



# NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parent/carers,

We are delighted to have reached the Easter holiday! The promise of some warm weather is making us feel very optimistic about how we can recharge our batteries in the next two weeks. We can feel satisfied with what we have achieved this term though. In yesterday's celebration assembly we celebrated great attendance (because we can't help you to learn if you are not in school!), great reading -with some children already reading 30 reading roadmap books, great times table recall (and participation in Camden's Spring Slam) and the multitude of different ways in which children have demonstrated great super learning powers.

Today term ended with exciting celebrations. Staff enjoyed a pre-school Easter egg hunt and children, staff and parents celebrated Eid together in class parties and a special parents' brunch.

Thank you to all of you whose support has contributed to another high achieving term.

Enjoy your holiday and Happy Easter when it arrives.

*J. Wade*

**Head Teacher**



# NURSERY

This week we completed our topic of fantasy by reading the book 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. Zog is a young dragon at dragon school, learning all the things that dragons need to be able to do, like breathing fire, roaring and flying!

We also continued finding out what happens in Spring. We learnt that the Christian festival of Easter takes place during Spring and that Easter represents new beginnings and new life. One of the key symbols of Easter is the egg and so we celebrated in nursery by going on an Easter egg hunt in the school garden. The children learnt about different animals that lay eggs to have babies, like birds, crocodiles, snakes and fish, and then they had a go at drawing their own baby animals inside eggs.



In maths the children learnt how to count out 6 objects from a larger group and tell a story all about 6! We also used our shape knowledge to make a castle puzzle using 2d shapes, and then we made a house from 2d shapes too! In phonics, we learnt about the 'f' sound and words that begin with 'f' like Fatimah, fan, fairy, flamingo and fox. The children were brilliant at writing the letter 'f'.



On Thursday we were lucky enough to go on a trip to the Foundling Museum where we did a workshop with the author of children's book, 'Jo Jo and Gran Gran', Laura Henry-Allain. The children did a workshop with Laura about families and got to make their own peg-person of a special person in their lives. Awes said "I made Adam" (his brother) and Abdur said "It's Aba (his Daddy), in Whitechapel". Laura was kind enough to give Argyle Nursery a signed copy of her book, 'My family, your family'. Thanks so much to our nursery parents who were able to volunteer to come and help out on the trip. We couldn't do the trips without you ❤️



# RECEPTION



In the final week of the Spring term, the children in Reception have been completing their exploration of the sea. They have learnt about different animals that live in the sea and have read a range of stories linked to the theme.

This week however, the children looked further at world maps and learnt about the seven different continents. We also learnt about the five main oceans and thought about how people sailed across the oceans.

In DT the children have designed and made their own boats. The children tested their boats in the water tray and were pleased when their boats floated.

This week half the class attended the trip to the Science Museum. the children were very excited to see real space equipment and clothing.

Our new topic will be Exploring Gardens and Growing. Over the Easter break the children are invited to go on a Signs of Spring Hunt. This is a good opportunity to talk about where we live and good places to find nature.



# Year 1

Year 1 visited the October Gallery and were inspired by the work of William Boroughs. From close up images, the children went on a hunt around the gallery to find the matching piece of art. They then explored the gallery some more and selected their favourite art piece. Karim chose a sculpture and shared that he 'likes the colour red. That's why I chose this one.' To end their session, the children collaborated on a collage using clippings from newspapers and magazines.



On Wednesday, Year 1 had a banquet outdoors to conclude their learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom. The children tried cucumber and cream cheese sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, potato cakes, Welsh cakes and smoked salmon on crackers. The children enjoyed the delicious spread especially Isa who cleaned his plate up within minutes and wanted seconds of everything! 'I ate everything up! It was so good!'



# Year 2

YEAR 2 HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY COUPLE OF WEEKS!

