



NEWSLETTER



ARGYLE'S



BIG BOOK



GIVEAWAY

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today, half term drew to a close with a beautiful singing assembly, the presentation of certificates to young writers (who will have their poems included in an anthology) and the presentation of bronze, silver and gold certificates as well as another amazing Argyle book giveaway (thank you Discovery Education). Watching the children's pride and enthusiasm, as they sang "We are the children of Argyle School" and received their certificates, reminded us all of why we chose to work in education. We are encouraging, inspiring and motivating wonderful individuals every day.

Next half term our children will perform at the Shaw Theatre and dance at The Place Theatre. They will attend online meetings with authors and KS1 will meet a new author. They will read, write, calculate, problem solve, compete and play instruments as they explore their personal Argyle Adventure.

Enjoy a rest next week and please ensure that your child returns refreshed.

Happy half term holiday.

J. Wade

Head Teacher

Year 5



Last Friday, 5 Amethyst visited the Ragged School Museum to experience for themselves what life was like for a Victorian child. The Museum is on the site of what was the Dr Barnardo's Copperfield Road Ragged School, established in 1877 to give the children of Mile End a basic education. It grew to have as many as 1000 children on weekdays and 2,400 for Sunday School.

For our lesson, we were taught by the wonderful Miss Perkins. We all sat at wooden desks with inkwells, although we did most of our writing on slates with chalk. We had to sit very straight and not look around. Before we even started working Miss Perkins walked around the classroom and if she tapped on the desk with the stick, we had to turn over our hands to show that they were clean.

**As she walked, she reminded us
More haste, less speed.
Speech is silver, silence is golden.
Time and tide wait for no man.
Procrastination is the thief of time.**

We did some short lessons on our slates, including using our maths skills to compare the populations of Bath and Salisbury and writing using copperplate script.

We had to take exercise at our desks and we were shown the dunce's hat and a strange device used to keep our back's straight. We also learned that if we went to school for a whole year we would be given a medal.

After our lessons, we explored the Museum to find out more about life in Victorian times. We learned about how it was common for a family of seven to sleep in one small room and how one person could spend 6 hours putting the bristles in a hairbrush to earn enough money to eat. We also got to try out a Victorian kitchen for ourselves, including some interesting pieces of equipment for washing clothes.



Year 4

Year 4 had an incredible time stepping back in history during their visit to Fulham Palace for an interactive Vikings workshop! The children explored the world of the Vikings through hands-on activities, including decoding Viking writing, examining ancient artefacts, and even dressing up as fierce Norse warriors. As young historians, they made some exciting discoveries:

"I think this might be saying where the Vikings are going to raid." – **Adam C**

"I think this might have been used as a comb!" – **Ilyas**

The workshop brought learning to life, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for our history topic. A big thank you to Fulham Palace for such an engaging experience!



Year 3

On Monday, 3 Garnet had an unforgettable musical experience with the Royal Academy of Music! The children were immersed in a world of rhythm and melody as they explored a variety of instruments, danced, and sang along to wonderful performances.

A highlight of the day was the chance to step into the shoes of a conductor, leading their peers with confidence and enthusiasm. They also had the exciting opportunity to compose and write their own song, showcasing their creativity and musical flair.

It was a truly enriching and inspiring day, leaving the children with a newfound appreciation for music and performance.



I loved trying all the different instruments! The drums were my favourite because they made such a big sound! - **Yusra**

Being a conductor was so much fun! I felt like I was in charge of a real orchestra - **Raphael**

Writing our own song was amazing! I didn't know we could make music like that! - **Ivanna**



Year 2

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in Year 2! Last week, we did some geography fieldwork on our walk around the local area following a route mapped out by the children. On the walk we were on the lookout for physical features, which occur naturally in the world, and human features, which are man-made.

