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NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUE FOR JULY IS EMPATHY



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past week I have had multiple opportunities to reflect upon what a great school Argyle is and what a fantastic borough Camden is. I know that these are bold statements but, like many of you, I have experience of schools outside of Camden and I know that the opportunities offered in Camden and here at Argyle are truly exceptional. These opportunities add joy and wonder to learning. They develop, over time, pupils' general knowledge and ability to listen to a range of people, from a whole world of backgrounds, and to learn from them. Last week two of our Year 6 pupils interviewed an author, live on stage, in front of 100's of Year 2 pupils at an 'Every Child a Reader by 7' event at the British Library. You would have thought that they had years of experience in such a role! Year 2's have met 3 authors in a week and heard their stories as well as being captivated by a professional storyteller at the Young Readers' Programme summer event. Year 6, 5 and 3 pupils have attended the Lethaby Gallery at Central Saint Martins to view our artwork, displayed with that of pupils from EVERY Camden school at the the first ever Camden Schools Art Biennale. Do make sure that you visit the gallery this weekend. Finally -we have had confirmation of our Year 6 SATS results which show our highest ever achievement at greater depth in Reading and Maths. We look forward to sharing the full set of results with you next Friday.

J. Wade
Head Teacher

ECR7 EVENTS AT ARGYLE

EVERY CHILD READING BY 7



Children meet two authors and one illustrator in one visit to British Library



Year 6 children Sabrina and Hussain interviewed author Jordan Stephens on stage on behalf of year 2. The whole event can be viewed online...

Author and rapper, Jordan Stephens, shared his exciting book 'The Missing Piece' with the excited Year 2's



Author, Hannah Lee read her book at the event.

Illustrator, Allen Fatimaharan, signs the Rapping Princess for Year 2. A book created by Hannah Lee and brought to life by his vivid drawings.



Smriti Halls visits KSI

Last Friday our Key Stage one pupils had a visit from an author named Smriti Halls. She read her book 'The Very Best Hug' and based on this story, the children chose an animal they would like a hug from. They drew their characters and spoke about why they chose them for the very best hug. Children also asked questions to Smriti such as 'How long does it take to write a book?' (Rayhan) and 'What is your favourite book you've written?' (Amyiah).



Young Readers Summer Event

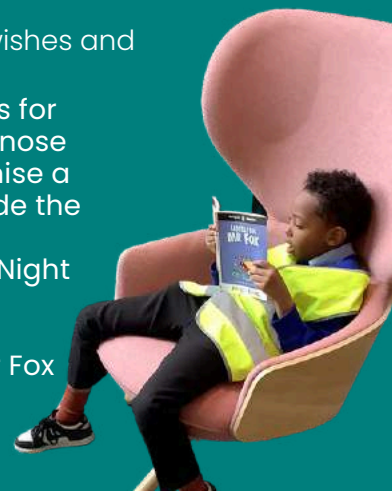
On Wednesday KSI children went to Regents Place for the Final Young Readers Summer Event Program. They were engaged in four different activities:

Story telling - The children were mesmerised whilst listening to the story teller as they joined in with the actions and the songs.

Climate change tree art - After drawing the different trees children added their wishes and dreams for the trees to grow.

Debating - Children had to make choices and then give reasons for their choices. At first they played 'would you rather' have a long nose OR big ears and then the children chose if they wanted to organise a movie night OR a food party. In their groups they had to persuade the other group. At the end of the debate some of the children were persuaded to defect to the other group. Well done to the Movie Night group.

Finally the Year 2 children got their own copy of the Fantastic Mr Fox story.





Year 5

On Friday 5th July, 5 Amethyst enjoyed a wonderful day at London Zoo!

As well as seeing all our favourite animals, we took part in a workshop about how plastics damage our oceans, the sea creatures habitats and ultimately...us.

We learnt how to choose the the least damaging reusable water bottles based on materials used, production techniques and sustainability.

Look closely at our photos! As well as seeing sleepy sloths and some very relaxed tigers, we were lucky enough to see the zoo's new lion cubs and two very young baby gorillas.

