

# Our value for February is Kindness

## Newsletter

Spring Term

10th February 23



### Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now half way through this academic year! You may have noticed your child suddenly looking taller and more grown up. In this next half of the year you should notice lots of their strands of learning coming together and a sudden growth in their confidence and ability to complete age appropriate tasks independently. If you've persevered with supporting your child to learn spellings, read their book, complete their reading comprehension or practise their arithmetic then you should by now be able to see significant progress and they should be finding the task easier. If you have not yet established good routines for home learning, now is still a good time to start. Enjoy the half term break but plan in some helpful learning routines for the spring and summer. If sticking to routines and establishing boundaries is proving challenging at the moment in your house do not be afraid to ask for help - Sharmina our Family Support Worker is always keen to help or you might really enjoy the excellent Parent Gym course that will be starting after half term - please register at the office.

After the holiday we will be running a series of parent meetings in different year groups to share details of the curriculum and special events that we have planned -look out for the dates on the back page of this newsletter and on Parenthub.

**Jemima Wade, Headteacher**

### Safer Internet Day & Children's Mental Health Week at Argyle

To mark Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week, Internet Safety workshops took place across the school. The workshops focused on how to be respectful online and explained some of the dangers that can happen when playing or chatting to friends online. The children were given different scenarios in which they had to discuss whether the behaviour was safe and respectful.



We should respect confidentiality and never give away our personal information. - **Aaliyah, 4 Onyx**

We need to take care of ourselves when using the internet by not telling people our passwords. - **Imran, 4 Onyx**

Don't download any game you see as sometimes, instead of being a game, it could be a virus. - **Cyrus, 4 Onyx**

Don't trust everything you see online. - **Sabriya, 4 Onyx**

If you're not sure about something you see on the internet, you can always ask your parents or teachers. - **Vanessa, 4 Onyx**

If someone's rude online, take a screenshot, report them and tell your parent or carer. - **Sorayah, 4 Onyx**

Don't give your name to strangers on online games. - **Dahlia, 1 Jade**

Don't say your school name. - **Yamin, 1 Jade**

Don't tell them how old you are. - **Prince, 1 Jade**



# School Council Fundraiser - Turkey Earthquake

## Coming up after half term

School Council would like to organise a fund raiser to help those who have been affected by the earthquake in Turkey.



They would like to raise money to donate to DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) who are a charity that is made up of 15 leading charities helping the humanitarian effort in the region. More information can be found on their website, <https://www.dec.org.uk>.



On **Friday 24th February**, school council have suggested a pizzas and pancakes sale after school to raise money. More details will be sent out via

ParentHub on Monday when we return from half term.

## Community Notices in our area

### CAMDEN LEISURE CENTRE



This Half Term we are delighted to be offering a variety of activities that are set to have your children excited to share what they've been doing over the holidays. These activities range from swimming for all the family, learn to swim short courses and junior gym. There really is something new for young people to get involved with in Camden this half-term. The Holiday Programme runs from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

#### Swim For All

No matter your fitness, 'Swim for All' sessions are perfect if you're looking to build your confidence, work on strokes, float away stress, or simply enjoy a casual swim with family and friends. 'Swim for All' sessions are suitable for all ages, in pools across Camden.

#### Kids for a Quid

The Kids Swim for a Quid initiative will be available in all of our leisure centres in Camden during February half-term from Monday 13th February. This half-term, under 16s will be able to swim in our pools during Swim For All sessions for £1, every day until 10am.

#### Crash Courses

Our lessons are suitable for children 4 years and over. Teaching the essential swimming skills to ensure they learn to be safe in and around water. These courses cover basic techniques for all 4 strokes if you're a beginner or improving.

#### Junior Gym

A dedicated session where teens and older children aged between 11-15 years old can access the gym and get active. Sessions have a member of staff present, so if you are unfamiliar with any equipment, you can always ask them for safety advice. All juniors, however, are required to book a junior gym induction prior to attending the session.

#### Soft Play

Soft Play gives children the freedom to play and use their imagination in a specially-built maze of ball pits, slides and rope swings. We run drop in sessions throughout the week and you are free to come along at any time to any session and join the fun.