For Children's Mental Health Week, Year 2 spoke about what their talents are and what makes them special. Both classes have made beautiful displays which show everything that makes them unique. In Literacy, we have been learning about persuasive writing and the children were tasked with creating their own fictional islands to later present to the class and convince their teacher to visit. We saw fantastic descriptive language, for example, "Come to our island because we have glistening, blue seas and delicious curry with rice".

A big highlight of this week were the reading activities on Tuesday. For some children, this was a Chapter One trip which was extremely successful. This trip was for children who read with volunteers and they were able to finally meet their reading buddy in person! They made sequined bookmarks and brought back donated books for our newly refurbished book corners. Other children stayed in school where they did a range of reading activities. The children were 'Sneaky Librarians' who identified certain details in books and then used this knowledge to help organise our book corner. They also created bookmarks.

We hope the children all have a very well-deserved break and look forward to seeing them after half-term.



YEAR 1

Year 1 continued their journey learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. Working in small groups, the children discovered the name of each country's capital city, identified its national flower, and even painted the flag of their given country.

Jade Class Assembly – A Show to Remember!

Year 1 Jade have shown incredible determination in preparing for their class assembly. Their hard work and perseverance paid off as they confidently showcased all they have been learning in Spring Term 1. The rest of the school eagerly awaited their debut, and they did not disappoint! The children took us on a whirlwind tour of their spring term learning, performing songs linked to their geography and science topics and sharing their creative writing. Myrah, Maryam, and Ahmed impressed the audience with their wonderful storytelling of *The Papaya that Spoke*.

Outdoor Adventures with Ruby Class

Fortune favours the bold! Year 1 Ruby braved the freezing cold for another adventurous Garden Classroom session with our Forest School leader, Eden. The children eagerly searched for signs of spring and were thrilled to spot some daffodils beginning to sprout. They also tried pond dipping and learned a new word – algae – for the mossy green floating in our school pond.

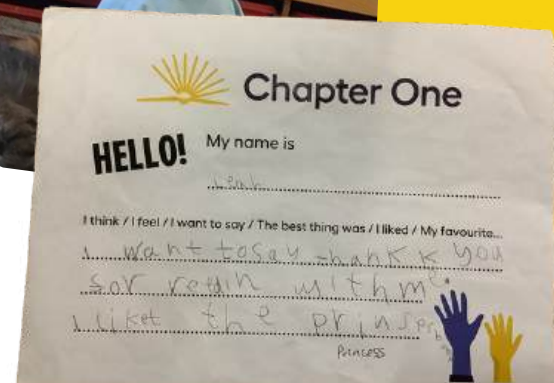
To top off their outdoor exploration, the children helped build a campfire and were treated to pink and white vegan marshmallows on chocolate biscuits. Frankie excitedly declared, "It tastes like hot chocolate!" and Akbar agreed, adding, "It's so yummy!" A perfect reward for their outdoor bravery!

Chapter One Virtual Reading Sessions

Year 1 children also had a special opportunity to meet their volunteer readers for the first time through our Chapter One virtual reading program. They shared what they love about reading so far:

- Jasmine: "I like it when you read to me."
- Myrah: "My favourite book is the one about kites because it was so colourful."
- Alaya: "I liked the princess story."
- Leah: "I like reading and playing the games. My favourite is the tic-tac-toe game."
- Karim: "I like playing Pac-Man with you."
- Raouf: "I like playing games with you."
- Leanne: "I like reading with you."
- Aaniyah: "I like reading with you."
- Frankie: "I like playing tic-tac-toe."

It has been a truly enriching start to the spring term for Year 1, full of learning, exploration, and fun! We look forward to seeing what adventures lie ahead after the half term!





RECEPTION



This week marked the exciting conclusion of our 'We are exploring dinosaurs' unit. The children had a fantastic time comparing different dinosaurs, describing their unique features, and deepening their understanding of these fascinating prehistoric creatures.

As part of their learning, they created their very own 'What am I?' riddles, using descriptive language and clues to challenge their classmates to guess the dinosaur.