In D&T the children worked in teams over a series of lessons to create a chair for a class teddy using only paper and tape - some of them are still standing now! In Science we have been continuing to learn about habitats and how animals are adapted to the habitats they live in. The children got to experience this first hand on a trip to the Camley Street Reserve.

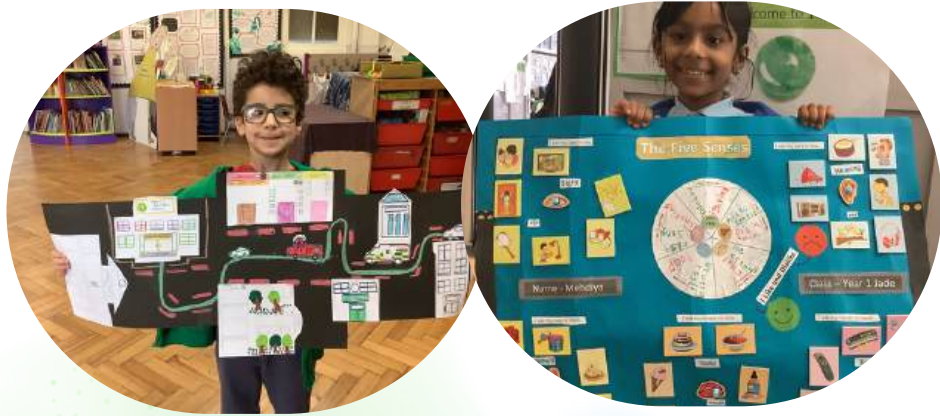
Last week we had a special visitor from the Francis Crick Institute who taught the children about the importance of using our senses and how to carry out a scientific investigation.

In Maths Year 2 have spent the last few weeks learning about different ways to measure, they can now measure mass, length, temperature and volume! Wow!

In PSHE we have been learning about risks and danger, they had a look at an image and find as many risks as possible and consider how they might make them less risky! All of Year 2 showed great understanding and care when learning about how to keep safe at school and at home. Well done Year 2!

**Well done Ibrahim & Mehdiya for producing amazing spring term projects!**

In Literacy, the children have written diary entries, a post card and several pieces of excellent setting descriptions based on a book called The Bear and The Piano. The level of determination, in their last piece of writing, shown by all of the children was absolutely astounding - well done!



# YEAR 5

Last Friday, year 5 spent the day working in the Education Laboratory at the Francis Crick Institute. We started the day learning about how atoms combine together to make molecules.

The children dressed up as hydrogen and oxygen atoms and used hooks to link up first to make two molecules of Hydrogen Peroxide. They demonstrated how when those links are broken, new molecules can be made, in this example Water and Oxygen.

Then we were invited to try that process out for ourselves. First we added hydrogen peroxide to a conical flask, adding food dye and detergent so we would be able to see the oxygen bubbles. Finally, we used a catalyst to speed up the reaction and were thrilled to see the amount of foam that we made (elephants toothpaste).

Next, we were given the task to identify five mystery powders using 5 different tests: solubility, starch, sugar, pH and gas tests. Each trio had their own, well equipped laboratory station and learned lots about working scientifically.

Having identified the five substances, we spent the rest of the afternoon using snap electronics kits to build circuits for a variety of purposes. Thank you to all the team at the Crick for a fantastic afternoon!



# YEAR 5

## Pulleys with Flying into Physics

Now that all of 5 Amethyst have had the chance to try out the flying harnesses with Scarabeus, in our third and final session on Monday we applied our learning to an investigation about pulley systems.

First, we looked at the effort needed to lift each other. Then we looked at the components of a pulley system before trying them out for ourselves.

With a simple 1:1 pulley it took 3 children to lift one other child up to the ceiling. However, when we tried a 3:1 pulley system just one child was able to lift another with ease!

After the Easter Break we will be applying that learning when we design and make our own simple machinery



# Year 5 & 6 football competition

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 5 and Year 6 football team had the exciting opportunity to travel to Coram's Field, where they played a friendly match against a private school called 'Ecole Jeannine Manuel'.

