



# NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday, Argyle became something of a media hub as we worked with London Live TV and BBC Radio London on news reports about reading for pleasure and shared some of the good news about the work being done in Camden by Every Child A Reader by 7 and Bloomsbury Publishing. Children from Year 1 were filmed being read to by their Year 6 buddies as part of the 'Picture Book Clubs in Schools' that we are rolling out for the second year running. The joy on the Year 1 faces is priceless and I am always delighted to see the Year 6 readers really reading with expression and enthusiasm to bring the stories to life. Later on, I took part in a conversation about the impact of Bloomsbury Publishing's 'LitUp' project – a project that brings authors into ten Camden schools to meet Year 1 and 2 pupils. I was talking to radio presenter Shay Grewal and two of our Year 1 pupils Frankie and Genesis also got to have their say. You can listen to the clip on BBC sounds. See next page for details. On another note, Argyle has been celebrating MATHS WEEK this week. Thank you to Ms Atkinson, Ms Quinn and Ms Lyon who started the week with a special maths assembly. Thank you also to all of the parents who have attended our maths open classrooms.

*J. Wade*

**Head Teacher**

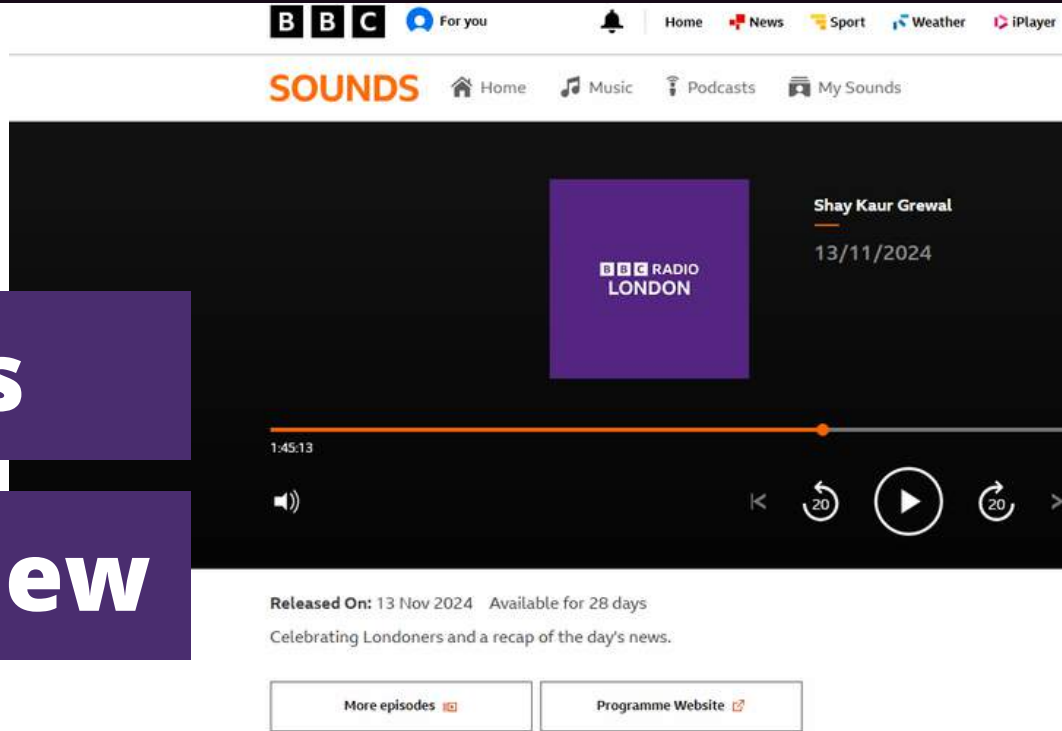
# To listen to Ms Wade's Interview on the Shay Kaur Grewal Show

Go to BBC Sounds, type in the show, look for 13/11/2024 and go to 1:45:13

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## Year 1 Reads!

Eight children from Year 1 joined Year 1 pupils from 14 Camden Schools to attend a celebration of reading and stories at the British Library on Tuesday. The children toured the library, met storyteller Emily and author Ella Phillips. They left with a copy of Ella's book and a yummy gingerbread man.


They loved the experience.



# MATHS WEEK

This week is Maths Week England and Maths Week at Argyle.

In assembly we thought about how we use Maths in our everyday lives; in school forum we talked about how professionals (such as chefs, scientists, business people, musicians) use maths for their jobs. We have had open classrooms (which continue into next week) so parents could come in and play maths games with their children. There is also a competition!