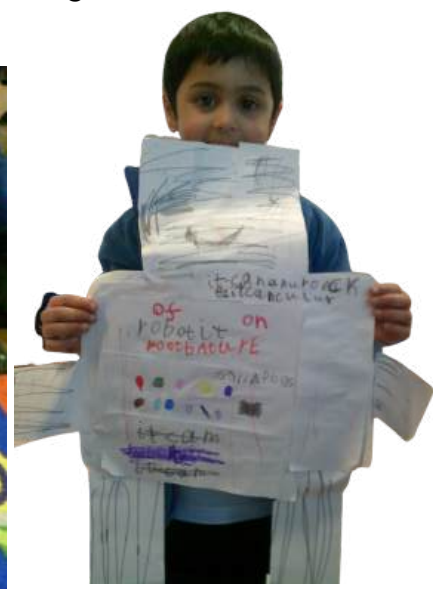
They were so proud to read their riddles aloud and listen to their friends' guesses!

We also learned that dinosaurs lived a staggering 66 million years ago! This led to meaningful discussions about past events and how we talk about time. The children explored words like *yesterday*, *today*, and *a long time ago* to help them understand the concept of time passing.

In addition to dinosaurs, we also took some time to reflect on how we grow and change.

The children sorted different objects that a baby, child, or adult might use, sparking wonderful conversations about their own development. Amira insightfully shared, "I had a small bed as a baby, but now it is big. When I grow up, I will cook and drive a car."

Moments like these show how our young learners are making meaningful connections between their past, present, and future.



NURSERY



In Nursery this week we continued to learn about air transport. We read the book 'The Dreamer', by Il Sung Na, which is about a pig that admires birds and longs to fly. In the end he realises he can't use feathers to do this (as birds do) and works with his friends to make a kind of aeroplane, and is then able to realise his dream of flying! This week we put ourselves in the pig's shoes and thought about how we might be able to fly. First we looked at wings and how they work. We learned that animals that have wings have to flap in order to fly, but machines don't do that. We did some experiments to find out why that is. We explored what 'lift' is by blowing on feathers, bubbles and balloons to make them fly upwards. Then we tried holding feathers and flapping, but we were too heavy and we couldn't flap fast enough to get off the ground. Like the pig in the book, we found that having feathers and flapping is not enough to be able to fly. An aeroplane can fly without flapping, even though it is heavy, and we learned from our book that the pig manages to get his aeroplane to fly by going really fast downhill. Nihal summed it up by saying, "aeroplane have wheels, go very fast, and have engine. Then can fly".

In Phonics we learnt about the 'o' sound and words that begin with 'o' like octopus, orange, olives, ostrich and otter. The children were great at writing the letter 'o'. Ihram said, "it looks like zero". Zahra said "it looks like a circle" and Abdur said "it looks like a donut". In Maths we learnt about the number 5 and counted out 5 objects from a larger group.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Half term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th

Pupils return to school - In line at 8.40am

Tuition: Catch Up Clubs - invited pupils only from 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuition: Year 6 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 25th

Event: Year 4 Swimming

Tuition: Year 5 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm - 4.15pm

After School Clubs: KS1 Cooking Club (Group 2) from 3.15pm - 4.45pm & Years 4, 5 & 6 Arts and Crafts from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Wednesday 26th

Tuition: Year 5 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm

After School Clubs: Years 1, 2 & 3 Football from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Thursday 27th

Tuition: Year 6 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm - 4.15pm

After School Clubs: Years 1, 2 & 3 Arts and Crafts from 3.15pm - 4.15pm & KS1 Cooking Club (Group 2) from 3.15pm - 4.45pm

Friday 28th

Event: Coffee Morning from 8.50am - 9.50am in FLC

After School Clubs: Years 4, 5 & 6 Football from 3.15pm - 4.15pm

MARCH

Monday 3rd

Event: Year 6 visit The CLC from 9am - 12.30pm

Tuition: Catch Up Clubs - invited pupils only from 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuition: Year 6 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 4th