#### Memberships

Whether you want to make a one off payment or monthly payment we have a wide range of memberships on offer **Pay and Play Junior U16s: £5.60/ Pay and Play Over 16s: £40.20/Monthly junior: £17.10 or Concessionary: £13.40** [www.better.org.uk/memberships](http://www.better.org.uk/memberships)

Thursday 16th February at 1pm

### Nursery Songs and Rhymes

A lunchtime recital at the Royal Academy of Music

**Britten** A Charm of Lullabies (Op. 41)  
Mezzo Soprano - Mia Serracino  
Piano - Daniel Peter Silcock

**Bernstein** I Hate Music: A Cycle of Five Kid Songs  
Soprano - Margarida Vaz Neto  
Piano - Mario Miralles

**Bernstein** Songs from Peter Pan  
Mezzo Soprano - Emma Warner  
Piano - Mario Miralles

Narrated by Harriet Cameron

A programme of spoken and sung nursery rhymes and children's stories designed to appeal to young children and families as an introduction to art song.

**Open to ALL ages!**

<https://tickets.ram.ac.uk/sales/categories/thursday-series/nursery-songs-and-rhymes>

## Workshops for Parents at Argyle

There are a number of workshops coming up in Spring Term 2 and the Summer Term. We will use this section to keep you informed as well as messages via ParentHub.



Workshop	Date	Time	Where?
Trauma- Informed Practice	Wednesday 19th April	9-10am	In the FLC
Promoting Positive Body Image and Self-esteem	Monday 24th April	9-10am	In the FLC
Managing our own stress and wellbeing	Wednesday 3rd May	9-10am	In the FLC
Managing Screen Time and Social Media	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	12.30-1.30pm	Online

# Year 1's Learning Adventure

## Mosque trip

Continuing their learning about 'Special Places' in RE, Year 1 went to the Central London Mosque in Regent's Park and observed the midday prayer and identified similarities and differences with other Mosques and other places of worship.



There are no benches (pews) - **Aaryan**

There is no bell in a mosque, people climb up the minaret and call you to pray. -**Ishaq**

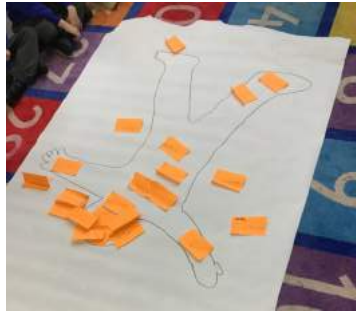
There are no pictures on the wall. - **Sierra**

All the mums had to wear a scarf on their heads like Mrs Tunu. -**Amyiah**



## Pasta Skeleton

Using pasta, children created their own 'skeleton' naming different parts of the body.



The ribcage protects the heart and the lungs. - **Nusrat**

The hip bone is the biggest bone in our body. - **Alanoud**



## Class Assembly

On Thursday, 1 Jade performed their class assembly showcasing all their learning in each of the subjects taught since January 2023. Children shared the original version of The Papaya That Spoke story and their own versions. The fun filled assembly also showed map skills, information about body parts and their jobs, number bonds art work, with a number bonds to 10 song and a skeleton dance.



**Well done 1 Jade**

## Jasper Johns

Inspired by an American artist Jasper Johns, children created art work with numbers. Can you spot the number bonds in the pictures below?



# Year 3 report...

This week we have been looking in depth at fossil formation. The children all used the 'mould' and 'cast' technique to make 'fossils'. They applied what they had learned to solve the puzzle of how fossils are formed. Working in groups they sequenced 9 pictures and then drew on a specialised word bank to explain what they thought was going on. They showed really cool collaborative skills to look carefully at the evidence, listen to each other's ideas and piece together the puzzle.

In maths the children ordered fossils by their age. Looking at the different layers of rock, they discovered that the deeper down the fossil was discovered, the older it is. Often they are many millions of years old!



3 Pearl also played a bingo game in which they explored connections and differences, e.g who has a pet, who has red as their favourite colour and so on. They then developed that idea by making a jigsaw piece to show what makes them unique and what makes them connected.



# Year 2 visit London Zoo

On Thursday, Year 2 visited London Zoo to learn about life cycles. The children visited the reptile house, butterfly house, penguin beach and even saw a tiger cub!

