

2nd July 2021

Dear all,

Simply, what an incredible week. We set out to lead a Super Curricular week to make up for so many of the broader educational experiences students have missed out on over the past year. Our ambitions were big but the reality has in so many ways been even better – simply seeing students immersed in such a rich range of opportunities, trying new things, working collaboratively, being brave and just having fun. I am not sure I can pick a favourite but the ‘Musical In A Day’ may be up there, the Sports Hall was vibrating! However, amongst this wonder of learning it has also been a very complex week as so many students, particularly in Year 10, have been unwell or required to self isolate. We are simply so sorry that they have missed out this week. I know how upsetting this has been for you as parents, our students but also for staff. Please know how missed absent students have been and that we are working hard to look at ways to provide some further opportunities.

COVID has sadly caused significant disruption this week. We have thoroughly reviewed our risk assessments and completed additional deep cleaning. I would ask that all parents redouble their efforts in ensuring that students take a Lateral Flow Test on Monday and Friday mornings, logging this on the school system, to ensure that we are taking every preventative step. If your child, or a member of your household, is presenting with any symptoms please take a cautious approach and do not send your child to school. Please contact us for advice.

Yesterday, we were delighted to launch our new campaign to build a performing arts studio at lower school – Raise the Roof. We are so looking forward to next steps here and know that this will be an incredible addition to our facilities. Please do have a look at the information later in the newsletter.

As you are aware, I have been working closely with the council, alongside many parents, across this year to improve safety in The Causeway. This work is taking on real pace and there is significant support to enable improvement in advance of the autumn. A new community group has been launched to accelerate work, please see details later in the newsletter about how you could help.

Finally, a reminder that students will be dismissed after lunch on Monday 5th July for the staff report writing afternoon. Thank you in advance for your support here.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand."* ~ Neil Armstrong

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Term dates for 2020 2021: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2020-2021/>

Term dates for 2021 2022: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2021-2022/>

July

Mon 5th – students dismissed after lunch for staff report writing

w/c 5th – Sports Week KS3 (taking place during regular PE lessons)

Weds 14th – Learning Review Day

Sat 17th – Archella Festival – will not be running in usual format, details to follow next week

Weds 21st – Archer Adventure

Thurs 22nd – End of summer term, students dismissed at 12 midday

September

Weds 1st – INSET day

Thurs 2nd – INSET day

Fri – 3rd – INSET day

Mon 6th – School starts for years 7, 10 & 11

Tues 7th – School for all year groups

REMINDERS:

Covid testing: Please continue to test on Mondays and Fridays to keep our community safe.

KEY INFORMATION:

Religious holidays: There are a number of religious holidays early next term. The school needs to know in advance if your child will be absent from school to observe any religious festivals. Please could you email: office@thearcheracademy.org.uk and mark the subject of the email 'Religious Observance Absence Request'. Please detail each day your child will be absent from school and for which festival. Days of absence will be authorised for students to attend religious events in a place of worship in accordance with Barnet guidelines. Please assume your request for absence has been authorised unless you hear from the school.

PASS Survey: Across the week of the 5th July we will be asking all students to complete the PASS survey. This supports the school in understanding students' attitudes towards school and can help identify unknown concerns.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION – Mrs Csaky



ARCHELLA AUCTION

Keep your eyes peeled for next week's Archella Auction launch! We have had an incredible response to our appeal. Just a few of the fabulous 200+ items donated so far include: Japanese cookery class, seaside holiday cottage, babysitting, Zumba class, language classes, cakes, dog walking, tooth whitening, magazine subscription, artisan cushions and a photo shoot. Please have a think about what you could rustle up! If you have any last minute items, please let us know: archerauction@gmail.com. We would like all Archer families to join in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help with the organisation of the auction and can lend a few hours to the school, please email: parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk or join the Archella WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DftEUyuYeuY0GyYugFGOKy>



HAVEN BOARDS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to have a board outside their home to support the school. We now have enough families to get the full £900 donation from Haven. The estate agent has selected the 60 addresses where they will put the boards up, in and around East Finchley.

WONDER WEEK – Ms Jouhal



WOW What a *wonderful* week it's been!

