



COURAGE

Our value for September is Courage



Newsletter

Autumn Term

29th September 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have been busily addressing two of our whole school improvement priorities—raising standards in reading and thinking about how we can work more effectively with parents. Though we know that our teaching and provision in reading is excellent—and a real strength of the school, we are never complacent and wanted external validation that our teaching of phonics is spot on. Experts from the Wandle Hub carried out a full day audit and gave us development feedback so that we can keep on strengthening our practice.

We are now pleased to share with you an action in relation to priority 2 and invite you to become an Argyle Parent Ambassador. We think that Parent Ambassadors can help strengthen understanding between school and parents and we would like you to consider applying to take up the post. Find out more below.

Have a great weekend.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

Become a Parent Ambassador

What does a Parent Ambassadors do? The main job of the Parent Ambassador is **to pass on and share information from the teacher and school to the parents.** This is often just a matter of talking to other parents in your class before and after school at drop off and pick up times.

Parent Ambassadors are also very important when new families join the school. Parent Ambassadors help to welcome and support new parents.



Who can be a Parent Ambassador? Anyone can be a Parent Ambassador. If you are a confident person who is a good communicator then you have all the skills needed.

How do I apply? If you are interested in being a Parent Ambassador, come along to an introductory session in which all your questions can be answered. This will be on: **Thursday 5th October at 8:45am in the FLC.**

Family Learning in the Early Years!

Thank you to those attended our first workshop. This week we looked at how to get your child interested in books and how to make reading more exciting. Parents got to make tote bags for their children as well as gift them The Three Billy Goats Gruff storybook.

Reading has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

I urge parents to attend these workshops to learn new ways on how to best support your child's learning and development throughout Nursery and Reception.

Don't forget we provide the creche facility for your younger ones!



Key Stage 1 - Learning Adventure

In science we have been testing different materials which also links with our literacy story 'The Three Little Pigs' We made predictions and recorded our findings. We tried to blow down each structure and discussed if our predictions were right.



'The bricks are the strongest and the sticks are weaker than the bricks.' -Aron.

'The straw is the weakest.' - Dahlia



In art we have been using paint and also collage to represent fire which links to the topic of the Great Fire of London. We have made house silhouettes in different ways with paper to put onto the orange, red and yellow painted backgrounds.



'So it looks like there's actually real fire!' - Nevaeh.

'The picture has fire on it because the house going to burn.' - Ilyas.



In maths in year 1 we have been finding one more and one less from any given number within 10. We play maths games to embed our learning and year 1 has worked extremely hard to learn new things every day!



Cooking After School Club

This week was the first cooking club sessions for both KS1 and KS2, they made pizzas this week. The focus for this week was kitchen safety and food hygiene in the kitchen. The children really enjoyed making and eating their delicious pizzas. Why not make some this weekend at home.



Year 6 visit Oxford University

Year 6's Trip to Oxford

Our trip to Jesus College, Oxford was organised by the Latin Programme and we are very grateful to them. It was an inspiring day. On Wednesday, we took the Circle Line from King's Cross to Paddington and then got a train to Oxford. The staff at Paddington and Oxford stations were so helpful and made the journey easy.



It was a short walk to Jesus College where we were met by Matt (who teaches politics at the university) and Meghan, who studied history at Jesus College. They looked after us all day. We had a Q&A session. The Latin tutor was genuinely impressed by our children's questions. Then they provided us with a packed lunch which we ate in the college's beautiful dining room. Then we had a Latin lesson.



"It felt like a place for learning. I'd like to go there and study maths." -**Sabrina**

"I liked seeing the different university buildings." **Nafees**

Classics at Jesus College

We met a Classics - Latin and Ancient Greek - tutor, Dr Melinda Letts. She explained that the college has a unique way of teaching Latin. It's called 'active Latin' and you learn the language through speaking. She said it's "great fun" learning in this way. She also added that she writes to colleagues in the UK and abroad in Latin! You don't need to have learnt any Latin (or Ancient Greek) before joining the course at the university. During the course, you read lots of interesting Latin and Greek stories, poetry and non-fiction and also learn philosophy. You also have the option to learn about Roman and Greek art and architecture.



During the lesson, the children all introduced themselves in Latin and acted out and translated part of a story. The lesson was followed by a short tour of Oxford which took in the exterior of the famous Bodleian Library and the Radcliffe Camera (a circular building). The buildings were old and very impressive. On our return to the college we were shown some



precious books from the college's own library. These included a handwritten manuscript about the college's rules and a very early printed book on religion.

Some Facts we learnt about Oxford University and Jesus College

The class were given the opportunity to ask questions and this is what we found out:

- The oldest college at the Oxford University is confusingly called University College. It was founded in 1249.
- Jesus College was founded in 1571. Its foundress was Queen Elizabeth I. We spotted several portraits of her in the college.
- The current worth of the whole university is £6.9 billion!
- Many films have been shot in Oxford University including, the Harry Potter films, His Dark Materials, Transformers and the new version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (due out later this year).
- There are 43 colleges and they are all close to the city centre.
- The university offers scholarships to those who can't afford the fees. There are also scholarships for those who do really well in their exams at the university.

