



# NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Camden, Councillor Samata Khatoon to Argyle. Mayor Khatoon is an ex-pupil of Argyle. She joined the school age 8 and stayed until she transferred to South Camden Secondary School. Mayor Khatoon joined in Years 1-6 in signing assembly, spoke to the children about the importance of working hard then toured some of the classes before meeting with members of the school council.

Thank you Mayor Khatoon for brightening up a cold Friday morning.

*J. Wade*

**Head Teacher**

# Half Term Fun

Half term is the perfect time to bond with your children, have fun, and stay active together! Better Leisure Centres in Camden offer a fantastic range of activities to keep the whole family moving. Whether it's swimming, jungle gyms, football, or more, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We understand that costs can sometimes be a concern, but there are affordable options available. Camden pools are running **Swim for £1** sessions this half term – an incredible opportunity for family fun without breaking the bank. Be sure to check online for session availability.

If you're eligible, don't forget to apply for concessionary rates, which can make activities even more accessible. Applications are quick and easy – just visit the website to confirm your eligibility before booking your activity.

So, why not make this half term an active and exciting one? Whether it's splashing around in the pool, tackling a jungle gym, or having a kickabout, these moments of fun and exercise will create lasting memories.

Get online, explore your options, and make it a half term to remember!

For more information, visit the [Better Leisure Centres website](https://www.better.org.uk/camden) today.

## MORE WAYS TO PLAY IN CAMDEN

Whether it's with friends or with family, discover a world of fun for all ages this school holiday.

Book holiday activities at [better.org.uk/camden](https://better.org.uk/camden)



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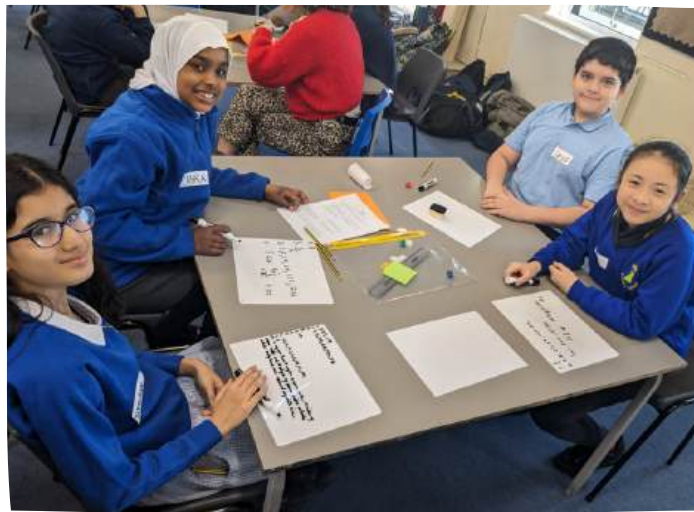
### Kids for a Quid

The Kids Swim for a Quid initiative will be available in all our leisure centres in Camden during February half-term from Monday 17th February. This half-term, under 16s will be able to swim in our pools during Swim for All sessions for £1, every day until 10am.

# YEAR 6



On Wednesday, four Year 6 children – Tayyabah, Cyrus, Vanessa and Zahra – took part in the annual Camden Primary Maths Team Challenge at Rosary Catholic Primary School. They spent a full day working in a team against other schools solving maths problems and puzzles. The competition was of a very high standard and the problems, which covered many areas of maths and involved thinking logically, were challenging. However, the children really enjoyed themselves and worked well together.



"I really enjoyed the maths competition because it was so fun doing the maths questions with different teachers. In addition, it was so creative as they made different challenges. I especially liked the last one called Relay." **Vanessa**

"I had a really fun experience when I went to the competition because it was something I wasn't used to unravelling those type of problems." **Zahra**

"The tournament was extremely fun for us since it was based on team work. There were many different types of maths to suit every strength people have in maths." **Cyrus**

"The competition was really challenging and fun at the same time because the questions were hard, but we had to work in a team which made it more fun and slightly easier. My favourite challenge was the relay race, which was all about speed but probably the one we lost most points on!" **Tayyabah**

# Year 3

On Thursday, Year 3 had an unforgettable experience visiting the Camden Learning Centre (CLC). The pupils worked together as a team to dive into the world of robotics and coding, showcasing their creativity and problem-solving skills.

During the WeDo workshop, the children built their very own toys and programmed motors to make them move in various directions. This hands-on activity truly put their engineering and coding skills to the test, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly.

A huge well done to Year 3 for their hard work and enthusiasm—you are true engineers in the making!



## What is WeDO?

WeDo is an educational robotics kit developed by LEGO Education. It's designed to introduce children to basic concepts in engineering, coding, and robotics in a fun, hands-on way.

Using LEGO bricks, motors, sensors, and a user-friendly programming interface, children can build models—like toys, vehicles, or animals—and then program them to move, react to stimuli, and perform specific tasks. The programming is done using a simple drag-and-drop software, making it accessible and engaging for young learners.

