



# Our value for December is Peace



## Newsletter

Autumn Term

1st December 23



## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

A key strand of Camden's 'Building Back Stronger' is their Every Child A Reader by 7 (ECR7) campaign which I have had the privilege of leading for the past two terms. As the title states, this campaign is on a mission to ensure that every Camden child learns to read quickly so that by the end of key stage 1 children are confident and fluent readers, who enjoy reading and can use their skills to excel across the curriculum. ECR7 acknowledges that some children will have specific learning barriers that may slow their progress, and also commits to ensuring that these children benefit from excellent teaching by knowledgeable teachers and teaching assistants who fully understand how to overcome these barriers.

ECR7 focuses upon:

- Campaigning - to attract additional funding and reading volunteers into our schools;
- Developing the subject knowledge and expertise of teaching staff;
- Motivating children to read by arranging author visits, reading clubs and a range of special events.

Find out more at <https://camdenlearning.org.uk/ecr7/>

**Jemima Wade, Headteacher**

## Argyle Pupils Accept The Camden Take Over Challenge

Last week Friday, a group of pupils from Year 5 represented Argyle at the Camden Take Over Challenge at Camden's Crowndale Centre. The take over is an annual event where schools across Camden come together to share the pupils' voice on subjects such as climate change, mental health, cost of living crisis, etc. Their opinions help shape the council policies and help to spread awareness of things that affect pupils across the borough. Argyle's pupils delivered a presentation on Mental Health and its impact on children in front of delegates from Camden Council including the Mayor of Camden. Well done children!



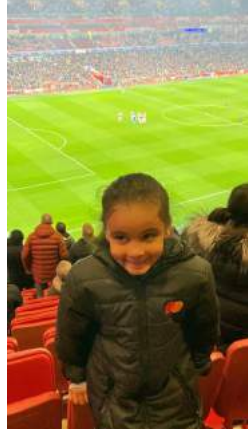
# Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

Currently the boys' team are in second place on the league table - just one point from taking the first place. Our girls' team are fourth and are 8 points away from being first. Every week they practise so hard to hone their skills. Each match the children play so well together! They support each other win, lose or draw and display great sportsmanship on the pitch. No matter what the outcome of the match they show so much resilience and dogged determination. As their coach I am so proud of them - Ms B.

As a school we are happy to see how far our football team have come. We are working out hardest to take the Trophy!

## Argyle Pupil leads the teams out at Arsenal Stadium

Raghad impressed Arsenal Football Club so much with her play that she was invited along to escort the players onto the pitch at Wednesday night's match. At The Emirates Stadium. She was partnered with Player 24, Jonathan Gradi, who plays for RC Lens and was seen on TV by some of our eagle eyed teachers. What an experience. Well done Raghad -we're proud of you! Keep playing!



On Wednesday evening I did something super cool!

It was a new experience for me and I felt excited and a little scared too as I had to walk on the pitch with the players of Arsenal and Lens before the match.

It was the first time I went to the stadium, Thank you Arsenal, for letting me join in, We won! I know if I work hard I can be a player like them one day. Raghad, Year 3



## KS1's busy week

In Literacy we have started to learn a new story. Ask children in KS1 if they can tell you about 'The Jolly Postman'. Where does he go? How does he travel? What does he deliver? and who does he deliver to? By the of this unit the children will be writing an additional chapter all of their own.

**Daisy - I posted the three bears' letter.**

**Mascud - We scared away the big bad wolf.**

**Yohanes - The giant in Jack and the beanstalk lives high in the sky.**

**Zelle - We made the witches' potions so she doesn't eat us.**



# Nursery

In nursery this week the children continued to find out about real-life heroes by learning about doctors. They have really enjoyed dressing up as doctors and they also learnt about some common illnesses and



medicines through studying our book this week: 'Zog and the Flying Doctors', by Julia Donaldson. The children learnt that we can keep ourselves fit and healthy by eating fruit and vegetables, exercising regularly and by practising good hygiene.



In maths we focused on number 5 by playing dice games, finding number 5 on a number line and counting out 5 objects. We also practised pattern-making with shapes again, using circles, triangles and squares this time.



In phonics this week we learnt about the 'i' sound and the children did some great 'i' mark-making. We also met a new character 'Metal Michael', who helped us with our blending by teaching us how to do 'robot talking' - the only problem was that Metal Michael wanted to eat all the words that the children blended!



