



COURAGE

Our value for September is Courage



Newsletter

Autumn Term

15th September 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all parents who attended their welcome meetings this week (Reception and Year 1 and 2 meetings are scheduled for next Monday and Friday). As well as seeing your child's classroom, this meeting should have provided you with valuable information about this term's topics and educational visits - and how you can support progress. September is the perfect time to establish family routines about when homework is completed and when everyone reads each day so do agree this as a family. If you are struggling, remember that Sharmina, our Family Support Worker can support you and your children to get going. If you have a child in the Early Years or Year 1 you may also be interested in a great new course that will be starting here at Argyle on 28th September -Family Learning in the Early Years. The course is free and a great way to meet other parents and pick up handy tips - do sign up at the office.

Next Monday, we wave a group of our Year 6 pupils off on their Argyle Adventure to the Isle of Wight where they will have ample opportunities to show our September value of Courage and our Argyle Super Learning Powers of Dogged Determination, Problem Solving and Cool Communication. Have a fantastic time Year 6.

Thank you BookMark reading for our 'Rocket Pack' of new books



This week children received another set of brilliant new books from the reading charity Bookmark which supports our work to support all children to become fluent and enthusiastic readers - by providing books and 1:1 online volunteers who work with children twice a week. Next week 9 children will begin their online Bookmark sessions which we know they'll really enjoy.

Our readers are also supported by fantastic 'in person' volunteers from the charity Coram's Beanstalk. Beanstalk volunteers attend school in person, reading 1:1 for 30 minutes with 3 children each time. They support, encourage and help children to really engage with books so that their learning is enjoyable and memorable. Beanstalk also

send us great collections of children's literature each term.

Both of these initiatives, as well as the support from community volunteers such as Sheila and Cathy, really help us on our mission to create a school of children who love reading and read for pleasure. Remember research shows that children who read regularly for pleasure (the optimum amount being 12 hours per week!) regularly perform better than their peers that don't read and, enjoy better mental health! Reading really is the 'MAGIC WAND' that enhances lives!

Have you visited the library recently or checked in with your child to see what they are reading? Have you shared a story as a family or listened to an audio book together? Why not do so this weekend?! Happy Friday!

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

More Summer Reading Challenge Superstars

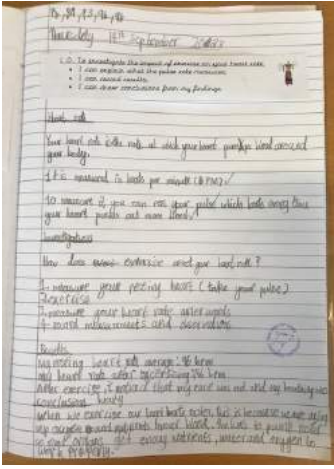
Since our assembly last week a further six children have completed their reading challenge and brought in their certificate.



6 Sapphire - Science

This term in Science, 6 Sapphire are finding out about the circulatory system in humans. On Thursday they found their pulse and measured how many beats there were in 20 seconds. They multiplied the result by 3 to find the number of beats per minute (b.p.m.). This gave them their

resting heart rate. To find out about the impact of exercise on the heart rate, they all ran the fitness test known as the 'bleep test' and then checked their heart rate afterwards. All the children were able to see that exercise increases your heart rate. They were able to conclude that this was because the body needs more oxygen when you exercise so the heart has to pump blood at a faster rate.



5 Amethyst - Punctuation Rap

Year 5 Amethyst practised and performed a punctuation rap called The Four Rules rule. It helps you to remember ALL the punctuation you need to include when punctuating speech. Do you remember all four rules?

Rule Number One, now listen my friend- Put inverted commas at the beginning and the end.

Rule Number Two, gets even better- Start each speech with a capital letter.

Rule Number Three - now this is fun: You've got to remember the punc-tu-a-tion! You've got to remember the punc-tu-a-tion!

Rule number Four, give your reader the sign- When a new person speaks, you start a new line.

Speech is easy - don't be a fool!
Just remember the **FOUR RULES RULE!**



Poetry - by 3 Garnet

3 Garnet -The Mischievous Troll Poem

In the dark forest where shadow lies
Out of the big hole, beneath the sky
Wickedly sneaks a creature with sparkly eyes
A Troll, of mischief cheekily prank try.

