Vibert, organised for Dorset Adventure Sports to visit The Arnewood School and put on a host of activities as a reward for year 10 students this term. Dorset Adventure Sports is a local and trendsetting outdoor activity provider hailing from humble beginnings as a family run business. They now boast two activity centres in Bournemouth and Dorchester as well as a mobile events team.

The rewards event took place on Thursday 21st March and the activities included, laser tag, an inflatable bungee run and sumo suit wrestling. Laser tag was set up out on the school astro and the other activities took place in the school gym. Students were split into two groups with one starting in the gym and the other on the astro and then swapping locations at half time.

The inflatable bungee was set up in the school gym and provided tons of entertainment. Students strapped themselves to the bungee cord and then raced along the inflatable track to place a Velcro marker further than their opponent. Every step forward increases resistance on the bungee, eventually pinging

the wearer backwards through the air!

The bulky sumo suits were not only hilarious but are made for maximum protection, with thick



foam padding to absorb any impact to the body, head and neck. The wrestling mat is also padded. The aim of the activity is to wrestle your opponent from the ring or flatten them into submission on the mat. Students used all the tactics at their disposal to push, tackle or trip their way to victory. The Sumo wrestling experience seemed to delight and amuse as participant donned the suits again and again and everyone enjoyed watching.

Mr Vibert said, "Every student got involved and really enjoyed themselves, I was impressed that they all had the confidence to have a go. The year 10s demonstrated some great teamwork in the laser tag and the Dorset Adventure Sports company commented on how polite and well-mannered all of our kids were, so I couldn't be prouder."

Headteacher Mr Anderson said. "I have to say that Mr Vibert pulled off an incredible rewards day, the students behaviour was exemplary and they had a fantastic time."



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The Arnewood School's Easter Concert this year was outstanding, the strength of performance from every single student was remarkable. On Thursday 21st of March our most talented music students took to the stage and delivered a concert that wowed the audience and left staff feeling incredibly proud.

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Thank you to all the students and staff that made the event a success with special thanks to Mr Byles for organising the concert and giving our students the opportunity to shine.

Staff members supported by playing instruments, singing, and working behind the scenes. Year 10 student, Darcy demonstrated a wonderful interpretation of the music conducting the String Ensemble to balance beautifully as they played "My Favourite Things." Year 11 cellist, Sammy performed such an elegant recital of Elgar's Cello Concerto Movement 1' that perfectly conveyed the emotion of the piece and left the audience with goosebumps.

Head of Music, Mr Byles said "I couldn't be prouder of the group of students that participated in the Easter Concert, the standard of performance was incredible! It is so important to pay attention to young people with musical talent and to cultivate it."



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19 students and 2 teachers from Hispania College in Murcia, Spain joined The Arnewood School on a cultural exchange trip for four days from the 4th to the 7th of March. On the first day Hispania College students were buddied up with Arnewood students. Our Spanish visitors were hosted in school and taken on day trips with their buddies.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Itinerary organiser and Head of Year, Miss Vincent said. It was a pleasure to see students from both schools interacting with each other. The whole group gelled well together and seemed to really make the most of each other's company."

The first trip out was to the ornate 13th century, Salisbury Cathedral. In proper British fashion, the minibuses were held up on route, stuck behind a tractor in persistent rain. The delay didn't dampen the experience as students were genuinely astounded by the vastness of the Cathedral and the methods that would have been used to construct it back in the 13th century. The Hispania College students happened to be studying British Gothic architecture at the time which coincided perfectly with their visit. The group stopped for a spot of tea and cake at the café during their tour. After viewing the Magna Carta, they enjoyed a picnic lunch in the Cathedral cloisters



and a visit to the gift shop.

On the last day of hosting, students had a more relaxed plan with the aim of giving them more time to connect and learn about each other's cultural backgrounds. The first port of call was one of Arnewood's favourite spots, bowling at Hollywood bowl in Poole.

After bowling, they indulged in the very British tradition of fish and chips on the beach at



Bournemouth's Branksome Chine beach. The sun made an appearance and some students relaxed while other collected shells and enjoyed the sights. To end the day, the group marked out a football pitch on a wide stretch of sand and played football together. Much to their delight, Hispania College students were awarded Arnewood Community certificates to mark the experience.

Headteacher, Mr Anderson said, "It has been encouraging to see our own students acting so responsibly as hosts, I believe they have played a huge role in making an enjoyable experience for our visitors."