The team displayed outstanding football skills, from precise passing and excellent dribbling to sharp shooting and solid defensive strategies.

More importantly, their teamwork was exemplary; they communicated well on the field, supported each other, and showed true sportsmanship.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our players to hone their skills and build lasting friendships with other schools, while having a lot of fun in the process!





# YEAR 6

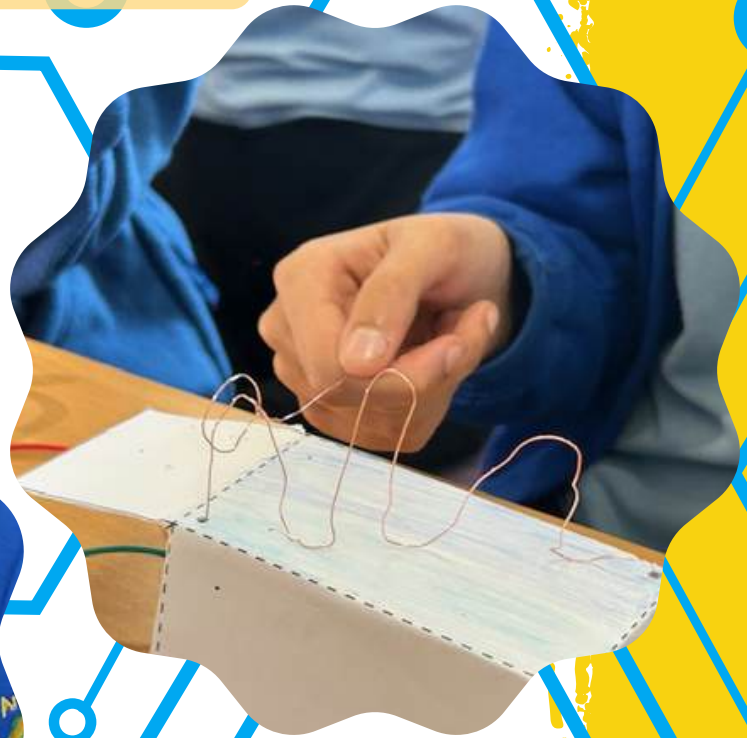
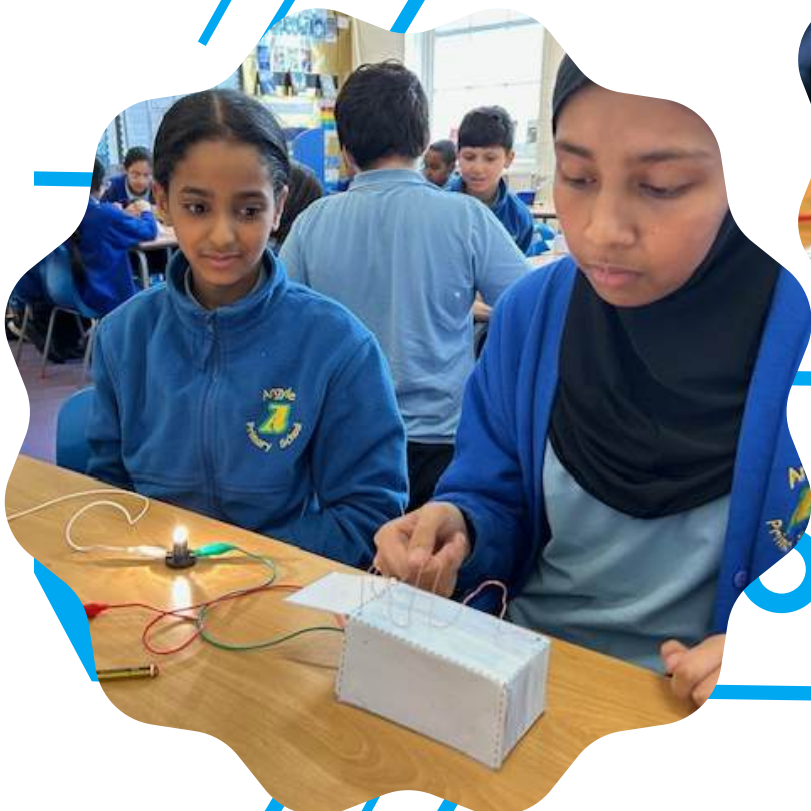
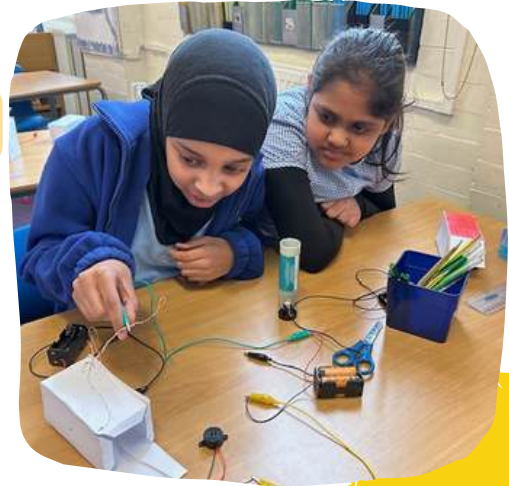
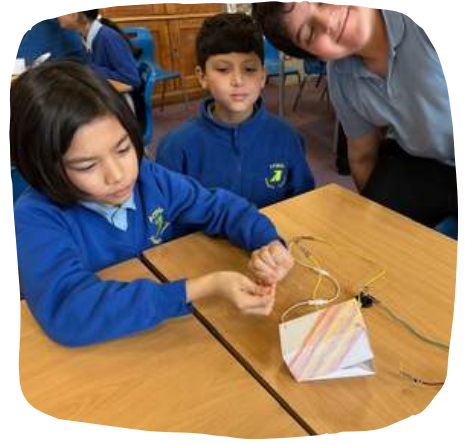
Year 6 have almost completed their new Design & Technology unit on creating a 'Steady Hand Game'.