Our students have embarked on a variety of different workshops, watched shows, and listened to inspiring talks across the week all linked to our theme of the 'wonders of the world'.

On Monday we asked students 'what is wonder?' We wanted all our students to enter the week with a shared aim of the value and importance of wonder; being curious about the world we live in, wanting to discover new things, and so much more.

Our minimum offer for all students were: a trio of sporting activities, an author visit, a creative performance workshop, a specialist workshop by a subject professional, and a trip to the beach. All other workshops were randomly distributed across year groups and tutor groups.



The week started with a bang - creative art workshops, making favela's out of clay, turning trash into art, and creating artistic pieces with cyanotypes. Several students took part in hip hop dance workshops led by an Archer Alumni student, whereas others may have taken part in jujitsu lessons or used our Archer climbing wall exploring what it could be like climbing Mount Everest.

All students played a trio of sports across the week. Mr Constantinou led NFL American football, Mr Raghuvver taught everyone how to play Kabaddi, an Indian version of tag, and Mr Clark and Ms Lee hosted an ultimate frisbee game, to challenge who could throw a frisbee further than the Grand Canyon.

There were several inspirational talks across the week. All students saw an author visit from either Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg or Ashley Hickson-Lovence. Both were fantastic! Several students also saw inspirational talks from Charlie Walker and Tom Trueman, both incredible adventurers who have travelled the world.



Music was a key theme of the week too, including Steel Pans drumming, African drums, and even an Opera performance!

All students learn about the geographies of the beaches they were visiting, looking at the coastal defences found here. It was brilliant to see these in action on Thursday on the trip day too.

Students learnt about key themes of sustainability including the damaging impacts of plastic waste, and also reflected on their personal identities and the identities of others.

We hope all students had an enjoyable week. We look forward to Wonder Week 2022!

ARCHER ADVENTURE – Mr Morrison

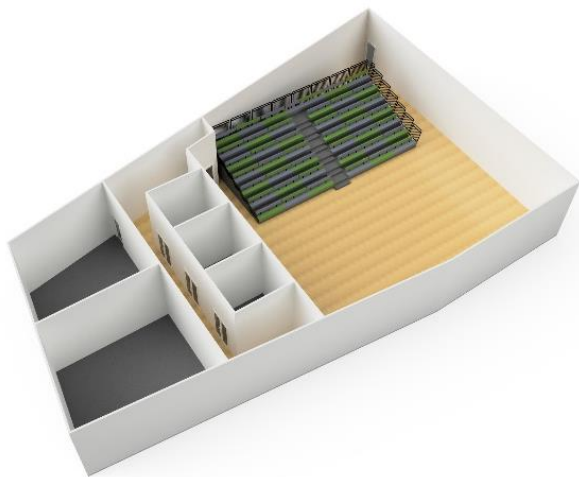


Archer Adventure 2021 – Wednesday 21st July

We are all very excited to confirm the return of the annual Archer Adventure. This is one of the most loved days of the school calendar when the entire Archer community sets out for an adventurous walk taking various routes through north London.

We are going to use the event to start our 'Raise the Roof' fundraising campaign and will be asking all participants to try to raise at least £10. Read all about Raise the Roof below. Full details about the walk will follow next week.

RAISE THE ROOF – Miss Rodford



The performing arts are a huge part of Archer Academy life, but we don't have a proper space for our talented young people to rehearse or perform. So we've launched Raise the Roof, a new campaign to build a bespoke dance, drama and music studio and performance space.

It will be kitted out with professional sound and lighting, retractable tiered seating and a sprung floor, so we can create, choreograph, stage manage, produce and deliver outstanding performances, and get more of the school community involved, on stage and behind the scenes.

Do you have any contacts who could help? We're seeking funding via major donors, corporate sponsorship and arts grants. So if you have any contacts in the performing arts world, or work for an organisation that might be able to support us, please get in touch. email fundraising@thearcheracademy.org.uk.

LEAVERS' CELEBRATIONS – Mr Mustafa

Thank you to Mrs Mahoney for the most incredible photos from our Leavers' celebration last week. Here are just a few images of an amazing evening and send off for our year 11s.





