



Our value for October is Excellence



Newsletter Autumn Term 13th October 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our value for October is excellence and our Year 5's provided a shining example of excellence with their world premier performance at the British Library on Wednesday evening. Those of us who couldn't attend the event were wowed at rehearsal and the feedback after the event was that they were absolute professionals -well done Year 5.

Those of you with older children will know that we have often showcased excellent project work and home learning in this newsletter - there are some lovely examples on page 4 but we look forward to getting many more in after half term. Have you chosen a project with your child that you can produce some excellent learning in? Go for it!

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

5 Amethyst recite Poetry at The British Library

On Wednesday 11th October, 5 Amethyst enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of performing a brand new poem by Joseph Coelho. It had been written to celebrate the occasion of Michael Rosen winning the PEN Pinter Prize for Writing. The class was lucky enough to be chosen to perform the poem **TO** Michael Rosen and **WITH** Joseph Coelho. Wow!



It was almost breathtaking when we saw the amount of people in the theatre! I was nervous so I looked at the wall at the back of the theatre.- **Yasin**



5 Amethyst learnt all their lines and practised speaking clearly and with expression so that their audience would really enjoy their performance. They were given a warm welcome (loud applause) as they approached the stage and a standing ovation at the end. It was a wonderful evening and the children were a credit to their school and to their families.

Year 5 would also like to thank all the parents that made this event possible- by allowing their children to attend and by joining us to support them at the British Library.

It was really funny when we practised with Joseph Coelho. We said, "Rosen, by Joseph Coelho," and pointed at him! He was really shocked.- **Aaliyah**

We did some deep breathing before entering the Pigott Theatre. This helped to calm us down so that we could do an excellent performance for Michael Rosen.- **Vanessa**

I like performing in the British Library! We got to represent the school with our voices.- **Yusra**

We hope to share more photos with you next week!

6 Sapphire visit The British Museum

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to the British Museum to look at artefacts from Roman Britain. The visit was organised by the Latin Programme and Hannah from the Programme accompanied us. We were very lucky to have Professor Catharine Edwards from Birkbeck University to help answer any questions. The children had been set a difficult quiz on the artefacts by Latin teacher, Mr Goddard. The questions meant taking a close look at a range of artefacts from gold jewellery to writing tablets found near Hadrian's Wall.



On Thursday Year 6 had a workshop at the British Museum called 'The World in 900AD'. They began by finding out what was going on in Britain at the time. By looking at a copy of an old coin, the children worked out that the king at the time was King Alfred (he died in 899 AD) and that he was a Christian. He was an Anglo-Saxon and there were Vikings in the North of Britain at this time. To protect themselves from raiders, many people lived in 'burhs' - fortified towns. These were divided into quarters, one for houses, one for farming, one for storage and one for animal shelters. In the middle stood a church, the only building that would have been made out of stone. The children then located three other civilisations that existed in 900 AD and found out a little about them by looking at artefacts. They split into groups and looked at objects from the Islamic Abbasid Empire (which they are currently studying), the Ancient Kingdom of Benin (in modern day Nigeria) and the Mayans (they lived in modern day Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and Honduras). Children from each group then presented their artefacts to the rest of the class. They all spoke well and had clearly learnt a lot about the objects. Afterwards they were able to find



common threads: all four civilisations had pottery objects and all four used coins or other objects, such as beads, to trade goods.

"I enjoyed looking at the different civilisations across the world." **Jemimah**

"I enjoyed looking at artefacts from the Kingdom of Benin, such as a pendant in the shape of a head and beads used for trading." **Mahihansat**

"I liked listening to the other groups explaining about the objects from their civilisations." **Akirah**

"We looked at Anglo-Saxon coins and could work out that the coin was of King Alfred." **Ayman**



Year 4's Fantastic River Models

Year 4 have been making models of the River system from its source, to the river mouth. They started by moulding clay to form the snow-capped mountains, the flood plains and the estuary. Then they used tools to carve out the tributaries and the main river, including the confluence and meander. Once the clay was dried, they painted their models. Finally, they will label their models to show the different features.



mouth



meander



confluence



estuary

Key Stage 1 - Maths Games

This week the children explored playing a place value game. Using two dice the children had to decide which two-digit number they wanted and to where to write them down. The numbers on the caterpillar had to start with the smallest leading to the greatest.

27 is smaller than 54. - **Yusuf, Emerald Class**

66 is the greatest number and 11 is the smallest. - **Amina, Emerald Class**

45 is greater than 36 and smaller than 55. - **Hassan, Amber Class**

15 is greater than 14. - **Ayaan, Opal Class**

I got 2 and 3, I can make 23 and 32. - **Eldana, Amber Class**

63 is greater than 46 and 46 is greater than 31. - **Jenifer, Opal Class**



The first caterpillar had five sections and the second caterpillar had seven.