I learnt that frogs go through different stages of life. Eggs then tadpoles, then froglet then they become a frog. - **Lilo**

I learnt that the caterpillar turns itself into a spell egg called a cocoon. - **Yusuf**



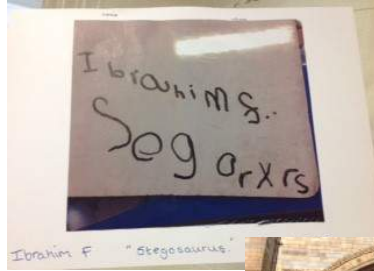
# EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Reception

This week was the final week of the 'We are exploring dinosaurs' unit. This week the children compared a range of different dinosaurs by describing their features. They then created their own 'What am I?' riddles and had a go at reading them out to the rest of the class. In order to help the children understand the size and scale of dinosaurs, they visited the Natural History Museum to see real life bones.



They are real because they turned into skeletons and then fossils. - [Link](#)

I enjoyed looking at the T-rex dinosaur - **Ascia**

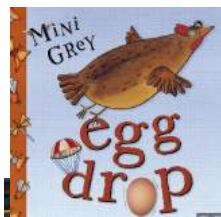


Ammonites are like a shell. Trex was very mean. - **Omar**



# EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Nursery

The children in Nursery have been learning about different types of transport and as the final part of the unit, they looked at transportation by air. Building on from their learning the previous week, the children tried to make their own gliders and then flew them in the playground.



The key text for this week was 'Egg Drop' a story about an egg that wants to learn how to fly. The children loved this book and were keen to make their own parachutes to help the egg fly.



# Attendance

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
Rec: Jet	86%	87%	95%	91%	82%	84%
Rec: Topaz	88%	92%	91%	86%	77%	79%
1 Jade	91%	91%	93%	88%	92%	95%
1 Ruby	90%	94%	95%	97%	94%	98%
2 Amber	91%	93%	92%	93%	91%	92%
2 Opal	95%	92%	96%	93%	99%	95%
3 Garnet	93%	99%	98%	97%	95%	96%
3 Pearl	93%	100%	99%	94%	96%	99%
4 Onyx	95%	99%	98%	94%	91%	92%
5 Quartz	96%	95%	99%	96%	94%	88%
6 Diamond	94%	97%	97%	98%	93%	94%
6 Sapphire	93%	97%	99%	92%	95%	97%
Total	92%	94%	96%	94%	92%	93%
Camden	92%	93%	93%	-	94%	

Well done to **1 Ruby, 3 Garnet, 3 Pearl & 6 Sapphire** who have all achieved at least **96% attendance** this week.

School attendance for Reception to Year 6 from September to the end of Spring Term 1 is **92.61%**



## Dates for your diary

All entries on the calendar have been sent to the applicable parents via ParentHub, please check for more information. If you need any help with ParentHub, speak to the school office.

### February 2023

#### Half Term Monday 13th - 17th February

Monday 20th	<b>Pupils return to school</b> <b>EVENT:</b> Year 6 Parents Evening—check your email for reminder
Tuesday 21st	<b>TRIP:</b> Selected pupils from Year 5 & 6 visit Talacre for Football competition <b>EVENT:</b> Year 6 Parents Evening—check your email for reminder
Wednesday 22nd	<b>TRIP:</b> Year 3 visit The Natural History Museum
Thursday 23rd	<b>EVENT:</b> Year 4 parents Curriculum Meeting 8.45am - 9.15am <b>EVENT:</b> Year 6 Parents Evening—check your email for reminder
Friday 24th	<b>EVENT:</b> Yoga Class in STEAM Lab 9-11am & Coffee Morning in FLC
Monday 27th	<b>EVENT:</b> Year 5 parents Curriculum Meeting 8.45am - 9.15am <b>EVENT:</b> Year 2 GOSH Art Project - see letter on ParentHub class channel
Wednesday 28th	<b>TRIP:</b> Selected pupils from Year 5 & 6 visit Talacre for Dodgeball competition

### March 2023

Thursday 2nd	<b>EVENT:</b> Possible NEU Strike - To be confirmed closer to the date
Friday 3rd	<b>EVENT:</b> World Book Day