



Our value for November is Compassion



Newsletter

Autumn Term

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here at Argyle, we don't work in isolation. We are lucky enough to be part of a wider system - Camden Learning - an umbrella organisation that supports the work of every state funded or voluntary aided school in the borough. This collaboration enables teachers to share expertise and learn from one another so that our children benefit and it allows children to meet, collaborate with and compete against children from across the borough. Just today, for example, some of our Year 5 children met with children from across the borough to discuss issues that worry them as part of Camden's Takeover Challenge (more info will follow next week) and I got to see the stunning artwork in another Camden school. Yesterday evening, our Ms Jones, shared her expertise at a Camden 'Teach Meet' where over 100 teachers shared ideas to enhance learning. On Tuesday, Ms Merali and myself hosted an evening at The British Library on how to support struggling readers. Camden Learning has its own strategy for improvement called 'Building Back Stronger' which will support all of its schools to keep on getting better. I will share snippets from this with you over the coming weeks.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

Rewilding Project with Camden Think and Do

Last week we were fortunate enough to have pop-up community gardeners 'Camden's Think and Do' in to help us to tidy and revamp our school garden. Think and Do worked in collaboration with the Foundling Museum and brought in 15 volunteers from property agents Savills. Together the team did a brilliant cleaning up and weeding job. They also moved several of our planters and put in some guttering and a water-butt to help make our garden even more eco-friendly. They improved our work station, cleared the pond and planted some lovely ferns.

Our pupils and staff would like to say a massive **'THANK YOU!'** to the team for all the amazing work that you did in our garden! It looks fantastic now and we are so very grateful.

Check out <https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk/> to see the amazing work they are doing in the community and how you can become a volunteer.



Sporting Competitions

On Tuesday our year 5 and year 6 football team attended their second round of the football league. Today they were able to wear the brand new Argyle football team kit. In this weeks league they played against three different schools in Camden. Drawing one game, losing one game and winning one game. They kept their good sportsmanship and worked as a team and didn't give up! They walked with a smile no matter what the score was. As their coaches, we are really proud of them.



Then on Wednesday a group of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils participated in an after school Benchball tournament. They were

split into two groups, A and group B. They played against six other schools. We came 5th and 6th place. The children were still happy no matter what position they came. They were really happy to take part and work in a team together which was a mixture of year 3 and year 4. Also four children were awarded a gold medal for good sportsmanship. Overall it was a really fun evening! - Ms B & Mr Pabel.



Art Afterschool club

Last week, the pupils who attend the Art after school club on Friday created their own Tie Dye t-shirts. The children had so much fun scrunching the fabric and tying it off to begin dying them different colours, they had been looking forward to doing this all Autumn term. Finally, they were able to see their creations this week after leaving them all weekend to develop.



KS1's busy week

Whilst the Year 2 pupils have been practicing for the Nativity the Year 1 pupils have been busy learning about plants and trees in different seasons.

Observational leaf - The children collected leaves before taking a closer look with a magnifier and drawing them.

Memuna - I can see the little veins

Amaarah - the deciduous trees all lose their leaves in winter. Now in autumn they are changing colours.

Noah - I like the colour of the red leaves. It look like dragon fire breathing.

Leaf comparing - This time the children collected two leaves and looked for similarities and differences.

Mani - They have veins

Liona - This bumpy

Ian - My two leaf is orange

Inspired by artist **Andy Goldsworthy** - Children used the outdoors and created nature art with different coloured leaves.



Reception

This week we have continued to learn to tell the story of The Three Little Pigs using action words such as 'Then' and 'Finally'. The children have had fun acting out the story and recalling repeated refrains such as 'Little pig, little pig. Let me come in. Not by the hair on my chinny, chin, chin'.

As part of our Literacy lesson the children worked in pairs to sequence the story using key story pictures. We talked about what happened first in the story and then next. Each child was encouraged to talk about what was happening in each picture and to speak using a clear voice.

We have made a wanted poster for the Big Bad Wolf and have used descriptive words to describe the wolf. All of the children have designed their own house and are able to talk about their plans.



Family Learning Workshop

This week's Family Learning Workshop was on the Language & Literacy Skill of using Rhyme.

Rhymes are extremely valuable to support language and communication skills, build confidence and prepare children for reading and writing as they get older. Rhyming also supports your child's cognitive development. Repetition of rhymes and stories is good for the brain, teaching how language works, improving memory, concentration, spatial intelligence and thinking skills.