Tuition: Year 5 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm - 4.15pm

After School Clubs: KS1 Cooking Club (Group 2) from 3.15pm - 4.45pm & Years 4, 5 & 6 Arts and Crafts from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Wednesday 5th

Trip: 2 Opal visit The British Library from 10am - 12pm

Tuition: Year 5 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm

After School Clubs: Years 1, 2 & 3 Football from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Attendance & Punctuality



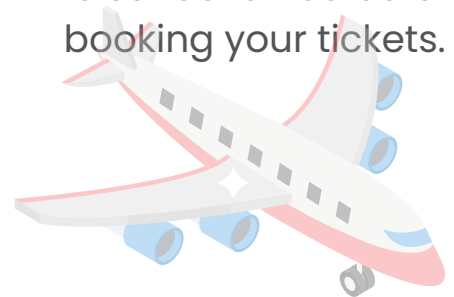
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rec: Jet	84	94	92	91	92	88
1 Jade	89	90	86	81	91	93
1 Ruby	97	92	86	65	93	95
2 Amber	98	98	91	83	94	96
2 Opal	94	98	94	90	96	96
3 Garnet	90	92	95	90	95	94
3 Pearl	92	98	99	93	94	87
4 Emerald	98	96	97	96	97	92
4 Onyx	90	94	94	95	94	82
5 Amethyst	92	97	98	93	95	92
6 Sapphire	93	93	99	98	98	90
Total	91	95	94	89	95	91
Camden	94	94	94	94	94	

Well done to **2 Amber** and **2 Opal** for attaining the target of **96%** attendance this week.

Exceptional Leave:

Parents are reminded not to book holidays during school term time.

If there is an emergency and you need exceptional leave, please complete a form from the school office before booking your tickets.



Reporting Absences

Parents should report any absences to the school office by calling 02078374590 before 9.30am.

Please do not leave messages on the answering machine. A member of staff may call you again to discuss the absence.

Please do not send emails to the admin inbox.

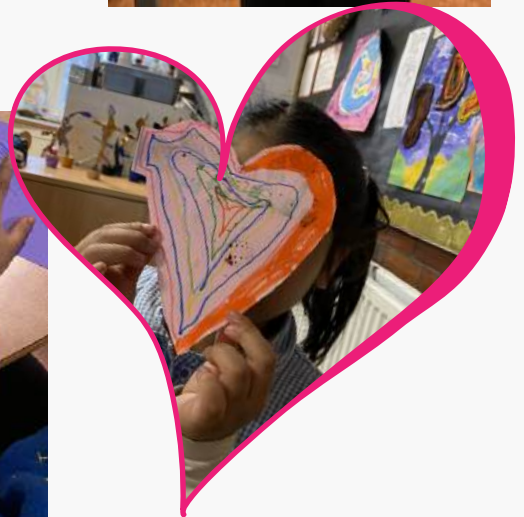
Every School Day Counts

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Yesterday, our KS1 Arts and Crafts after school club was bursting with creativity and love as the children made beautiful heart-shaped cards for their parents in celebration of Valentine's Day!

With colourful paper, stickers, and plenty of glitter, they carefully designed heartfelt messages to show their appreciation for their families. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and the joy on their faces as they proudly shared their creations.

A huge well done to our young artists for making such special keepsakes! We can't wait for more creative fun in our next session in Spring Term 2.



Community **NOTICE** COFFEE MORNING

All Parents Welcome!

Come and join the Argyle community, meet other parents, and enjoy a friendly chat over coffee.

When: Every Friday

Time: 8:55 AM – 9:30 AM

Where: Family Learning Centre (FLC)

We look forward to seeing you there after the half term holiday.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Please check below to see what days each year group has PE after half term. Pupils will need to wear their PE kit to school.

MONDAY

Nursery
Reception
Year 6

TUESDAY

Year 3
Year 4 (swimming)
Year 5

WEDNESDAY

Year 2
Year 4

THURSDAY

Year 1
Year 2
Year 5
Year 6

FRIDAY

Reception
Year 1
Year 3