



COURAGE



Our value for September is Courage



Newsletter

Autumn Term

7th September 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that your child has enjoyed their first three days back. They certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves and have been full of smiles in class and around school.

Our three school improvement priorities this year are:

- 1) Raise standards in Literacy and Maths;
- 2) Engage parents so that more, actively support their child's attendance, engagement and learning;
- 3) Embed a model of distributed leadership so that school's capacity to grow and improve is enhanced.

Why these priorities?

The first one is obvious -in Summer 23, the number of children meeting the expected standard at Argyle by the end of Year 6 was above the national in Reading, Writing and Maths and at greater depth was above in Writing and Maths. This shows that we are doing a really good job but we want to build upon this and ensure that more children across the school reach the expected standard for their year group much more quickly. Our focus upon parents is because we know that YOU make the difference! What children do at home affects their language development, understanding of the world, ability to negotiate friendships and academic achievement. By working even closer with you and by providing more opportunities for you to learn about curriculum expectations, we can supercharge achievement from the earliest stages and enhance everyone's wellbeing. Priority 3 is about staff development and training -and ensuring that, despite reducing budgets and ever higher expectations, we have the capacity to keep on improving.

Together we can make 2023-2024 another successful, fun packed, progress filled year.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

First Day back at Argyle

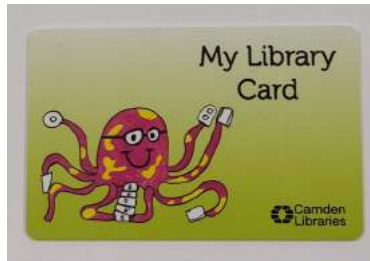
On Wednesday we welcomed back our pupils from Years 1 to 6. The children settled quickly into their new classes, ready to begin their new Argyle Adventure.



Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

In our first assembly on Wednesday, 12 pupils celebrated completing the Camden Summer Reading Challenge. The pupils received a medal and certificate to reward their effort and determination.

If your child started the challenge, they still have time to complete it.



Does your child have a library card? If not, collect an application form from the school office or from Camden Library St Pancras.



'Who to talk to' if you have a concern

Phase leaders

Ms Reena Mearli -Nursery and Reception
Ms Sufia Tunu -Years 1, 2 and 3
Ms Julie Dent -Years 4, 5 and 6

If you have a problem that needs resolving these are the member of staff to speak to.

Safeguarding Leaders

Ms Jemima Wade - Headteacher
Ms Bernie Mukasa – Deputy Headteacher
Ms Reena Merali - Assistant Headteacher

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a pupil, please speak to these staff members.



Poetry - by 3 Pearl

This week, Year 3 have been doing a poetry unit. The children were reciting a poem about a mischievous troll. This is linked to their first writing unit on Stone Trolls. After learning the poem, the children worked in small groups to create a class poem. each group focussed on a different part of the troll, this included: setting, appearance and behaviour. I hope you enjoy reading their poems!

3 Pearl's Troll Poem

Beneath the bridge, underneath the moon-lit sky,
Hides a troll who will make you cry,
He walks the streets out of sight,
You will never see him when there's light!

Skin of bumpy texture and shades of mossy green,
Eyes that are piercing filled with mischievous gleam,
Snarling like a lion, deep in the forest it goes,
With his spotty skin a troll lives with his appearance alone.

This troll is mischievous - he's one of a kind,
He's always playing tricks you don't know what's on his mind,
Stealing your food and hiding your shoes,
Beware of this troll he will never lose.

His personality is mischievous and bold,
Full of curiosity with stories untold,
A gleeful troublemaker so cunning to its core,
In every prank his mischievous personality soars.



Can you write a poem?

Breakfast Club Fitness and Football

We are delighted that our friends at Bloomsbury Football have won funding to enable us to offer free football sessions as part of our free Breakfast Club provision.



