

# Our value for December is Love

## Newsletter

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### Head Teacher's Message

This week I attended a meeting about the cost of living crisis and its impact here in our Kings Cross Ward. Whilst we have all felt the sharp increase in the cost of foods, energy bills and basic household items, we know that some families are going to be particularly badly affected and that some people are less likely to reach out for help. Here in Camden your council cares and wants to know how it can help. I have asked for clearer information on existing initiatives such as food co-operatives and welcome warm spaces and will share these with you once received. I have also offered to host information sessions for community groups already working in our ward who may be able to support you, our community and your neighbours. If you are part of a residents' association or community group that has ideas or offers support, do talk to me and I can support with advertising your services. Similarly if you are really struggling, please don't suffer in silence. Talk to a trusted friend or to the school office or to me. Finally, if you know people who are struggling support them to reach out. Have a good weekend.

**Jemima Wade, Headteacher**

### Camden Takeover Challenge

Last week Friday, a few pupils from Year 6 took part in the annual Camden Takeover Challenge. The children discussed issues such as reducing taxes and the cost of living, they discussed diversity how the council can provide more activities for children especially those with disabilities. They also attended a workshop on racism. They created a presentation to present to their local



We should book an appointment with the mayor of Camden to visit our school.  
- **Nida**

Camden Councillor. Eight children were selected to visit Camden Chambers in the Crowndale Centre and speak about the key issues discussed in the workshops earlier. A special well done to William, Ibtisam, Yasin R, Wassim, Zunairah, Nida and Manal.



it was fun that we had to talk to everyone and the mayor of camden about diversity. -  
**Zunairah**



It was amazing how we got to listen to other kids from Camden and how they see the world from their perspective.  
- **Yasin R**



It was good because we got to project our voices to the Mayor of Camden and shake their hands.  
- **Wassim**



# Year 3's exciting learning

## The Place

Throughout the year, children in year 3 will be working with The Place to find out about different dance styles and then create their own dance. Last Friday they visited The Place and were able to watch a ballet class and a body conditioning class as well as take part in a creative dance workshop.

They were eager to try and replicate the moves that they witnessed in the ballet studio and came up with their own theories about how pointe shoes help the dancer stand on their toes. They were also very interested in the accordion player who was playing to accompany the class.



## Rock Cycle

Year 3 have been learning about the different stages of the rock cycle and how each of the main rock types, igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock are formed. They have used pictures and actions to help them learn the new vocabulary and were quickly able to order themselves to replicate the different stages of the cycle. They will now apply that knowledge when sorting and testing rocks and when investigating how fossils are formed.



# Action Tutoring Review

'A highlight of my week was my Wednesday afternoon programme at Argyle Primary School, where we have had three weeks in a row of 100% pupil attendance. It has been a joy to see the pupils' progress and enthusiasm week after week, and work with such a dedicated group of tutors and staff.' - **Hannah Bekkers**



# Times Table Rock Stars

Tayyabah and Vanessa (4 Onyx) have achieved Rock Star status on TTRS because they can answer each question in...under 3 seconds! AMAZING!! How many more Rock Stars do we have in KS2?



# Year 1's Learning

## Rainbow bonds to 10

In maths the children have been learning their number bonds to ten. To help them further they made rainbows matching each number bonds and then recording them.



## Shield making

For the Year 1 topic 'castles' the children made their own shields and split pin knights.



## Angels

In Year 1 for RE the children learn about the importance of 'Angels,' who are they? why are they important? what is so special about them? Ask your child these questions and see what they say.



# Argyle gets festive

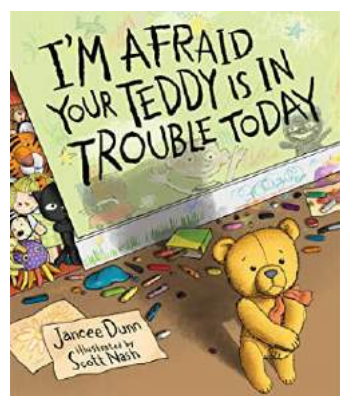


# EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Nursery

This week, the children were excited to learn more about police officers. They began the week by listening to the story, **'I'm afraid your teddy is in trouble today'** by Jancee Dunn. They learnt the key words of the week and then talked about how police officers

## Our words of the week:

police, rule, investigation, villain



help us. Using images to help them, the children were able to discuss their uniforms and the tools that they often carry such as handcuffs. As part of their role, police officers must enforce laws (or rules) and this week, the children were able to think about a range of laws and what they might have in common with the rules of the classroom. Together, the children made a list of class rules and everyone agreed to abide by them.



Also this week, the final half of Nursery had the opportunity to visit the Foundling Museum where they were able to experience the same activities as the rest of their class. On Friday, all the children from Nursery were able to attend the Aurora concert at King's Place and watch the performance of Debussy and the Snow Elephant.