### Maths Week competition

Marvellous multiplication  
Amazing arithmetic  
Terrific times tables  
Hypnotising horizontals  
Excellent equations  
Mesmerizing measurements  
Astounding angles  
Thrilling triangles  
Interesting integers  
Creative coordinates  
Sassy sums!

Make your own maths acrostic poem.  
The best poem in each class will win a small prize.  
Year 1 and Year 2 a poem using **MATHS**  
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 a poem using **MATHEMATICS**

PLEASE GIVE YOUR POEM TO YOUR TEACHER BY FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER



# Year 5 Amethyst



## Autumn 2 Home Learning Projects

So far this term, some of our Year 5 pupils have impressed us with their determination and creativity in crafting their own solar systems or designing intricate mazes.

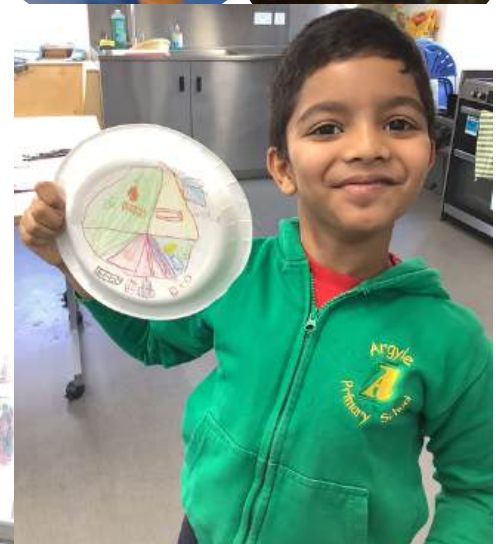
Our young astronomers created stunning models, showcasing their understanding of planets and space, while our maze-makers demonstrated problem-solving and precision to design challenging and fun mazes. We're so proud of their hard work and skill—these projects are truly inspiring!



# Year 2

We have had yet another busy week in Year 2. We started the week with a trip to a Gurdwara, a Sikh temple, where the children learnt about the Sikh faith and got to try some delicious food. The children got to see the Guru Granth Sahib and look at the 5K's of Sikhism. Later in the week, the children learnt about the eatwell plate. Volunteers from BioNTech UK came in and talked to the classes about different food groups and then they all got to make their own wraps to eat or take home.

Over the week we have also been playing lots of maths games as part of Maths Week. Don't forget to come in on Tuesday morning to play some maths games with your child in class. In Literacy, we have begun a new topic! The children will be reading lots of stories with mythical and dangerous creatures, before writing their own. The children started this topic by writing descriptive acrostic poems with similes.



# YEAR 1

What a fantastic week our Year 1 students have had, packed with enriching activities. Here's a snapshot of the many highlights that our young adventurers experienced!

**Maths Week Fun with Parents:** On Tuesday, Year 1 children enjoyed spending time with parents who joined them to play fun maths games, including addition and subtraction dice games and an exciting Connect Four competition. Thank you to all the parents who participated.

**Science Museum Trip:** 1 Ruby had a thrilling day at the Science Museum, exploring both the Pattern Pod and Garden play areas, where they delighted in multisensory experiences. Amaya loved feeling different textures on the wall and excitedly noted that one panel "felt like a blanket." Leanne, Raouf, and Frankie worked together to create a vibrant digital artwork that captured their creative flair!

Year 1 Jade will visit the Science Museum on December 3rd, and after seeing 1 Ruby's joyful experience, we're sure it'll be a day to remember!

**English:** This week in English, Year 1 began reading *The Paper Bag Princess*. Children predicted the storyline by analysing the cover, with some fun guesses like Leanne's idea that "the dragon eats the princess" and Amina's vision of "the dragon turns into a teddy." It's been wonderful to see their imaginations come alive.

**British Library ECR7 Event:** Eight children from Year 1 had the opportunity of attending the British Library for the ECR7 event, where they met authors and participated in storytelling sessions with children from other schools.

**Garden Classroom:** This week Year 1 pupils explored the world of animals that hibernate. Using clay, coffee beans, and other natural materials, they crafted animals like hedgehogs and dormice.

**Washing Hands and Hygiene In PSHE:** Pupils learned the importance of handwashing to prevent germs. We conducted an engaging experiment using water, crushed black pepper, and washing-up liquid to show how soap cleans hands. Ask your child from 1 Jade to tell you all about it – they're sure to have fun stories to share!

**Maths Art:** Inspired by the American artist Jasper Johns, the children created artwork featuring numbers, linking art and maths in a way that was both fun and educational. The results were colourful and eye-catching – a perfect end to Maths Week!