We are going to trial the following:

Monday and Friday	All children attending breakfast club
Tuesday	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday	Years 3 and 4
Thursday	Years 5 and 6



All children are welcome to join Breakfast Club on any day and all children are welcome to join for their specific age group sessions.

If your child wishes to attend, please bring them to school at 8am so that they can enjoy a full 30 minutes of sport. Please note that children arriving after 8.10 will not be permitted to join as it will disrupt the organisation of the sessions.

Thank you Bloomsbury Football for this great offer.

Physical Education Autumn Timetable

Most classes have PE twice a week, please use the timetable to check your child/ren's PE days. Remember they need to wear their PE kits to school on these days and suitable, outdoor black trainers. Also, children in Years 1 to 6 do have a lesson outside so they may need a green PE hoody.

Years 5 should bring their swimming kit on Thursday and Year 6 on Tuesday.

Nursery	Reception	Years 1& 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday (Football)	Monday (Football)	Tuesday (Fundamentals)	Thursday (Tag Rugby)	Wednesday (Basketball)	Tuesday (Yoga)	Tuesday (Swimming)
	Friday (Gymnastics)	Thursday (Dance)	Friday (Ball Skills)	Friday (Gymnastics)	Thursday (Swimming)	Thursday (Yoga)



PE T-shirts (£4.50) and Green hoody (£14.00) available to buy on SCOPAY.



School Uniform Reminder

Pupils in Years 1 - 6 have the option to wear a light blue shirt to school with a tie or they can wear a light blue polo t-shirt and are not expected to wear a tie with it. Polo t-shirts can be worn during the warmer months. Polo t-shirts are available for purchase in the school shop on SCOPAY.

Also please ensure hijabs are white, navy blue or black and short. Long flowing hijabs are not part of our school uniform.



Attendance & Punctuality

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
Rec: Jet	-					
Rec: Topaz	-					
Amber	94%					
Emerald	97%					
Opal	91%					
3 Garnet	96%					
3 Pearl	92%					
4 Onyx	91%					
4 Quartz	99%					
5 Amethyst	100%					
6 Sapphire	97%					
Total	95%					
Camden						

Congratulations to 5 Amethyst the only class to reach 100% attendance this week.

Well done to Emerald, 3 Garnet, 4 Quartz and 6 Sapphire who have achieved at least 96% this week.

Please ensure your child is in the playground at **8.40am**, ready to go up stairs with their class at **8.45am**. Children using the brown doors in the reception area will be recorded as late.



Dates for your diary

All entries on the calendar have been sent via Parenthub, please check your child's class channel for more information.

September 2023

Monday 11th	<p>Welcome back nursery Event: Year 6 Parents' Welcome Meeting at 8.45am Parent Course: Enrol for Learn English Fast from 8am - 11am in the FLC</p>
Tuesday 12th	<p>Event: Year 5 Parents' Welcome Meeting at 8.55am Trip: Year 6 swimming Trip: Emerald class at British Library for storytelling workshop at 1.15pm –2.30pm</p>
Wednesday 13th	<p>Event: Year 3 Parents' Welcome Meeting at 8.45am Trip: Amber class at British Library for storytelling workshop at 1.15pm –2.30pm</p>
Thursday 14th	<p>Event: Year 4 Parents' Welcome Meeting at 8.45am Trip: Year 5 swimming Trip: Amber class at British Library for storytelling workshop at 1.15pm –2.30pm</p>
Monday 18th	<p>Trip: Year 6 residential trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight leaving at 7.30am Event: Years 1 & 2 Parents' Welcome Meeting at 8.55am</p>
Tuesday 19th	<p>Trip: 4 Onyx visit Greenwich Old Royal Naval College No swimming this week Year 6</p>
Wednesday 20th	<p>Trip: Year 6 return from residential trip approx. 5.30pm dependent upon traffic</p>
Thursday 21st	<p>Trip: Year 5 swimming</p>
Friday 22nd	<p>Event: Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting at 9am</p>