Parents/Carers got to make their own roll-a-rhyme dice and memory rhyme game to take home to support their children's home learning. Recognising rhyming words is a basic level of phonemic awareness. Rhyming requires that children listen closely for sounds within words. Children who recognise rhyme learn that words are made up of separate parts.



Fun fact: If a child knows 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8 years old.

Next Thursday we will be holding a workshop on **Communication**. We will be using the I-pads to explore the Kids Talk Padlet and you will have the opportunity to create resources such as sock puppets for your child. Communicating through conversations, story-telling and role play, where children share their ideas with support and modelling from you, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate, children become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures.



If you would like to attend next week's workshop please email Sharmina:
Sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk

Don't forget we have the FREE creche facility for babies and toddlers too!

Nursery's super busy week

We've had a super busy week in nursery with lots of learning and a few visitors too! We continued with our topic of heroes this week by learning all about dentists. The home corner was turned into a dentists' surgery and the children enjoyed dressing up as dentists and patients and giving each other advice on how to look after teeth! We learnt about what our teeth are for, by reading focus book 'The Tooth Book', by Theo LeSieg, and learnt that we can keep our teeth healthy by brushing them twice a day and eating healthy food.



In Phonics we learnt many words that begin with the 't' sound and also practised sound-talking and blending some simple words beginning with 't'. The children have been doing some great mark-making this week, and they were all able to write the letter 't' on their white boards. We've also been practising our



rhyming skills this week by spotting the rhymes in songs, playing 'I spy a rhyme', and choosing rhyming pairs of objects during carpet time learning.



In Maths we focused on number 4 by playing dice games and counting out just 4 objects from a larger group. We practised our pattern-making again this week, using circles and triangles, and the children also did some shape printing in paint. They used so many different shapes and made beautiful patterns!



The Foundling Museum came in to see us on Thursday to do a workshop on what life would have been like for children in the Foundling Hospital. The children did some role play about day-to-day activities that would have taken place in the Hospital, including getting dressed, meal-times and school-lessons.



We were lucky enough to have Camden's 'Kid's Talk' in our Stay & Play session again this Friday morning, to give

us some more language development tips. Parents and children worked together to decorate their own rhyme-time bags (with 4 different song-cards inside) and then we did a singing carpet time together, modelled by Jo, where we chose the rhyme cards out of the bag one by one and sang them together. Families will practise the songs together at home.



Attendance & Punctuality

	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13
Rec: Jet	93%	96%	95%	91%	92%		
Rec: Topaz	82%	90%	94%	92%	89%		
Amber	92%	96%	96%	93%	95%		
Emerald	99%	96%	97%	89%	94%		
Opal	94%	97%	95%	90%	94%		
3 Garnet	91%	98%	98%	95%	92%		
3 Pearl	94%	96%	96%	97%	96%		
4 Onyx	98%	99%	97%	94%	98%		
4 Quartz	98%	97%	98%	100%	96%		
5 Amethyst	99%	95%	98%	98%	95%		
6 Sapphire	93%	96%	97%	98%	98%		
Total	94%	96%	96%	94%	94%		
Camden	95%	95%	95%	95%			

Well done to 3 Pearl, 4 Onyx, 4 Quartz 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.

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Attendance Tip

Do NOT book holidays during the school term time. Term dates are readily available on the school website for your convenience. You may be fined for taking leave from school during the term time. You must seek the permission of the headteacher before booking flights.

Dates for your diary

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

November 2023

Monday 27th	Trip: Group of Year 5 & 6 pupils at Football Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre
Tuesday 28th	Trip: Reception visit Kings Cross Mosque
Wednesday 29th	Event: Reception Open Morning & Tour at 9.30am Trip: Group of Year 3 & 4 pupils at Benchball competition at Talacre Sports Centre

December 2023

Friday 1st	Trip: Year 5 visit Camden CLC Trip: KS1 visit The Arsenal Hub
Monday 4th	Trip: Nursery and Reception visit Kings Place Event: Year 2 end of KS1 expectations meeting for parents at 8.45am - 9.15am
Tuesday 5th	Event: Year 1 & Year 3 Maths Open Classroom 8.55am - 9.30am
Thursday 7th	Event: Year 2 & Year 4 Maths Open Classroom 8.55am - 9.30am
Tuesday 12th	Event: Year 5 & Year 6 Maths Open Classroom 8.55am - 9.30am