We also continued to learn about rhyme this week, through our book of the week, and by matching strings of rhyming images. The children had great fun acting out nursery rhymes with props, particularly '5 little speckled frogs'.



Rhyme continued to be our focus in stay & play this week. We built on work done in previous stay & play, and family learning, sessions by asking parents to work with their children to find sequences of rhyming matching pairs and stick them on a board together. This is something that the children have been practising for a while now so it was wonderful to see how their rhyming confidence has grown!



# Reception

The children in Reception have been learning about traditional tales. Over the last few weeks, they have learnt about Goldilocks, The Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. This week, the children moved on to learning about The Three Billy Goats Gruff. After listening to the story, the children began to learn a condensed version from memory, using a story map and actions to help them. Through learning a range of traditional tales, the children are able to internalise story telling language such as 'once upon a time', which then helps them when they are telling or writing their own stories.

As part of their mathematical development the children have been learning about one-to-one correspondence and ensuring that they are counting a number of objects accurately. They have also been learning about the mathematical term 'equal.' During their guided sessions with the teacher, the children played a game involving a dice and counters. This helped the children to recognise amounts and



then move their counters the correct amount of spaces.

This also supported the children with developing resilience when they lost and helped them to develop their turn-taking skills.

This week the children visited King's Cross Mosque and we learned about why the Mosque is special for Muslim people. Thank you to all the parents that attended this trip and supported our learning.



## Family Learning

We had our final Family Learning Workshop on Thursday. A huge **WELL DONE** to everyone who attended the past 10 weeks. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers engaged in learning activities and keen to learn about how to help their child.

This week we focussed on 'Communication' and how effective communication skills are needed to develop resilience. Children need language to label and talk about emotions and self-regulate. Understanding of emotional language is needed to develop empathy. A child who is good at communicating verbally will find it easier to produce written communications, and will likely perform better in their school.

Parents and carers got to make sock puppets for their children to encourage good communication through role play as well as language skills. Using props such as puppets enables children to form social relationships, express feelings and participate in everyday activities. It was refreshing to see parents and carers being playful and enjoying themselves.

In January we plan to hold more workshops. If you have any suggestion on what you would like to learn or need support with regarding helping your child's learning and development please email Sharmina on

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Your voice matters!



# Attendance & Punctuality

	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13
Rec: Jet	93%	96%	95%	91%	92%	93%	
Rec: Topaz	82%	90%	94%	92%	89%	87%	
Amber	92%	96%	96%	93%	95%	92%	
Emerald	99%	96%	97%	89%	94%	94%	
Opal	94%	97%	95%	90%	94%	85%	
3 Garnet	91%	98%	98%	95%	92%	95%	
3 Pearl	94%	96%	96%	97%	96%	97%	
4 Onyx	98%	99%	97%	94%	98%	95%	
4 Quartz	98%	97%	98%	100%	96%	97%	
5 Amethyst	99%	95%	98%	98%	95%	96%	
6 Sapphire	93%	96%	97%	98%	98%	96%	
Total	94%	96%	96%	94%	94%	93%	
Camden	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%		

Well done to 3 Pearl, 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.

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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.

## December 2023

Monday 4th	<b>Trip:</b> Nursery and Reception visit Kings Place <b>Event:</b> Year 2 end of KS1 expectations meeting for parents at 8.45am - 9.15am
Tuesday 5th	<b>Event:</b> Year 1 Maths Open Classroom 8.55am - 9.30am <b>Trip:</b> Year 4 attend Coram's Field Silent Disco from 11.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday 7th	<b>Event:</b> Year 2 & Year 4 Maths Open Classroom 8.55am - 9.30am
Friday 8th	<b>LAST DAY OF AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b> (Not Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday tuition)
Monday 11th	<b>Event:</b> Nasal Flu Vaccinations for consented children
Tuesday 12th	<b>Event:</b> Year 5 & Year 6 Maths Open Classroom 8.55am - 9.30am <b>Trip:</b> Reception visit Holy Cross Church <b>Trip:</b> Selected children from Years 5 & 6 visit Somers Town Sports Centre
Wednesday 13th	<b>Trip:</b> Selected children from Years 3 & 4 visit Talacre Sports Centre
Thursday 14th	<b>Event:</b> Year 3 Maths Open Classroom 8.55am - 9.30am <b>(NEW DATE)</b>