As always, thank you to all the parents and siblings who gave their time to support us on this trip.



“ Yakub Y: At London Zoo, we learnt how single use plastic bottles can be dangerous. When people re-use them, chemicals from the plastic soak into the water making it unhealthy.

Aayan: In London Zoo, we learnt not to litter otherwise the plastic gets washed into the sea and animals think it's food. They eat it, think they're full up and then starve to death!



On Wednesday 10th July, 5 Amethyst went to St. Pancras Station as it was their Poetry Performance Day!

Throughout the year, they have been working with Paul Lyalls on a poetry project called Track Record and have now had their work published.

They performed beautifully- with excellent clarity and intonation! Well done!!

Y5 parents- look out for the poetry book which will have been brought home this week!



Aseel: When Paul came to Argyle, it was hard to think of my own poem but it was fun to listen to everyone in St. Pancras!

Maryam: Today was the day to perform our lovely poems. We worked so hard on making sure that the audience could hear the poetry. We spoke clearly, loudly and slowly.

Surayya J: Listening to the poetry was amazing! I got to experience how it feels to perform (and I got lots of ideas from other people's poems).

Imran: When I went to St.Pancras, I was nervous because I've never performed in such a big space before.

My next poems will be influenced by today and I'll never give up my dream to be a poet!





YEAR 4

For their class assembly this Thursday, 4 Onyx treated us to a whistle stop tour of their learning about Urban and Rural environments. After a summary of what those words meant, we heard some of their postcards from King's Cross, telling us what they really liked or didn't like about the place they lived. Next they took us through some memories of Bonsall, describing what makes that Derbyshire village quite so special.

After that we stayed with the rural setting as they shared their learning with the London Children's Ballet, based around the story *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We learned how a story can be told through movement, gesture and mime, with some lively performances from grumpy gardeners, cheeky robins and even the wind and the water!

Some beautiful artwork was shared to songs that celebrated the countryside and the city. The hustle and bustle of the city was also the backdrop to their stories of Varjak Paw, the pampered housecat who set off into the city at night to save his family.

Finally, the children showed how to present a balanced argument, weighing up the pros and cons of living in the city or countryside. Even though many of them said they would love to live in a rural setting, they ended up celebrating what they love about where we live with the song 'Home'.



KEYSTAGE 1

KSI's Adventure at London Zoo

This week, Key Stage 1 embarked on an exciting adventure at London Zoo, where our young explorers braved the rain to participate in a 'Caring for Animals' workshop. The children delved into the lives of five different animals, discussing their habitats, diets, health, and playful behaviours.

Highlights from the Trip:

- **Shocking Encounter!** During our walk through the woods, a free-roaming snake crossed our path, much to everyone's amazement.
- **Tree Anteater Escapades:** In the rainforest enclosure, a mischievous tree anteater managed to escape twice, providing both excitement and learning opportunities as the zookeeper skillfully recaptured it each time.
- **Rainy Day Entertainment:** Despite the rain leaving us a bit soggy, the animals kept spirits high and provided plenty of entertainment. Our intrepid explorers returned with stories to tell and new knowledge about the animal kingdom, making this week an enriching and adventurous one for KSI.



Saif: "The lion cubs were playing like us."

Afnan: "The baby monkey was on its mum's back."

Nouran: "One bird was hiding under the canopy to stay dry."

Daisy: "The giraffe has a long black tongue."

Abid: "The crocodile is big."

Ibrahim: "The penguin is a swimming bird."



Maths Fun with Shapes

In maths, Year 1 students have been learning about shapes, directions, and ordinal numbers. The children went on a 'Shape Hunt,' where they identified and described various shapes they found.

Yusuf: "A cube has six squares."

Amira: "A triangle is pointy and has three corners."



Parachute Games

To foster teamwork and cooperation, the children also participated in a variety of team games using a parachute. These activities not only enhanced their physical coordination but also their ability to work together as a group.





