



Our value for December is Peace



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.... and today it was lovely to relax a little with the children as we enjoyed Christmas lunch together. Teachers have been busily pulling together the results of our recent assessments and TAs having been assessing the impact of their catch up clubs - all of which informs our planning for the next term. We have tried to ensure that children keep their focus and keep on challenging themselves right up until the end of term and that makes the moments of relaxation all the more enjoyable. Next week is busy - please ensure that you know what is happening.

Have a good weekend.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

5 Amethyst create Olympians

Year 5 have designed and made models of Ancient Greek Olympians out of wire and Plaster of Paris. On Thursday, we cut up pieces of Modroc, dipped them into water and started to mould our sculptures. Soon, we'll show you our finished work!

I liked when we used modroc in art. We had to use our fingers to shape the nose and then shape the legs so that our Greek Olympian looked like he was running. -**Yusra**

When we made sculptures, we had to be careful not to put too much modroc on. If you do, it'll become too bumpy, will be hard to paint and could collapse. - **Sorayah**



We were clean to start with... but after using sticky modroc, we were really messy! If you put too much modroc at the top of your wire model, it'll fall over! -**Vanessa**



If you ever work with modroc, work fast as it dries really quickly! -**Yakub**

After School Clubs - Sign Up



After school clubs for Spring Term 2024 have been released on ParentHub so please check your messages.

Sign up before Monday 8th January 2024 at 9am, the online forms will close so apply before the deadline.

Most clubs are 'first come, first served' so sign up soon to avoid disappointment. If a club is oversubscribed, priority will be given to those who have not done that club before.

You will be told on Tuesday 9th January 2024 which club/s your child has been offered. Payments for clubs will be put onto SCOPAY by Wednesday 10th January to be paid for before clubs begin on Monday 15th January 2024.

All clubs cost £30 unless stated as 'Free', if your family is eligible for Free School Meals the cost is £20 per club.

	KS1 & Year 3	KS2
Tuesday	Bloomsbury Football Club Cooking Club	Chess Club (Free) Cooking Club
Thursday	Drama Club Multisport Club	Drama Club Bloomsbury Football Club Arsenal's Library Club (Free)
Friday	Art Club Homework Club (Free)	Gymnastics Club (TBC) Homework Club (Free)

After School Art Club

Tis the season to be jolly..... and in Art club that's what happened on the very last session for the Autumn Term last week, the children were so excited to be making their own Christmas bags just in time for the holidays.

There were a variety of stencil designs for the children to choose from such as Christmas trees, snow man or merry Christmas sign and snow flakes. The children outlined their chosen design onto the bag then began painting it on the bags different colours and the end result was fantastic.



I love art club I want to do it again next term! – **Jenifer, Year 1**

We had a great time designing our bags I chose a snow man, I had so much fun I want to do it again. – **Dania, Year 3**

Christmas Class Parties

Class Christmas Parties will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th December.

All pupils are welcome to wear their party clothes to school from the morning - so long as they wear sensible shoes and clothes that do not present a trip hazard.

We would also like to ask parents to contribute healthy food or drink to their child's class party.



Reception



This week we have explored the story of 'The Stickman' by Julia Donaldson. Whilst listening to the story, the children were able to talk about the journey that the Stickman takes and the seasons that pass. They used a range of vocabulary to describe the different settings and talked about seasonal changes such as leaves falling off trees during Autumn and snow on the ground during Winter. If you are interested in sharing this story with your child, we have added a link to Google Classroom.



On Tuesday we visited Holy Cross Church and Father Christopher told us the Nativity story using old wooden figurines. We learned that the Christmas tree is a special tree because its leaves do not fall off in the winter and is a symbol of life.

On Thursday we had a teddies bear's picnic and the children were delighted to get their own teddy bear! We ate sandwiches with our new teddies and had lots of fun. Thank you to Build-A-Bear for their generous donation of the teddy bears to Argyle Primary School, we are very grateful.



Nursery

We've had a fun week in nursery pretending to be firefighters, and learning about different types of rescues that firefighters do, through our book 'Fireman Small', by Wong Herbert Yee. The children learnt about all the tools that firefighters use and we acted out scenes from the book like going down the firefighter's pole 'wheeee!' and putting on our sirens 'nee naaw, nee naaw!'. In phonics we learnt about the 'n' sound and found lots of words that begin with this sound. We also practised sound-talking and blending words that begin with 'n' and then we fed them to Metal Michael, our blending robot. He particularly liked eating a 'n-u-t' and a 'n-e-t'!



In maths we learnt about number 7 and we discovered that this number is not on a dice! Although we couldn't show it on the dice, we did show number 7 on our fingers, and we also counted out 7 objects (from a larger group) and found number 7 on our number lines. We practised our pattern-making again this week too. The children are now experts at arranging shapes in a repeating 2- and 3-shape pattern!



In our stay and play session on Friday the children worked with their parents to decorate images of themselves putting out a big fire, dressed as firefighters! The children did great paintings of fire and then painted themselves putting the fire out with their big water hoses.



Christmas Lunch



Today our pupils and staff enjoyed a festive Christmas Lunch together. Thank you Caterlink for the delicious food.



Attendance & Punctuality



	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14
Rec: Jet	93%	96%	95%	91%	92%	93%	79%	84%
Rec: Topaz	82%	90%	94%	92%	89%	87%	81%	85%
Amber	92%	96%	96%	93%	95%	92%	93%	88%
Emerald	99%	96%	97%	89%	94%	94%	92%	94%
Opal	94%	97%	95%	90%	94%	85%	89%	88%
3 Garnet	91%	98%	98%	95%	92%	95%	87%	92%
3 Pearl	94%	96%	96%	97%	96%	97%	93%	89%
4 Onyx	98%	99%	97%	94%	98%	95%	95%	96%
4 Quartz	98%	97%	98%	100%	96%	97%	95%	94%
5 Amethyst	99%	95%	98%	98%	95%	96%	91%	91%
6 Sapphire	93%	96%	97%	98%	98%	96%	88%	90%
Total	94%	96%	96%	94%	94%	93%	89%	90%
Camden	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	94%	94%	

Well done to 4 Onyx who have achieved 96% attendance 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.

December 2023

Monday 18th **Trip:** Year 3 visit The Place to watch Pirates Winter performance

Wednesday 20th **Event:** Nativity for invited parents and special guests at 9.30am—10.30am
Event: Class Christmas Parties (Please read message in Parenthub)

Thursday 21st **Last Day of Term - Pupils finish at 1.45pm**

Christmas Holidays from Friday 22nd December - Friday 5 January 2024

January 2024

Monday 8th **Reminder:** After school club form will close at 9am.
Event: Home visits in the afternoon for new nursery pupils

Tuesday 9th **Pupils return to school at 8.40am.**
Reminder: Parents will be notified of what clubs their child has been given.

Friday 12th **Trip:** Selected pupils at Cricket competition at Haverstock School 1pm—5.30pm
Trip: Selected pupils at West Hampstead Primary for rehearsal from 1.30pm –3pm

Monday 15th **Trip:** Year 6 visit the CLC from 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 16th **Trip:** Year 5 rehearsal at Acland Burghley from 10am—12pm
Reminder: Tuesday After school Clubs begin