## Our development matters

### Expressive Art and Design:

This children have been working hard to prepare for their celebration event next week. They have been learning songs and making their own crowns to wear.

### Communication and Language:

In order to support pupils to develop their memory, the children have been playing Kim's game using a range of police related objects.

### Personal, Social and Emotional:

The children were very excited on Monday to discover that their role play area had been turned into a police station. The took turns wearing police helmets and investigating and solving crimes.



### Event: Celebration of Learning

Wednesday 7th December at 2.30pm  
Parents please make a note in your diary and come along



# EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Reception

The children in Reception have been learning about traditional tales. Over the last few weeks, they have learnt about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Three Little Pigs. This week, the children moved on to learning about the Three Billy Goats Gruff. After listening to the story, the children began to learn a condensed version off by heart, using a story map and actions to help them. Through learning a range of traditional tales, the children are able to internalise story telling language such as 'once upon a time', which then helps them when they are telling or writing their own stories.

As part of their mathematical development the children have been learning about one-to-one correspondence and ensuring that they are counting a number of objects accurately. They have also been learning about the mathematical term 'equal.' During their guided sessions with the teacher, the children played a game involving a dice and counters. This helped the children to recognise amounts and then move their counters the correct amount of spaces. This also supported the children with developing resilience when they lost and helped them to develop their turn-taking skills.

Let's play together. I can get to 10. —Ascia

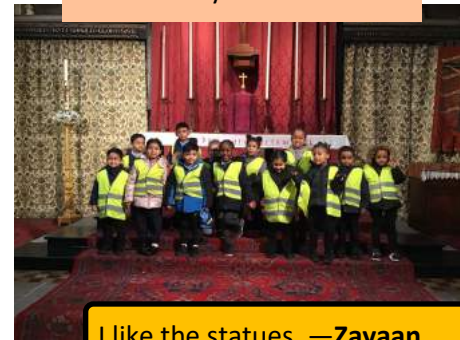
## Sentence of the Week

The \_\_\_\_ sized goat walked across the bridge.



## Our tricky words for this week

she of



## Our development matters

### Understanding the World:

As part of their high profile activities, the children were able to plant a seed and predict what would happen to it. Over the next few weeks, they will hopefully see their seeds flourish and grow.

### Literacy:

This week the children have been learning to use the correct prepositions in their talk. They worked together to build a bridge and then described where they had placed the troll using words such as under, on, above, below.

### Expressive Art and Design:

On Friday the children were able to watch Debussy and the Snow Elephant. They watched different characters telling a story through actions and songs and were able to join in part of the performance using musical instruments.



### Event: Celebration of Learning

**Jet:** Tuesday 6th December at 9.15am

**Topaz:** Thursday 8th December at 9.15am

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# Attendance

	WK8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14
Rec: Jet	93%	93%	86%	84%	89%		
Rec: Topaz	93%	92%	87%	86%	82%		
1 Jade	89%	94%	93%	94%	95%		
1 Ruby	90%	97%	90%	94%	83%		
2 Amber	92%	89%	94%	94%	84%		
2 Opal	100%	98%	92%	94%	96%		
3 Garnet	88%	95%	95%	92%	85%		
3 Pearl	89%	84%	89%	97%	92%		
4 Onyx	95%	97%	97%	94%	98%		
5 Quartz	97%	96%	98%	96%	98%		
6 Diamond	96%	95%	98%	96%	95%		
6 Sapphire	88%	97%	91%	95%	95%		
Total	93%	93%	93%	93%	91%		
Camden		94.7%	94.8%	94.5%			

Good Job to **2 Opal, 4 Onyx and 5 Quartz** for attaining or exceeding the 96% class target of attendance.  
Hooray!  
**Keep it up!**

Parents are reminded that all requests for exceptional leave from school must be made via the school office where you will be given a form to complete. The headteacher will consider all applications. Please do **NOT** book holidays during school term time.



## 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.

### December 2022

<b>Monday 5th</b>	<p><b>Event: Parent Progress Meetings this week</b> - check your email for appointment reminder.</p> <p><b>All After School clubs are now finished, collect your child at 3.15pm</b></p> <p><b>Trip:</b> Year 2 visit Holy Cross Church</p>
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	<p><b>Trip:</b> Year 4 visit The British Museum</p> <p><b>Tuition:</b> Year 5 Action Tutoring going ahead</p>
<b>Friday 9th</b>	<p><b>Trip:</b> Year 2 Carol signing at Euston Station</p> <p><b>Trip:</b> Year 5 visit Google Office</p>
<b>Monday 12th</b>	<p><b>Trip:</b> Year 2 Carol singing at Holy Cross</p>
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	<p><b>Event:</b> Christmas Lunch for pupils and special guests</p>
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	<p><b>Event: Nativity at 9.45am - Year 2 pupils please save the date.</b></p>
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	<p><b>Event:</b> Christmas class parties from 12.30pm - 3pm</p>
<b>Friday 16th</b>	<p><b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.45PM</b></p>