RECEPTION

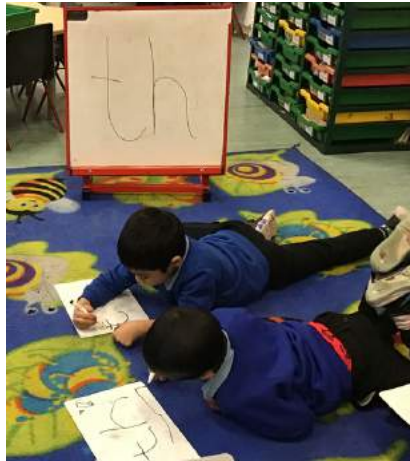


This week the children in Reception have continued exploring structures.

This week we have been reading *Tiny Miracle Bee* and learning about bees. We learned that beehives are made with a tessellating hexagonal patterns. The children enjoyed creating have created their own tessellating patterns and we looked for tessellated patterns in our environment . They have also been matching the animals to the different structures that they build. For example, a beaver builds a dam.



NURSERY



This week we visited Australia: the final continent in our 'all creatures great and small' topic. We read the book 'Wombat Stew' by Marcia Vaughan, and found out about the weird and wonderful animals of Australia. The children learnt that lots of Australian animals are marsupials (they carry their babies in a pouch), like kangaroos, koalas, wombats and echidnas. In our story this week, a dingo wants to make stew out of a wombat he has caught, but the other animals rescue the wombat by persuading dingo that his stew needs lots of disgusting ingredients (like mud, flies, feathers and creepy crawlies). When dingo tastes the stew it is so horrible that he runs away, and the wombat is saved! We tried to think of other yucky things we could add to the stew and Arifah suggested that we could add smelly socks! Then the children made their own ingredient lists and mixed up their own versions of yucky stew to feed to the dingo. Ibrahim said: "I have made the stew" The children learnt about new Australian words, like billycan and billabong, and we made a story map of our book together.



In phonics this week we learnt about the 'th' sound, which was our most difficult sound to date. We played 'what's in the box?' and found words like 'three', 'thirteen' and 'thigh' in there. We also learnt that some words end in 'th' like 'moth' and 'teeth'. The children enjoyed having a go at writing the letters that make the 'th' sound.

On Thursday we went on a trip to the Foundling Museum. We were very grateful to have lots of lovely nursery parents volunteer to come and help us on the trip. This was our final Foundling Museum workshop of the year. We explored the museum's collection of sewing and embroidery, which was made by the Foundling children. The children then worked with their parents to think about what it means to be cared for and then they had a go at sewing their own token to give to someone who cares for them.

On Friday the nursery children participated in the early years singing extravaganza concert! We were very proud to perform the songs we have been practising for our lovely parents.



Music at Argyle



Last week Wednesday, Argyle's musicians shone in a special recorder and violin assembly. All Year 4 and 5 children learn an instrument, free of charge. This is a great opportunity and children at Argyle make the most of this. The standard of playing was extremely high and adults and children were amazed by the beautiful music the children were making at their concert. Year 4 and 5 showed what they have learnt in their weekly lessons by performing a selection of songs. We were also treated to a performance by individual violin students Arsema, Parsa, Dahlia, Tawsiyah, Sabrina and Fatiha. Well done to all the performers for entertaining the audience and showing that hard work really does pay off. Year 3 children were inspired by the beautiful music, and look forward to starting their violin and recorder journeys next year.



In addition to class instrumental lessons in Year 4 and 5, Camden Music offers the opportunity for children to take instrumental lessons in piano, drum kit, violin, guitar and recorder. All ages are welcome to sign up for lessons. Please get a form from the office, if you would like to know more about prices and whether you are eligible for a 50% discount. Learning an instrument is a life skill that your child will benefit from in all areas of their life.