With hollow ears and dirty teeth
wearing a mischievous smile,
He dances in circles and sings a cry
What a bad sense of style!

The playful Troll knows no bounds
from hiding hats to stealing shoes
He hides around in squeaky sounds
jumping on trees and blowing leaves loose.

But what are we to do?
With a Troll like this
He has a heart that's true
As wild as he is.

Have you written a poem? Share it on the next newsletter



KS1 Learning

The British Library Trip

As part of the school's focus on reading for pleasure, the children in key stage 1 visited the British Library this week. Whilst there they were able to take part in a story telling workshop which began with the volunteers telling the story of the Three Little Pigs. The children were then able to add different sounds, actions and vocabulary to key parts of the story and, working in pairs, they used mirroring to show key scenes. Finally they were able to explore the library's stamp collection.



Did you know the British Library was designed to look like a ship?

Science

The children explored a range of different materials and then sorted them into different groups depending upon their properties.

An umbrella is waterproof. - Prince



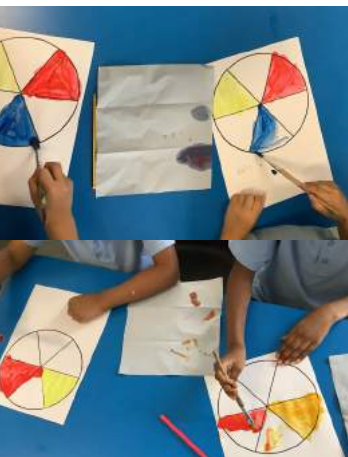
Literacy

The adults acted out part of the story of the Three Little Pigs but stopped at a key moment. The children were then encouraged to make a prediction about the end of the story. Following this, they tried to come up with alternative endings.



Maths

In Year 1 the children have been exploring making numbers with objects, sorting them into two and or three groups.



Art

The children were learning how to mix primary colours in order to make secondary colours. Through experimenting they learnt the following:

red + yellow = orange
red + blue = purple
yellow + blue = green

Recruiting for the Buddy Squad!

Many pupils have been asking about the Buddy Squad returning. In order to make sure everyone who is interested gets a turn to be in the Buddy Squad a timetable has been developed :

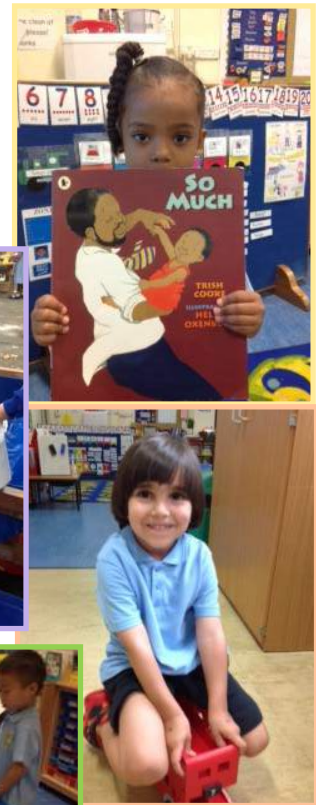
If you are in **Year 5** and would like to apply for the Buddy Squad you must **WRITE DOWN** and **ANSWER** the following: **Why should you be chosen? What positive changes can you make during play-time?**

Autumn Term	Year 5
Spring Term	Year 4's
Summer Term	Year 3's

Please submit your applications to Sharmina next week Friday- **GOOD LUCK!**

Reception begin their Argyle Adventure

The pupils in Reception are learning about themselves and their families. After listening to the story 'So Much' by Trish Cooke they talked about their own families and people who are special to them. The children have also been practising rhyming by playing lots of rhyming games. This is a key skill as it provides the foundation for phonological awareness and the ability to read.



Nursery's exciting first week

This half term the children in Nursery will be learning a range of nursery rhymes as they help children to develop sound awareness, storytelling and support language development. The focus for this week has been learning head, shoulders, knees and toes. As well as singing, the children have been learning about Autumn and the changes that happen in nature during this season.