# RECEPTION



This week the children in Reception have been reading the story of the Three Little Pigs. They began by exploring a range of objects and tried to predict the traditional tale that they were linked to. The children then learned the story off by heart using a range of actions and a story map to help them. Whilst acting out the story the children have been trying very hard to use loud, clear voices so that the audience can hear them. Speaking and listening is a key part of the Early Years Curriculum and pupils need to be able to 'articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences' by the end of the year.

Thank you all the parents who have sent photos of their child reading their Story Sack book at home. Your photos are part of the Story Sack Celebration display in Jet class. If you have not yet done this please do and send your photo at [admin@argyle.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@argyle.camden.sch.uk)



# NURSERY



We started off with maths week in nursery by doing our Monday morning dice match game! The children are now getting very good at matching the dice patterns that they have rolled against the monster sheets. The children also continued learning about shapes by finding out about rectangles. They learnt that rectangles have 4 corners, 2 long sides and 2 shorter sides.

Rectangle shapes are everywhere in nursery and the children were able to have a go at drawing their own rectangles.

We continued with our topic of heroes this week by learning about teachers as heroes, through reading our book 'Here Comes Teacher Cat', by Deborah Underwood. We learned that, as well as looking after us, our teachers plan all the learning that happens in school. The learning is organised onto timetables, just like in the teacher cat book. The children thought about what their favourite activities are in nursery and what they'd like to do first, next and last.

Then on Friday, the children worked with their parents in Stay and Play to make their own timetables.

We continued with phase 1 phonics by learning the 'a' sound this week. We found out that Abdur, Anika and Anaya's names all begin with the 'a' sound, and we learnt some other words that begin with 'a', like 'astronaut', 'apple', 'ant' and 'arrow'. The children met our blending robot, Metal Michael, who comes down from the moon each week to eat words that the children blend. This week he enjoyed eating 'a-n-t', 'a-rr-ow' and 'a-pp-le'. The children really impressed me with how eager they all were to have a go at writing the letter 'a'.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## NOVEMBER

Monday 18th

**Event:** Parents Evenings begin this week  
**Event:** 5 Amethyst Maths Open Classroom at 8.55am - Parents invited  
**Event:** 3 Pearl Maths Open Classroom at 8.55am - Parents invited

Tuesday 19th

**Trip:** Year 1 visit The Tower of London from 9am - 3pm  
**Trip:** Selected pupils from Year 6 attend Football Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre from 3.15pm - 6.15pm  
**Event:** Year 2 Maths Open Classroom at 8.55am - Parents invited

Wednesday 20th

**Trip:** Year 2 visit The Tower of London from 9am - 3pm  
**Trip:** Selected pupils from Year 6 attend Basketball Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre from 3.15pm - 6.15pm

Friday 22nd

**Trip:** Selected pupils from Year 6 attend Camden Takeover event from 1pm - 3pm

Tuesday 26th

**Event:** Reception Maths Workshop at 8.55am - Parents invited  
**Trip:** Selected pupils from Year 6 attend Football Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre from 3.15pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday 27th

**Trip:** Selected pupils from Years 3&4 attend Benchball Tournament from 3.15pm - 6.15pm

Friday 28th

**Trip:** Year 5 visit The Royal Observatory from 11.30am - 3pm

## DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd

**Trip:** 4 Emerald visit The British Museum from 9.15am - 12.15pm  
**Trip:** 1 Jade visit The Science Museum from 10.30am - 3pm  
**Trip:** Selected pupils from Year 6 attend Football Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre from 3.15pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday 18th

**Event:** Year 2 present The Meaning of Christmas Assembly from 10am - Parents invited  
**Event:** Christmas lunch for pupils

# Attendance & Punctuality



Week	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rec: Jet	94	91					
1 Jade	91	95					
1 Ruby	96	99					
2 Amber	92	96					
2 Opal	99	99					
3 Garnet	99	99					
3 Pearl	95	94					
4 Emerald	98	93					
4 Onyx	92	99					
5 Amethyst	91	92					
6 Sapphire	97	100					
Total	94	96					
Camden	-						

Congratulations to **6 Sapphire** for attaining **100%** attendance this week!

Well done to **1 Ruby, 2 Amber, 2 Opal, 3 Garnet and 4 Onyx** for attaining or exceeding the target of **96%** attendance this week.

## Punctuality

This week **55** 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.

## "We are only a few minutes late" – Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child with good daily habits.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

## 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**

# Children in Need

**CHILDREN IN NEED** WE'RE RAISING MONEY FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

## THE GREAT ARGYLE BAKEOFF WINNERS

**1 SAIFAN, 5A**

**2 DAHLIA, 5A**

**3 ZAIDAN, 5A**

**ISABELLE, 1J**

**ASCIA, 20**

Highly recommended runners up