EYFS & KEY STAGE 1 SINGING EXTRAVAGANZA

Today our younger children wowed parents and staff with their beautiful singing voices. We would like to thank all the parents who came along today and Ms Price for her fantastic work.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th

Reports go home today
Parents Evenings begin

Tuesday 16th

Parents Evenings
Trip: KS1 visit Highgate Woods from 9.30am - 3pm

Wednesday 17th

Parents Evenings
Event: Year 6 Performance at 9.30am - Parents, family members and VIPs are all welcome

Thursday 18th

Parents Evenings

Friday 19th

Transition Day
Parents Evenings - Nursery only
Event: New Reception pupils visit - from 12.30pm to 3pm

Monday 22nd

Event: Star Pupil assembly and special reception from 9am - 10am - By invitation only
Event: Special afternoon retirement tea party for Ms Dent from 3.30pm to 5pm, reserve your space by emailing admin@argyle.camden.sch.uk

Tuesday 23rd

Event: Year 6 end of year disco from 4pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 24th

Event: Year 6 Leavers assembly at 11.30am
School closes at 1.45pm

Attendance & Punctuality



Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jet	95%	97%	91%	89%	97%	94%
Topaz	92%	94%	92%	87%	86%	92%
Amber	93%	98%	94%	94%	96%	92%
Emerald	94%	98%	94%	93%	96%	92%
Opal	91%	96%	93%	94%	88%	90%
3 Garnet	88%	97%	95%	97%	99%	87%
3 Pearl	99%	95%	95%	97%	98%	96%
4 Onyx	95%	95%	95%	92%	94%	91%
4 Quartz	95%	94%	96%	94%	93%	96%
5 Amethyst	97%	94%	96%	91%	98%	96%
6 Sapphire	99%	96%	96%	93%	91%	96%
Total	94%	96%	94%	93%	94%	93%
Camden	94%	94%	94%			

Well done to 3 Pearl, 4 Quartz, and 5 Amethyst for attaining the target of 96% attendance this week.

This week **149** of sessions in the registers were marked as 'L' (Late). Pupils should be in their line at **8.40am**, ready to go up to class and be marked into the register at 8.45am when school begins.

Exceptional Leave:

Parents are reminded not to book holidays during school term time.

If there is an emergency and you need exceptional leave, please complete a form from the school office and await the decision from the headteacher before booking your tickets.

Reporting Absences

Parents should report any absences to the school office by calling 02078374590 before 9.30am.

Please do not leave messages on the answering machine. A member of staff may call you again to discuss the absence.

Please do not send emails to the admin inbox.

Every School Day Counts



Drama After School Club

To finalise drama club for this year, the children became their own writers, producers and directors as they took the lead in creating their own play. They wanted to create a comedic horror play which was about a hotel where people went missing! Two detectives went to investigate as to why people had gone missing, an unfortunate twist occurs that leaves one of the detectives with a terrible, horrific fate!

Community Notice

Francis Crick Institute

Join us at the Crick for a packed day of pop-up science fun in the heart of King's Cross. There's so much to do... try our super signallers challenge, cook up a stem cell potion or discover your immune cell superpower...there's something for all the family!

Plus brain games, science magic shows and so much more.

We can't wait to see you again!



Bloomsbury Football - Summer Camp

Bloomsbury Football's Multi-sport Camp is back for Summer 2024! We aim to offer a fun and inclusive camp for kids of all skill levels to stay physically active while having fun over the break. Each day of camp focuses on a range of different fun activities and sports with something for everyone.

In addition to our standard sport offering we also have a number of fun and impactful experiences ranging from football-based art workshops to mental wellbeing discussions with professional footballers.

IMPORTANT HAF INFORMATION

If your child is eligible for income-based free school meals (pupil premium) and live in Camden, you must sign up through the council's booking website, Coordinate Sport, by registering for an account for and signing up for 'Bloomsbury Football HAF Camp: Easter 24' following approval for being eligible.

HAF Spaces are on the link below.

<https://bloomsburyfootball.coordinate.cloud/project/56036>





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WHEN THE CLASSES START UP AGAIN
WITH BELINDA ON
MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER.

Well Done ESOL Students

On Wednesday the ESOL students receive their certificates from Bernie Mukasa, Argyle Deputy Head. Well done for completing the programme.



End of year party