OUTDOOR CLASSROOM – Rachael Harvey

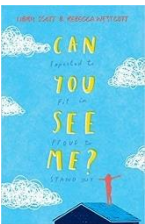


At last our entrance gate and fencing is in place with a little help from our friend Wojtek of WSBC builders. He also bought along some beautiful pieces of timber so we can create our own woodland furniture...Watch this space!

If you would like to get involved in this project, please email: volunteer@thearcheracademy.org.uk

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower school library:



Listen:

To Libby Scott, 13-year-old author of **Can You See Me?**, [describe](#) what going to school is like as a person on the autism spectrum.

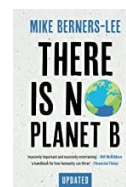
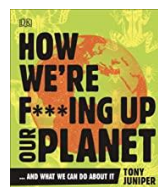
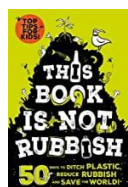
Now in the Lower School Library.



Read:

Are you a fan of **Jemima Small vs The Universe** and **Being Miss Nobody**? Tamsin Winter has produced another winner - **Girl, (In Real Life)**. For as long as she can remember, Eva's parents have been cashing in on her life via their YouTube channel—but as the content becomes ever more personal, does Eva have the courage to put her foot down and live her life in private?

Are you participating in Plastic-Free July? Here are some useful resources:



Book Reviews:

Ilgaz Y on *Rebel, Run*: My favourite part was the first time Amber acted against her father and stood up to him!

Incoming Y7s who have really knocked the reading ball out of the park!

Olivia SG, Vlad M, Nathalie M, Nuria R, Shachar AK, Taran G, Elizabeth O, Nathan H, Luca K.

Look:

As the summer holidays come closer, **please** take some time to look for Archer Library books! Relaxing under the bed, nestled in the bookcase, hiding under the sofa—tell them it's time to get back to work! You can deposit them in the box outside the Lower School Library.

Have a great weekend, everyone, and *keep reading!*

Upper school library:

I am so pleased to welcome students back to the library at upper school.

Library opening times are:

Monday 8.30am – 5pm

Tuesday 9.30am – 5pm

Wednesday 9.30am – 5pm

Thursday 9.30am – 5pm

Friday 8.30am – 4pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

FRIENDS OF THE CAUSEWAY

As parents may know, lockdown, and reduced foot traffic along the Causeway, have led to an increase in anti-social behaviour there. There have also been two serious sexual assaults. The Council is looking at how to make things safer. However, some steps, like cutting back hedges, are only temporary fixes.

If you would like to be part of a Friends of the Causeway group, keeping an eye on overgrown hedging or broken lightbulbs, and helping with occasional litterpicks, please email Julia Hines on juliahines@rocketmail.com . Thank you

Summer BACE Holidays: Book Now for Summer Activities

What is BACE Holidays? BACE Holidays stands for Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. Holidays! A project delivered in partnership by Barnet Council and Young Barnet Foundation and funded by the Department for Education to offer children and young people who currently receive free school meals to access enriching activities and a healthy lunch over the holiday periods.

School holidays can be pressure points for some families due to increased costs and reduced incomes. BACE Holidays is an inclusive programme for children and young people in Barnet to experience engaging and healthy activities with an emphasis on physical, emotional, and nutritional wellbeing during the school holidays.

Children and young people will be given the opportunity take part in an activity face to face at one of our Summer BACE Camps and receive a nutritionally balanced lunch. Activities may include; football, cricket, arts and crafts, performing arts and lots more. The Summer Camps are free and for all children currently in receipt of free school meals.

Supported by Marcus Rashford MBE & Henry Dimbleby MBE this project has lots to offer all! Check out our BACE Summer booklet [here](#). Any families who receive Free School Meals will be prioritised and can apply for activities over 16 days of the summer.

Starting Tuesday 27 July – Friday 20 August 2021

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 10 - Mr McSherry



What a 'Wonder'ful week! Lots of disruption I know but I hope all of your children have all had the opportunity to make the most of this week, whatever their capacity to do so!

The climate change workshops were really well received and Miss Bowles urges all students to watch David Attenborough's most recent documentary, available on Iplayer.

On MS Teams there is a creative writing task, Tassomai competition, an Archer Inventers project and a 'Never Let Me Go' reading project! Plenty to keep you busy and full of creativity.