They had to draw their initial design, make a 3d box base and then create and test an electrical circuit.

Once the circuit was tested, they shaped a length of copper wire, this became the course a hand-held metal loop had to pass over.

They designed the games so that either a bulb lit up or a buzzer made a sound if they accidentally touched the copper wire.

This meant the game had to start again. They collaborated well to finish and test designs. The final step will be reviewing their models.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## APRIL

Tuesday 22nd

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL - PLEASE BE IN LINE BY 8.45AM**

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

Thursday 24th

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

Trip: 4 Emerald to Royal Academy of Music from 10am to 1pm

Meeting: Year 6 SATs meeting for parents at.....

Monday 28th

Tuition: Year 5 & 6 Action Tuition - Baseline test for new children joining group

Tuesday 29th

Meeting: Bonsall meeting for year 4 parents @ 2.45pm

Event: Year 3 start swimming sessions at 5 St Pancras

Tuition: Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition

Wednesday 30th

Event: KS2 Choir performing at the Royal Albert Hall - 2pm-9pm

## MAY

Thursday 1st

Trip: Selected girls to Young Women's Sports day from 9.20am to 2.30pm

Tuition: Year 6 Maths Booster session, 3.15 to 4.15pm

Tuition: Year 6 Greater Depth Booster Group, 3.15 to 4.15pm

Tuition: Year 6 Richard Reeves from 3.15 to 4.15pm

Friday 2nd

Trip: 1 Ruby to The British Library from 10.45am to 12.15pm

Event: MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS from 1pm to 3pm

Year 6 SATs mock exams taking place.

