

Our value for January is Self-Belief

Newsletter

Spring Term

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an action packed week. Clubs, educational visits, sports tournaments, and interventions have all started up again and children's enthusiasm and drive has been tangible. We know that enthusing children and helping them to understand that, when they push themselves, it makes a real difference to their learning and achievement, is an important step on the road to supporting children to excel. Passive children or children who lack self belief can underachieve because they don't realise that they too can excel and astound themselves. This month our 'Value of the Month' is self belief and we are doing everything possible to remind your children that, when they put in effort, they will achieve.

[What will you do this week to support your child to develop their belief in themselves?](#)

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

Year 6 visit Bletchley Park

On Thursday Year 6 went to Bletchley Park as part of their World War Two history topic. Bletchley Park was once the top secret home of codebreakers and the trip had many atmospheric moments. The children were given a guided tour of the mansion, the original building where codebreakers worked, and the huts where men and women worked once the workforce expanded. It was exciting to see where Alan Turing, who famously broke the Enigma code, had his office. We found out about the bravery of people who risked their lives to find more information about Nazi codes and others who helped Bletchley Park to shorten the war. We also had a workshop on codes, ciphers and how the Nazis sent messages using Enigma. We were set challenges which included writing down messages given in Morse Code and every person (including teachers!) had the opportunity to press keys on an original Enigma machine.



I liked exploring the huts and seeing Alan Turing's mug chained to a radiator (he didn't like sharing it with other people).
– Gur, 6 Sapphire



I loved the architecture of the mansion house. As you went in, it felt like you were taking a step back in time.
– Ayman 6 Diamond



I loved it when we were able to break Morse code but we realised the Morse code we had to listen to was really slow. We found out it took six weeks training to learn to decode Morse Code when it's played at full speed.
– Fartun, 6 Diamond



Dodgeball Competition at Talacre

On Wednesday evening, a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Camden Dodgeball Competition. The children were in mixed groups and played against different Camden schools. One of our teams (dark blue) won every game apart from one - coming joint first with another team.



1 Jade's exciting learning week

Printing shape pattern

This week in maths the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They can describe shapes by saying the number of sides, edges, vertices, corners and faces. Ask your child how they can describe the shapes using these vocabulary. To explore pattern children then made shape prints and used different colours.



Body KWL - We drew around a person in class and then wrote down labels and questions on 'post-it' notes.

Where is our blood made?

How can we see?
-Ahsan

How many bones do we have?
- Yaqub



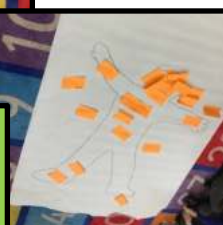
How does the heart beat faster?
- Prince

Why do I have a big toe? - Erhan

What is the biggest bone?

How much blood do we have?
- Dua

How many times does our heart beat? - Zelle



Tasting papaya

We used four of our five senses to explore the papaya. Our story in English is '**The papaya that spoke**'. To familiarise ourselves to the papaya we first looked at it, then felt it, next smelt it and finally tasted it. Each time we took notes with describing words and sometimes even including a simile to compare.



Retell the papaya that spoke - Before writing down the story we acted it out in groups and used a story map to help us.



Introducing The Buddy Squad

Members of the Buddy Squad are: **Yasin, Samirah, Vanessa, Ridwaan, Faaduma, Sorayah, Safia and Aaliyah.**



The Buddy Squad are here:

To help children play cooperatively with each other

To help children resolve minor conflicts

Teach children to play games

To be a good listener when another child would like to talk

Help lonely children make friends

Report any unkind thing to an adult

Be a friend to all

Members of the Buddy Squad will be out in the Key Stage 1 playground at lunchtime so make sure you say hello!



If you are not sure how to ask for help, take a seat on the **BUDDY BENCH** and a member of the Buddy Squad will come and assist you!



KS2 Cooking After School Club

Key Stage 2 cooking after school club made mini pizzas this week! The main focus of this weeks session was how to be safe with using kitchen supplies such as, a knife. They used this skill to cut mushrooms, bell peppers for their toppings on the pizza. They also had sweetcorn and halal salami. They especially enjoyed getting tomato paste on their hands for the base of the pizza.

I learnt how to safely cut mushrooms. - Taif

I'm going to try and make this at home on the weekend.- Tyler

I loved that we made pizzas!- Rayyan

I leant a simple way of making pizza. - Grace

I learnt how to use a knife safely. - Shirin



EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Reception

This week, the children in Reception have continued to learn the tale of the 'Gingerbread Man.' They then heard the story of the 'Runaway Chapati' and compared the two texts identifying the similarities and differences. The children talked about which text they prefer and then had a go at writing their own versions.



As part of their high profile activity this week, the children have been identifying and continuing patterns as this is a key step in Mathematical understanding. You can help your child at home by creating your own patterns.

My bridge can open and close and the gingerbread man can jump over. - **Daisy**

My bridge is strong enough even for an adult. - **Amaarah**

My bridge is strong I can stand on it. - **Zayaan**

I made it a bit long so he could go across to see his friends. - **Ascia**



Finally this week, we welcomed parents in to the next speech and language workshop. We can already see the impact of the work that parents are doing with their children following on from the first workshop and want to continue building upon this.



EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Nursery

In Nursery this week, the children continued with their topic of Transport by exploring vehicles that travel by land. After rereading the story of 'The Naughty Bus', the children looked at images of land vehicles such as taxis, cars and bikes; and talked about how they are similar. The children then looked in detail at wheels and how they move when a force is applied such as push or pull.

Also this week, the children talked more about road safety. They practised crossing pretend roads and remembering to look left and right. Road safety is a critical life skill and you can help your child by reinforcing the rules when you are out with them.



Attendance

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

Well done to 3 Pearl who have attained 100% attendance.

Attendance is slowly getting back to normal after a great amount of sickness, we hope pupils who have been off will attend school everyday this spring term to get their individual attendance on the increase. Remember you can stay up to date with your child's attendance on ParentHub, always aim for 96% or above.



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.

January 2023

Monday 16th	EVENT: Sign up for ESOL class in FLC 9am - 11am
Tuesday 17th	EVENT: Year 1 Phonics session for selected parents
Wednesday 18th	TRIP: Selected pupils from Years 3 visit Talacre Sport Centre to take part in a dodgeball competition. TRIP: Reception Jet class visit Kidzania
Friday 20th	TRIP: Reception Topaz class visit Kidzania EVENT: Coffee morning in the FLC
Monday 23rd	EVENT: Maths Week EVENT: Year 1 Phonics session for selected parents– check Parenthub for your invitation
Tuesday 24th	TRIP: Selected pupils from Years 5 visit Talacre Sport Centre to take part in a dodgeball competition. EVENT: Year 1 Phonics session for selected parents– check Parenthub for your invitation
Wednesday 25th	TRIP: Year 1 visit Holy Cross Church—times of trips are on Parenthub
Thursday 26th	TRIP: Nursery visit The Foundling Museum
Friday 27th	TRIP: Year 1 Jade visit The British Museum EVENT: Year 1 Phonics session for selected parents– check Parenthub for your invitation
Monday	TRIP: Year 1 Ruby visit The British Museum