I am proud of the resilience shown in the last days and weeks. A challenging time for all no doubt. I am looking forward to welcoming the whole year group back again, as soon as is possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Alex W - for embracing all that Wonder Week had to offer!
Lois B - for giving her all in the Zumba class!

Year 9 - Miss Alcock



Year 9 have had an outstanding week, year 9 have thrown themselves into all the different activities on offer. It was fantastic to see so many students put through their paces in dance, drama, music on Wednesday in the Musical In A Day.

The beach was a highlight of mine, seeing the students enjoying each other's company and taking part in a variety of sports with their tutors. Some highlights from students in the year were:

Erza - enjoyable week and I found going to beach fun

Matis - I enjoyed the beach, getting to spend time dancing, listening to music with my friends
Zara - fun filled week of new experiences
Nina - I loved the musical, it was a nice experience
Harith - I liked how everything was so different, for example the steel drums were from a place that isn't very well known

Next week year 9 start their transition to upper school. The programme will provide each student with 3 opportunities to go to upper school, a taster afternoon, a full day with their half of the year and a full day with the whole year group. Students will all be given the opportunity to have lessons and lunch at upper school. Throughout the transition programme, the students will be completing an activity booklet. I will be sharing an Eventbrite link next week for parents to sign up to have a tour of upper school, please note, spaces will be limited.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Asher I for his incredible support to me this week with Wonder Week

Year 8 - Mr Constantino



What a fantastic inaugural Wonder Week we have had. The students have so enjoyed the various activities they have taken part in, some of their highlights are below.

Molly - I had a great time at the beach with my friends
Rafael - trio of sports was great, our teamwork in ultimate frisbee was the highlight
Nava - the Zumba was so energetic and the atmosphere was great
Cara - the hip hop workshop was great, I feel like the whole form really bonded.
Zarah - the adventurer talk was great - he taught us to never give up and stay positive.
Alfie - being active at the beach and during the sports was the highlight of my week.

It's hard to believe there are only 3 weeks left of term, although there is still lots to look forward to in that time. Prefect interviews are next on the agenda, I have so enjoyed reading all the applications and can't wait to begin the process.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Jack F - being so resilient on the beach trip
Nicholai E - for leading from the front during Zumba!

Year 7 – Mr Wick



WOW What a week!

Students were able to answer the question: "What is wonder?" - Speaking to many of the Y7s, answers included

- A feeling of amazement and admiration
- Looking at something beautiful
- Experiencing the unfamiliar

This week inspired the year 7 archer community to feel wonder, to want to discover new things, to feel curious about the world we live in, and so much more, in keeping with our theme 'wonders of the world'. Some of the wonderful highlights of our wonder week included creative art workshops, making clay favelas inspired by Brazil, painting rainbows, working with cyanotypes, or even creating Chinese folk art out of dough. We had the chance to recreate the 7 wonders of the world using arts and crafts, and some of us got to upcycle items from trash using poly fusion.

All students got to play a trio of sports. Mr Constantinou led NFL American football, inspired by when he lived in the USA. Mr Raghveer taught everyone how to play Kabaddi, the Indian version of tag. And Mr Clark and Ms Lee hosted an ultimate frisbee challenge to see who could throw a frisbee further than the Grand Canyon!

Music played a big part during the course of the week. The steel pan workshops were magical, as well as the African drum lessons! It was great to learn about the musical instruments from Trinidad and Tobago.

Dance and drama were brilliant too. Some lucky year 7s got to do Greek theatre shows. And some classes had a go at Hip Hop dancing, led by one of our Archer Alumni students! We felt very proud.

Some year 7s got to play with VR headsets to see what life would be like in Aboriginal Australia; as well as playing with expensive and whizzy robots. Maybe one day robots will take over our future...?!

The week also had themed lunches from all around the world, from Egypt to Mexico! The school building was decorated and filled with so much bright energy and excitement.

On top of all of this, year 7 had our beach visit to Broadstairs! Activities such as rock pool exploration, sand castle competitions, kick-rounders, literary and art clubs!

★ **Stars of the Week** ★

Skye D for her incredible resilience on the coach journey to Broadstairs
Alan W for his brilliant engagement with Wonder Week