# YEAR 1

It has been another week full of creativity, exploration, and discovery for our Year 1 pupils. Below are some of the exciting activities and learning we've enjoyed recently:

## Landmarks and Our Local Walk

Our journey of learning began with a local walk to explore nearby landmarks. The pupils observed buildings, places of worship, and the details that make our local area unique. Back at school, their observations inspired a flurry of creativity as they recreated these landmarks through art and collaborated to make a class road map.

- **Yusra:** "This building has so many tiny, tiny windows, and they are all squares."
- **Tobias:** "We saw a mosque and a church."

These activities encouraged the pupils to appreciate their surroundings and develop their artistic and mapping skills.

## Flags and Flowers: Learning About the UK

Pupils have also been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom—England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Each group explored the flags and national flowers of these countries, working together to create information fact files full of fascinating facts.

- **Maryam:** "Did you know that there are more sheep than people in Wales?"
- **Ayaana:** "A clover is the national flower of Northern Ireland."

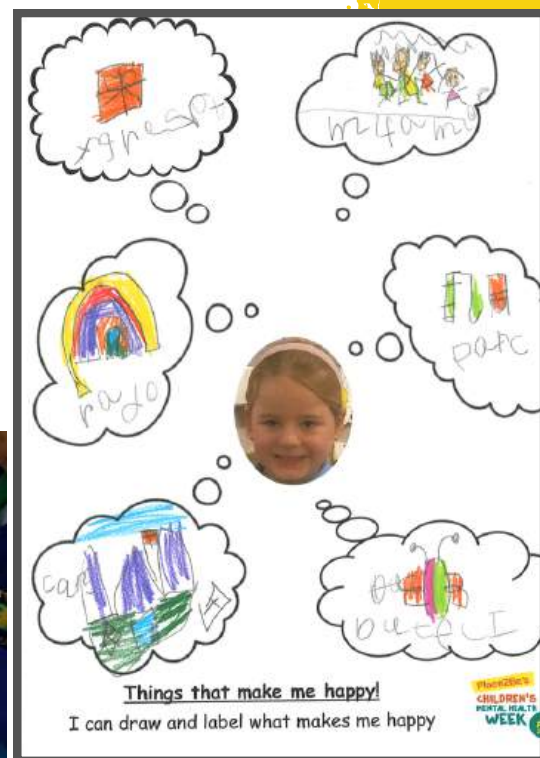
This activity helped the pupils understand the diversity within the UK while building their teamwork and research skills.

## Mental Health Awareness Through Art

In recognition of Mental Health Week, the children created beautiful art pieces inspired by plants and minibeasts. They applied their art techniques to represent nature in thoughtful and detailed ways.

- **Myrah:** "First, we made a collage with different brown papers to show the soil. We even had newspaper and shiny paper."
- **Inaaya:** "Then we used crayons to make the roots with thick and thin lines."
- **Isabelle:** "We drew different plants with colourful flowers."
- **Taha:** "We made the minibeasts with pencils and colourings."

This project encouraged mindfulness, creativity, and a deeper connection to the natural world.





# RECEPTION



This week we have been lots of fun reading Dinosaurs' Day Out. In the story two dinosaurs go to visit their friend who lives in the woods. The dinosaurs travel by car and have forgotten their road map. The book has a large map which the children used to help the dinosaurs on their journey. The children had to decide which way to turn at junctions and found a service station so the dinosaurs could refuel the car.

Throughout the week the children have been using Bee-bots, which are programmable toys, to move around a street or island map. Whilst playing the children have been using positional language such as turning left or right and moving forwards and backwards. We have also used photographs from our trip the Natural History Museum and created a class book. We talked about what happened first on our journey and talked about all the things we saw as we travelled to the museum.



# NURSERY



In Nursery this week we moved on to learning about air transport. We started by trying to think of things that can fly and we realised that some things that can fly are living things (like birds, bats, insects) and other things are machines, that are made by us (like helicopters, aeroplanes, hot air balloons). We thought about how different things (living or machine) can fly and decided that wings were very important, and for machines an engine is sometimes (but not always) important too. Ihram said "hot air balloon, balloon is like wing, it float up". One of our key words this week was 'egg' and we learnt that some animals have their babies by laying eggs, like reptiles, insects and birds. Many of these animals can also fly. We read the book 'Egg Drop' by Mini Grey, which is about an chicken egg that wants to fly but unfortunately doesn't listen or wait until it hatches, and so tries to fly while still an egg, with the result that it drops to the ground and breaks. All was not lost, though, as in stay & play this week parents and children worked hard to put all the broken eggs back together! The children had a go at designing and making their own egg machines too. Anika made an egg helicopter and said "helicopter".