Family Learning- Trip to the Postal Museum

On Thursday we had our first Adults Only school trip to the Postal Museum as part of the Family Learning in the Early Years. The trip was a great success and it was so lovely to see parents and carers enjoying themselves.

Next week we are back in the FLC and we will be discussing children's behaviour and activities to do as a family during half term. I urge parents to attend these workshops to learn new ways on how to best support your child's learning and development throughout Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

Don't forget we provide the crèche facility for your younger ones! For those who missed out on the trip this time, we plan to arrange another trip soon. So if you would like to join please attend the Family Learning workshops for more information.



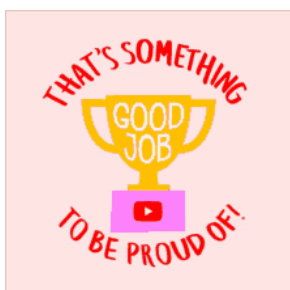
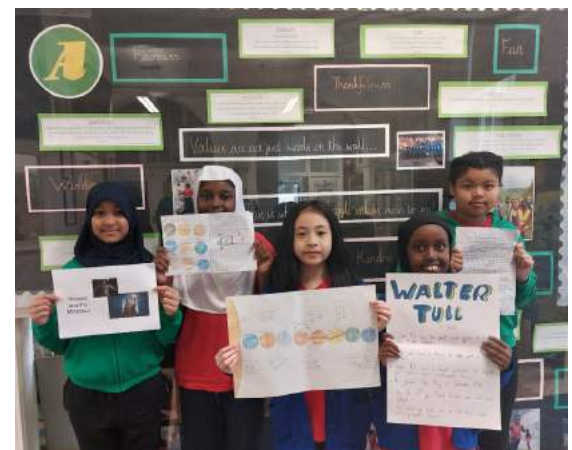
Excellence Home Projects

Amaarah has made a 3D model of Great Fire of London. She included great details with the Tudor houses, fire and characters.



Daisy also worked really hard to create a Tudor house for her home project.

Aaliyah, Yusra, Vanessa, Faaduma and Athena of Year 5 all submitted excellent home projects. The children extended their learning by independently researching the topics that interested them such as The solar system, Walter Tull, Mythology.



Keep Going!



ESOL at Argyle

These are just some of the brilliant ESOL students studying at Argyle with Belinda.

They now have their Student Cards and are on the Westminster Kingway College Student Register. This means they can use the college libraries and borrow books, and get discounts at shops and museums if they show their card.



Some students have already moved on to study in the WestKing college itself, 4 days a week.

Congratulations for all their hard work.



Hilaria, Adelina and some other students have places to study 4 days a week in College.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings are coming up in early November (6th, 7th and 8th).

Bookings for Parents Evenings will open on SCOPAY on Monday 16th October at 3.30pm and will close on Wednesday 1st November at 12 noon.

To make an appointment you must have your child linked to SCOPAY account. If you do not have an account, please come to the school office where we can assist.

All parents are expected to diarise and attend their appointment. Once you book your appointment SCOPAY will send a confirmation email, please keep hold of this email for your reference.



Benchball competition

On Wednesday, selected pupils from Years 3 & 4 participated in the final Benchball competition at Talacre Sport Centre.

Argyle had five medal winners! Medals were awarded to pupils who were most effective on their respective teams and they were each chosen by their own team members.

Well done to you all for showing great sportsmanship, working with others from other school and representing our school.



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



Parental Support Notices



The Tavistock and Portman
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team from Camden CAMHS are pleased to offer parents/carers a series of workshops to support their children's well-being. This year we now have 12 topics in total with workshops being offered from mid-October until the end of Spring term. In response to parent feedback, we are now also trialling early evening times for three of our most well attended workshop topics.

Webinars that are for both Parents/Carers of Primary and Secondary aged children and young people

- Parent Self Care
- Therapeutic conversations with your child and young person
- All about sleep
- Screen Time
- Sibling relationships

Webinars for Parents/Carers of Primary aged children

- Parent-child interactions
- Managing routines
- Supporting Childhood worries

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow-up of 30 minutes for parents/carers to ask questions or discuss the topic further.

Parents and carers can opt in for all topics, or whichever most appeals to them. The webinar series will run from **Friday 13th October 2023 until Wednesday 27th March 2024.**

To find out more information about each workshop and to sign up for free, please follow Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-webinar-series-2023-2024-tickets-715904949977>

Or scan the QR code using your mobile phone's camera:



SEN Support workshop For Camden parents & carers



When Wednesday 11th October, 10.30am – 12.30pm
Where Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, NW5 1LB

This is a great information session for any parents & carers with a child who receives SEN Support in mainstream school

What will you get out of it?

- Understanding of the terms SEN Support
- Establish how needs and support should be assessed and monitored
- Signposting to further resources
- Confidence in attending IEP/Support plan meetings

This very informative session will be delivered by Julie Bidgway who is the manager for Camden SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service).