Year 6 visit Oxford University...continued



Why is it called Jesus College? When the university started, students came to study religion so they could train to be priests. They could only speak in Latin, Greek and Hebrew and were fined if they were caught speaking English! Despite its name, it is not a Christian institution. In the new building there is a multi-faith space.

How do you get into the university? Matt said you have to work hard, listen, get good grades but, most importantly, enjoy what you're doing. If you are studying in this country, you need A Levels; however, there are lots of students from all over the world and they might have different qualifications.



Each college offers a range of subjects - all the ones you do at school, plus some other ones, such as Politics, Medicine, Human Sciences and a range of languages including Czech, Slovak and East Asian languages.

Teaching is not done in classes but in tutorials. Each tutor group has a maximum of just three students so it's like learning together in small groups.

In 1610 a special law was made about libraries in Oxford University: every time a book is published in the UK, the publishers have to give a free copy of the book to the university. The university now has around 14 million books! It has over 100 libraries.



How inspiring was the visit?

"I think it'd be a great university. There's lots of support as they learn in tutorials with a maximum of three people." - **Jemimah**

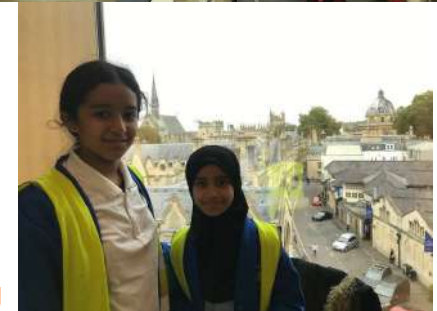
"We did a classics lesson. We learnt they teach through active learning - speaking only in Latin or ancient Greek. We tried it and it was fun!"

Hussain

"I loved the building. It was so old and reminded me of the Harry Potter films." **Alisha**

"I was impressed by how old Jesus College is and how many libraries the university has." **Rayyan**

"I liked seeing the different university buildings." **Nafees**



"I liked seeing the old books because I like learning about old things. It's cool." **Ridi**

"I liked seeing around the college as I'd heard about Oxford University and wanted to see what a prestigious college was like." **Mahahasnat**



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Weekly Drop In Sessions

Week 2 of our Coffee-Stitch & Chat.
Members worked on more complex stitching styles.
Here are just some of their fantastic work!



Parent Governor Needed

Could you be a school governor?
Would you like to help shape the future for the next generation?
Are you committed and have a willingness to question, analyse and learn?
Do you have valuable or professional skills you can offer?
Full training and support will be provided.

Complete the nomination form that was sent out on ParentHub or collect one from the school office by **Tuesday 3rd October 2023**.



Learn English Fast

**Come and Join Us at Argyle!
Every Monday and Wednesday
From 9am –11am**

This class is open to all adults students of all levels. You will have the opportunity to learn English fast at Argyle Primary School with other students.

We will go on trips to local sites and learn everyday vocabulary.

We will concentrate on spoken English, English pronunciation, reading and writing.

We will cover what students want to learn!



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



Attendance & Punctuality

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
Rec: Jet	-	90%	95%	95%		
Rec: Topaz	-	94%	90%	95%		
Amber	94%	100%	90%	96%		
Emerald	97%	93%	99%	90%		
Opal	91%	95%	96%	92%		
3 Garnet	96%	100%	98%	100%		
3 Pearl	92%	100%	99%	94%		
4 Onyx	91%	97%	92%	97%		
4 Quartz	99%	100%	96%	97%		
5 Amethyst	100%	100%	95%	99%		
6 Sapphire	97%	97%	99%	99%		
Total	95%	97%	95%	96%		
Camden	-	93%	95%			

Congratulations to **3 Garnet** for reaching **100%** attendance this week.

Well done to **Amber, 3 Pearl, 4 Onyx, 4 Quartz, 5 Amethyst and 6 Sapphire** who have achieved at least **96%** this week.

Every School Day Counts



Don't let your child miss out - every school day counts

Attending regularly is vital for your child's happiness and success in school.

We know that pupils with good school attendance – of 95% or more – are far more likely to achieve the expected level in their primary school tests at age 11 and go on to gain good passes in their GCSEs at age 16.



Attendance Tip - Send your child to school if:

- They have a runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms.

We will always call home if we think they are too unwell to be in school.

Dates for your diary

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

October 2023

Monday 2nd	Black History Month - Windrush Week Event: Catch-up Clubs begins (by invitation only)
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 (This trip may not go ahead as there is a tube strike scheduled. We won't cancel until last minute -just in case strike is called off.) Trip: Selected pupils from Years 3&4 attend Bench Ball League from 3.15pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 5th	Event: Reception Phonics workshop for Parents from 9am - 9.30am
Tuesday 10th	Trip: Year 6 visit The British Museum Trip: Selected pupils from Years 5&6 attend Netball League from 3.15pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 11th	Trip: Year 5 visit The British Library from 6.30pm - 7.45pm Trip: Selected pupils from Years 3&4 attend Bench Ball League from 3.15pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 12th	Trip: Year 6 visit The British Museum