In phonics we learnt about the 'e' sound and words that begin with 'e' like Elaura, egg, elephant, elbow, envelope and excited. The children practised their brilliant mark-making skills by writing the letter 'e'/'E'. They also practised writing their names (on big paper) and while we were learning about the word 'envelope' they wrote their own letters, put them in an envelope and posted them in our post box. In maths we learnt about number 4 and many of the children were able to count out just 4 counters from a larger number, and even lay their counters out in the number 4 dice pattern!

We had a visit from the Foundling Museum this week and continued to learn about what life would have been like for the orphaned children that lived there in the past when it was the Foundling Hospital. The musicians from the museum brought to life the daily lives of the children through the movement of a leaf, accompanied by different musical instruments and songs.



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

## KS2 Cooking Club: Rolling Into Fun with Sushi Making!

In yesterday's KS2 Cooking Club, our young chefs wrapped up their final session in style with a sushi-making extravaganza! Using their growing culinary skills, the children carefully sliced fresh avocado, crunchy carrots, and cucumber into thin, uniform strips.

The next step involved spreading a thin layer of seasoned rice over sheets of seaweed, a task that required patience and precision. Once the vibrant veggie strips were neatly placed in the centre, the children used bamboo mats to gently roll everything into perfectly crafted sushi rolls. With a steady hand and a sprinkle of imagination, they created simple yet delicious creations, filled with colourful, healthy ingredients that they were proud to enjoy.

Yesterday's session marked the last lesson for Group 1, who have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks to hone their kitchen skills. After the half-term break, we're excited to welcome Group 2 for another four-week cooking adventure. We can't wait to see the creativity and enthusiasm that our next group of budding chefs will bring to the kitchen!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## FEBRUARY

Monday 10th

**Event:** Parents Evening for Year 6 begins today  
**Tuition:** Catch Up Clubs – invited pupils only from 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
**Tuition:** Year 6 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 11th

**Trip:** Selected Year 2 pupils to visit Chapter 1 facilities from 9.30am – 12pm  
**Tuition:** Year 5 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
**After School Clubs:** Years 4, 5 & 6 Arts and Crafts from 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Wednesday 12th

**Tuition:** Year 5 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm – 4.30pm  
**After School Clubs:** Years 1, 2 & 3 Football from 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Thursday 13th

**Assembly:** 1 Jade class assembly at 8.55am – Parents invited  
**Trip:** 4 pupils from Year 5 visit Richard Cobden Primary from 9am – 12.30pm  
**Trip:** 4 Emerald visit British Museum from 10.30am – 12.30pm  
**Trip:** 4 Onyx visit British Museum from 12.30pm – 3pm  
**Tuition:** Year 6 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
**After School Clubs:** Years 1, 2 & 3 Arts and Crafts from 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Friday 14th

**Event:** Big Book Giveaway in the middle hall after school – All welcome  
**Event:** Coffee Morning from 8.50am – 9.50am in FLC  
**After School Clubs:** Years 4, 5 & 6 Football from 3.15pm – 4.15pm

### Half term

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th

Pupils return to school – In line at 8.40am

Keep an eye on your child's attendance via Parenthub!

**How to do it:**

1. Open the App, click on 'Schools' at the bottom of the page.
2. Select the name of your child.
3. Check their attendance for the year or click on attendance to see the last two weeks of attendance.

ON TIME all day EVERY DAY

# Attendance & Punctuality



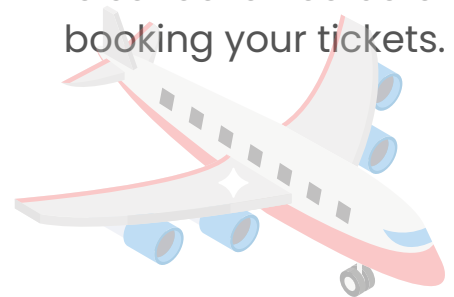
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1 Jade	89	90	86	81	91		
1 Ruby	97	92	86	65	93		
2 Amber	98	98	91	83	94		
2 Opal	94	98	94	90	96		
3 Garnet	90	92	95	90	95		
3 Pearl	92	98	99	93	94		
4 Emerald	98	96	97	96	97		
4 Onyx	90	94	94	95	94		
5 Amethyst	92	97	98	93	95		
6 Sapphire	93	93	99	98	98		
Total	91	95	94	89	95		
Camden	94	94	94	94			

Well done to **2 Opal, 4 Emerald & 6 Sapphire** for attaining or exceeding the target of **96%** attendance this week.

## 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 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**



PRESENT TO YOU...

# ARGYLE'S

FREE

# BIG BOOK GIVEAWAY



**EVERY CHILD WILL GET TO CHOOSE A FREE BOOK  
TO TAKE HOME**

**FRIDAY  
14  
FEBRUARY**

IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
SCHOOL

**WHERE?**

**IN THE MIDDLE HALL**

PARENTS COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR  
CHILD TO CHOOSE THEIR VERY OWN BOOK FOR  
FREE!