To book onto this workshop please email Maria.schultz@kids.org.uk or call to make your booking on 07826 671 523

Please do keep an eye on facebook for general information, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch. <https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>



Webinar Topic	Intended Parent Audience	Date	Time
Parent-child interactions	Primary & Secondary	Friday 20 th October	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm
Managing routines	Primary	Friday 3 rd November	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm
Sleep	Primary & Secondary	Friday 10 th November	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm
Screen Time	Primary & Secondary	Friday 17th November	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm

Lunch Menu - After Half Term

The menu below will begin after the half term. These lunch choices will be updated on SCOPAY before the

Autumn/ Winter 2023/ 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 30/10/2023 20/11/2023 11/12/2023 15/01/2024 05/02/2024 04/03/2024 25/03/2024	Option one	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍷	A choice of Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) in a bun and Potato Wedges	Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast or Mashed & Potatoes	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread 🌿	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Vegetable Couscous 🍷		Roast of the Day, Stuffing Roast or Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef's Chicken Korma with Rice 🍷	Five Bean Chili with Rice or Jacket Potato 🌿
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 🌿	Freshly Chopped Fruit Medley 🌿	Apple sponge	Oaty Cookie 🌿
WEEK TWO 06/11/2023 27/11/2023 18/12/2023 22/01/2024 19/02/2024 11/03/2024	Option one	Cottage Pie	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 🍷	A choice of BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken or Vegan Quorn, with Seasoned Potatoes or Jollof Rice and Salads	Veggie meatballs in tomato sauce with rice 🍷	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Chicken tikka masala with Rice 🍷		Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread 🌿	Chinese Vegetable Noodles
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	NEW Carrot Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍷	Fruit Medley 🌿	Chocolate Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread 🌿
WEEK THREE 13/11/2023 04/12/2023 08/01/2024 29/01/2024 26/02/2024 18/03/2024	Option one	Chicken Sausage & mashed potato	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice 🌿	Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roasted or Mashed Potatoes 🌿	Vegetable tagine with lemon and parsley couscous 🌿	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishcake with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two		Mexican Beef with Rice 🌿	Roast chicken with roast or Mashed Potatoes	Chicken pie with new potatoes 🌿	Chickpea and Vegetable Hotpot & new potatoes 🌿
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Iced Sponge	NEW Chocolate Orange Cookie 🌿	Fruit Platter 🌿	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	NEW Melting Moment Biscuit
MENU KEY		🌿 Added Plant Power	🍷 Wholemeal	🌿 Vegan	🍷 Chef's Special	
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection						ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

Dental Team visit

The Whittington Health NHS Dental team is coming to Argyle Primary School as part of the community fluoride varnish programme.

This programme is for children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. The first fluoride application will be on **Thursday 2nd November 2023**, and the second fluoride application will be on **Thursday 18th April 2024**.

Please read the letter and blue form that your child will bring home today for more details.

If you would like to enrol your child on the programme, please complete the blue fluoride varnish consent form and return it to the school office by **Wednesday 18th October 2023**.

The Whittington Health NHS Dental team is coming to your child's school as part of the community fluoride varnish programme

Enrol Now
For this Academic year



The programme aims to improve the dental health of children.

It involves a brief inspection of your child's teeth followed by application of fluoride varnish as a means of preventing tooth decay.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE THE FORM INSIDE AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL/NURSERY.

Coming up during Half Term - Exciting Opportunity!

This half term Arsenal in the community will be running a Half Term club here at Argyle, each day from 9.30am-12pm. There will be Football, Fun and Indoor Activities club for pupils in KS2. We'll have more information to share with soon, including how to sign up for this fantastic event.



Attendance & Punctuality

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

Well done to Amber, Emerald, Opal, 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 85% 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.

Camden Learning

Attendance Tip - Appointments

If you can always make appointments for pupils after the following times:

12.30pm - Nursery & reception

1pm - Years 1 & 2

1.30pm - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Dates for your diary

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

October 2023

Monday 16th	Parents Evenings: Bookings for open on SCOPAY at 3.30pm
Tuesday 17th	Event: Reception Speaking & Listening workshop for Parents from 9am - 9.30am Event: Emerald Class Assembly from 8.55am - 9.10am
Wednesday 18th	Event: Opal Class Assembly from 8.55am - 9.10am
Thursday 19th	Event: Amber Class Assembly from 8.55am - 9.10am
Friday 20th	Trip: Year 4 visit Holborn Library from 9.30am - 11am

Half Term - Monday 23 October - Friday 27th October

Sunday 29th	Remember to turn your clocks back an hour
Monday 30th	Pupils return to school for Autumn Term 2—be in line at 8.40am
Tuesday 31st	Last day to submit Secondary Transfer applications

November 2023

Wednesday 1st	Parents Evenings: Last Chance to book online - closes at noon
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