Monday 5th

BANK HOLIDAY - school closed

Tuesday 6th

Trip: Year 1 to British Library

# Attendance & Punctuality



Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rec: Jet	93	95	92	92	93	89
1 Jade	96	98	89	94	98	90
1 Ruby	98	95	87	83	86	74
2 Amber	91	94	97	92	96	90
2 Opal	100	100	100	92	94	93
3 Garnet	91	89	83	87	89	90
3 Pearl	86	100	89	99	92	94
4 Emerald	100	100	100	95	94	90
4 Onyx	96	96	96	94	96	92
5 Amethyst	95	94	91	96	95	95
6 Sapphire	97	98	96	99	91	95
Total	95	96	93	93	93	90
Camden	94	94				

## Punctuality

This week **90** of sessions in the registers were marked as 'L' (Late).

Pupils should be in their line at **8.40am**, ready to go up to class and be marked into the register at 8.45am when school begins.

## Dinner Money Notice

*Price reduction for school meals - affecting nursery children from 01st April 2025.*

*Current Price  
£2.87  
New Price  
£2.81*

## 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**

19-20  
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FREE  
FAMILY  
ACTIVITIES

# EASTER FESTIVAL

HOP IN TO FAMILY FUN!

**SATURDAY 19TH & SUNDAY 20TH APRIL**

**Spring Flower Planting** 1-5.30pm

Drop into our Plant your own Spring Flowers outdoor workshop and decorate a plant pot to take home.

**Decorate your own real 'easter' egg** 1-5.30pm

Transform the humble egg's shell with a beautiful jewelled design. You can even eat it within 3 days after the event!

**Face Painting** 1-5.30pm

Our professional face painters will transform your little ones into bunnies, chicks or an Easter Spring flower.

**Arts and crafts, Bunnies and Bonnets** 1-5.30pm

Join Anna Heart Arts and craft an Easter Bonnet or Bunny with card, tissue paper, colours and sticking.

**Take part in our family Spring Easter Treasure trail** 1-5.30pm

Find our 8 clues in Camden Market Hawley Wharf and complete the answers to the Quiz, which will result in a delicious free bun from 'Buns from Home' on Hawley Wharf!  
*This activity runs Fri April 18 to Monday April 21*

**Lord and Lady Bloom** 1-5.30pm

Our walkabout flowers will love to meet you as they saunter through Hawley Wharf and pose in our Easter Garden.

**Have fun with Cheryl and Cyril Squirrel, two red heads who scamper, dance and of course cause mischief!** 1-5.30pm

To everyone's amusement Cheryl reveals what squirrels really keep in their handbags, discussing her family tree and shares pictures from the family album. Cheryl also has a nut allergy. Meanwhile Cyril is trying hard to grow a moustache and trying even harder to avoid Cheryl. These comedic Squirrels are furry, interactive, musical, very lively, and have a great line in chitter chatter bringing lots of fun to Camden Market.

**The Carrots** 1-5.30pm

Meet two Bouncy Bunny characters. These rascally rabbits have a craving for all things carrot related. How else would they get this tall?!

**The Cheeky Meeky Party** 1-5.30pm

Families and children will be entertained with dancing, games and Easter fun in our outdoor Market Square garden with DJ Cheeky Meeky.



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Are you looking for  
free, fun activities?  
Take your children  
along to Hawley  
Wharf in Camden this  
Easter weekend

Good Luck  
Sharmina!

Today we say Goodbye to Sharmina, our Family Support Worker, as she leaves us to take on a new challenge. Sharmina has touched many lives -often supporting children and families when they have felt at their lowest. Having a listening ear and someone to work with you to put effective strategies in place can make such a difference when families are facing challenges and we know that many children and parents see Sharmina as a person that they can trust to help. Sharmina has often provided a 1:1 support for children just needing some time away from the pressures of a busy classroom and I know that children were sad to hear that she's leaving. Sharmina has also supported with organising activities for parents and in running our after school story clubs. We are currently advertising to replace Sharmina and are confident that we will find someone great for the role, however, we will miss Sharmina's sunny smile and calm presence. THANK YOU Sharmina for your contribution to Argyle and GOOD LUCK with you new role.