Breakfast Club Fitness and Football

This week we have seen many new children join breakfast club to enjoy the free football sessions, The children have been brushing up on there techniques and are learning to control the ball.

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.



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



After School Clubs - Autumn Term

We know that you really value clubs at Argyle. They provide a great opportunity for children to make new friends, relax with peers, try new activities and develop existing skills. We always try to offer a range and, unlike many other schools, we do not make parents pay market prices. We make a financial loss on our clubs but provide them as valuable enrichment.



This year we will continue to offer highly subsidised after school clubs and a free daily breakfast club but we have need to put the price up a little. £30 (£15 for Free School Meals) for a whole term still represents excellent value for money.

After School Clubs will begin on Monday 25th September and will end on Friday 8th December. All clubs begin at 3.20pm, Year 1, 2 & 3 finish at 4.15pm except where indicated. You can sign up for clubs in your child's class channel on Parenthub. Sign up speedily.

	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Years 1, 2 & 3	Bloomsbury Football Club Drama Club	Storytime Club Cooking Club finishes at 4.45pm	Art Club Homework drop-in for parent and child
Years 4 5 & 6	Chess Club Cooking Club finishes at 4.45pm	Bloomsbury Football Club Library Club - children visit St Pancras Library finishes at 5pm	Gymnastics Club Homework drop-in for parent and child

As mentioned in the Welcome Meetings, it is important for children to engage in extra curricular activities. These enriching activities help children develop their interests and talents. They develop their character, including resilience, confidence and independence. Teach children how to keep physically and mentally healthy. Sign up today.

Volunteers Needed



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Do you have parenting or childcare experience?
Do you want to make a difference and support a family in need?

If you could give as little as a 2-4 hours a week to support a parent and their children, then please get in touch

Course Dates

September 26th and 28th
October 3rd, 5th, 10th and 12th

at 10am



Weekly drop-In sessions

Do you have a concern about your child's learning, behaviour or wellbeing?

Ms Mukasa will be available for a parent drop-in session each week on Friday mornings .

Beginning Friday 22nd September
Every Friday morning
9 - 10am
Meet at school office

Community Notice



£30 a term

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam

Brownies
3rd Holborn Brownies
Mondays 6-7:30pm

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



Registered charity number 306016

Spaces available for *September* - to find out more
Email: 3rdholbornbrownies@gmail.com

Family Support Workshop



Family Learning in the Early Years

Come along and find out how children learn in Nursery/Reception

Make and take home **FREE** activities to support your child's learning

Starting Thursday 28th September

9am – 11am

For more information contact:
Shamina: shamina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk or ask at the office

Attendance & Punctuality

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
Rec: Jet	-	90%				
Rec: Topaz	-	94%				
Amber	94%	100%				
Emerald	97%	93%				
Opal	91%	95%				
3 Garnet	96%	100%				
3 Pearl	92%	100%				
4 Onyx	91%	97%				
4 Quartz	99%	100%				
5 Amethyst	100%	100%				
6 Sapphire	97%	97%				
Total	95%	97%				
Camden	-					

Congratulations to Amber, 3 Garnet, 3 Pearl, 4 Quartz and 5 Amethyst for reaching 100% attendance this week. Well done to Amber, 4 Onyx and 6 Sapphire who have achieved at least 96% this week.



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 18th	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
Tuesday 19th	Trip: 4 Onyx visit Greenwich Old Royal Naval College No swimming this week Year 6
Wednesday 20th	Trip: Year 6 return from residential trip approx. 5.30pm dependent upon traffic
Friday 22nd	Event: Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting at 9am
Monday 25th	Event: Travelling Book Fair in the dining hall after from 3.10pm
Tuesday 26th	Trip: Selected pupils from Years 5& 6 attend Netball League from 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 28th	Trip: Year 6 visit Oxford University from 9am - 3pm
Friday 29th	Event: Last day of the Travelling Book Fair in the dining hall after from 3.10pm
October 2023	
Monday 2nd	Black History Month - Windrush Week
Tuesday 3rd	Trip: Selected pupils from Years 5& 6 attend Netball League from 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 4th	Trip: Year 5 visit The Houses of Parliament
Thursday 5th	Event: Reception Phonics workshop for Parents from 9am - 9.30am