

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025



## Arnewood's Spring Term

Many thanks to Team Arnewood, staff and students for making the spring term a successful one.

### SUMMER TERM 2025

School starts Tuesday 22nd April and ends on Friday 18th July 2025.

Half term from Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025.

INSET days: 21st and 22nd July.

## Pawsome Visitors

Wagging tails and big smiles were seen around The Arnewood School earlier this week during a visit from the Hampshire Safe Dog Unit. The adorable, Bentley and Loki did an excellent job ensuring our school site remains safe. Students were thrilled to meet both dogs and see them at work. Mrs Maidment's Criminology class were fortunate to be involved in a test scenerio to witness Loki's super olfactory senses at their best. What a pawsitively awesome experience!



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## world book day 2025

This year's theme for World Book Day was 'Read Your Way', designed to encourage more of our students to enjoy reading for pleasure, however they wish to! 'Read Your Way' called on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice, and a chance, to enjoy reading.

With this in mind, we chose to celebrate for the whole week, with lots of activities designed to encourage conversations around reading.



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Staff submitted photos of their bookshelves for students to guess who they belonged to: These ones belong to me (Mrs Atkins), and Miss Hardiman (History). There were also 'shelfies' from a number of other staff, including Mr Jaggar (ICT), Mrs Anderson (English) and Mr Nicholson (Geography), and students really enjoyed trying to work out who owned them.

Throughout the week, we held a 'Where's Wally' hunt, where Wally went for a wander around the school, and students were given a clue each morning as to where he had been. They then had to find a token in his location and bring it to the library to claim their very own Where's Wally book as a prize.



Staff dressed up as book characters on the Thursday and there was a wonderful variety of inventive costumes. My favourite moment of the day was bumping into Professor Snape (Mr Hutson) having a conversation with a banana (Mr Colman)! The winning staff costumes were from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (Drama) and Oliver Twist (Finance and Admin). There were also some fantastic costumes from students, with Charlotte B (The Lorax) and Layla C (Smurfette) from Sixth Form having particularly brilliant efforts.

We had a wonderful World Book Week, and we hope that the activities inspired valuable conversations about reading and encouraged our students to read their way.

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# history trip to Poland

by Charlotte Hook

During February half term, a group of 22 students and 2 teachers went on a history trip to Krakow, Poland. Whilst we were there, we visited 3 museums - The Schindler Factory, The Jewish Galicia Museum and The Pharmacy Under the Eagle. At each of the museums, we had our own tour guide who showed us round and told us different facts about each museum. At the Jewish Galicia Museum, after our tour, we were fortunate enough to meet the daughter of a holocaust survivor, who told us about her mother's life and shared some artefacts with us. The Pharmacy Under the Eagle was a pharmacy in a Jewish ghetto, the only one to stay open in the ghetto, owned and run by Tadeusz Pankiewicz.

The most poignant experience of the trip was the visit to Auschwitz, and Auschwitz – Birkenau. During the tour of Auschwitz, we were given a headset each which our tour guide spoke to us through. He showed us round some of the buildings which the Jews stayed in, and the harsh, cramped conditions which they faced. We were also shown the great mass of shoes, suitcases, fake limbs, glasses, pots and pans, and even some of the children's clothes during the tour. We were then taken into the gas chamber of Auschwitz which I can say for everyone that we all found this incredibly heart wrenching and moving. After our tour of Auschwitz, we took the coach a short way to Auschwitz – Birkenau where we received another tour. We saw where the Jews were sorted, either straight to a gas chamber, or to be assigned a job. We then walked the 800m which the Jews had to walk to their inevitable death, the gas chamber. We were then taken into another building where some of the Jews slept in unimaginable, tough conditions.

Each evening, we were able to explore Kraków's beautiful old town, where we bought souvenirs and then went to restaurants for dinner. There was still some time to unwind, have fun and enjoy the shared experience. To relax we went bowling as a group in the evening following both trips to Auschwitz.





## New Milton music festival

by Mr M Byles

Over 30 Arnewood students represented the school in the New Milton Music Festival this weekend, coming away with 2 certificates of merits, a certificate of distinction and individually Alice Cooper for a certificate of distinction and a silver medal for her performance of a Bach Gavotte on the violin.

The day started with the Arnewood orchestra getting some lovely feedback from the adjudicator about the amazing conductor (Rhiannon Gilbert year 10) and our lyrical playing culminating in a certificate of merit and trophy.

In the afternoon the Frozen choir entered a performance rather

than being part of the competition but despite this we still got some amazing feedback, both about our soloists, Bonnie Blake, Poppy Flynn, Louis Lyons and Allana Vincent and about the "outstanding choir". The choir received a certificate of distinction.

Finally our string group performed in the string ensemble competition finishing the day with a certificate of merit and a trophy.

It was a lovely day and a delight to see Arnewood students representing the school and music department within the community.



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## Learning Support SEND Workplace Visits

Earlier this month, a small group of Year 7 and Year 9 students were invited to visit a local workplace, Scorpion Vision, via the Hampshire Careers Hub. The students enjoyed a tour of the company's facility in Lymington that designs and builds imaging products for a wide range of clients. They are an award-winning technology business at the forefront of their field and a global leader in 3D machine vision. The students even had the chance to operate one of the robotic automated systems and learn how this top of the range technology is used in various manufacturing processes such a system that inspects the LED panels used on the front of buses, a 2D vision system that locates pet food pouches in warehouses and special cameras that can scan, measure and even trim vegetables ready to be sold in supermarkets!

## Speech & Language Therapy (SALT)

We recently introduced targeted speech and language therapy interventions, which are run by Mrs Helsby, who is supporting a number of students in this area. Mrs Helsby is really proud with how well the students are engaging with this support; "Good communication is a vital life skill, being able to talk in a confident manner and enjoy your conversations with others is the key to a meaningful transition into adulthood. The therapies are relaxed and fun and I am so impressed with the students that I have the privilege and pleasure to work with".





## county cross country success

Three Arnewood students represented the New Forest district at the county XC championships on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Leighton Grace and Devone Riley from year 7 and Edward Knight from year 8. Devonne participated and finished the race despite feeling unwell. Edward came in 69<sup>th</sup> and Leighton came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Leighton was selected to represent Hampshire at the Nationals in Essex.



## congratulations are in order

Arnewood Sixth student, Ed Shinn has recently caused rather a lot of excitement in the drama department. Ed, who played Kristof in The Arnewood's production of "Frozen" in January, was not only presented with an on the day offer to Performers College but has been accepted for a place at Guildford School of Acting for their Actor and Musician BA (Hons). There are only 20 places on the course and hundreds apply. This is an absolutely phenomenal achievement but one that could not be more well deserved. Congratulation Ed!



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### #ncw

During National Careers Week the 3rd – 7th March, we celebrated the vibrant futures that lie ahead for all our students. The week gave the students an opportunity to find out about some of the many different career paths that are available to them. Subject staff highlighted the different skills and qualities that are needed for some of these roles. During their time with us here at Arnewood and into the Sixth Form we will encourage them to take as many opportunities and embrace new challenge to bring them closer to their aspiration. This week we continued the theme into our assemblies and got students talking and thinking about different careers with a quiz game.



Arnewood Alumni, Maddie Saunders came in to present to our year 12 students. Maddie left us in 2023 to do an Apprenticeship with the Hendy group as a Marketing apprentice. Maddie's presentation was excellent and really engaging, the students thoroughly appreciated it.





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