



# NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUE FOR JANUARY IS RESPONSIBILITY



See page 2 for more on Wonderful Writing



Reception enjoying their first week of the Spring Term



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that 2024 has got off to a positive start for you. Here at Argyle, staff started the year with a focus on writing. It was lovely to return with fresh heads and focus directly on the evidence of progress provided by children's writing. Learning to write is such a complex art and I am always impressed by just how beautiful and creative children's writing can be. Does your child ever write at home? Could they? Perhaps they could keep a diary or create a comic story or write a play to perform with you! Understanding that writing can be fun and gives them the power to create can be really important. This term I'm going to make a determined effort to remember to celebrate samples of great writing with you each week. Have a great weekend.

Head Teacher



# KS 1 Science

For the first science lesson this year the children learnt to classify animals including humans. Pupils used closed questions that could only be answered by 'yes' or 'no' with an 'odd one out' format. Each pair of children were given three animal pictures and they had to decide what two animals had in common and what features are differences. Later the pairs became a group and children used more animals to create the classification web.



## Home Learning Projects

Year 5 pupils were excited to share their awesome half term Learning Projects on returning to school this week.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Project idea sheets are in your child's homework book. Why don't you see which one your child can do before half term.



## 6 Sapphire's Tiles

In the Autumn, one of Year 6's Art projects was to create work inspired by Islamic art and architecture. Many important Islamic buildings, including mosques, are decorated with one of three types of designs: those based on geometric patterns, designs based around writing (calligraphy) or designs based on flowers and leaves. Inspired by these, 6 Sapphire created their own patterns. Most of them are geometric - you can see they are built up of 2D shapes.



# Reception

The children in Reception came into school on Tuesday excited to see their friends and teachers, and share all that they had done over the holidays. This term promises to be another exciting and busy term, packed with lots of learning for all, including a trip to the Natural History Museum where we will learn all about dinosaurs! This week, the children have been learning all about the Gingerbread Man. After watching a video showing him running through their classroom, the children eagerly wrote their own letters to him, encouraging him to come back and visit them.

Additionally, they made their own gingerbread biscuits using skills such as measuring, mixing and rolling.



# Nursery

We were very happy to welcome the children back into nursery this week and we are delighted to say a big 'hello!' to nine new nursery children, who are starting in nursery this term.

We started our new topic of Transport this week and the children tried to think of as many different transport types as they could. We began by looking at ground transport, through our book 'Naughty Bus', by Jan Oke.

In maths we learnt how to count out just 2 objects from a larger group and played a game to see who could roll number 2 on the dice.

In phonics we played 'what's in the box?' to learn some new words that begin with the 'd' sound, then Metal Michael, our blending robot, ate lots of our 'd' sound words!

The Foundling Museum visited us on Thursday and we had great fun playing mitten-bingo. The children had to look carefully at all the patterns on their mittens and see if it matched the one chosen from the bag.

The children and parents have made brilliant use of the nursery lending library this week! Well done to Zaynab, Esam and Aymen who have chosen new books to take home almost every day.

This week year 4 launched their new Science topic, all about Sound. The children carried out a number of simple investigations designed to get the children talking, explore and share their ideas and use key vocabulary:

# Year 4 Science



Bottle orchestra: How does the amount of water affect the pitch?

Boomwhackers of different lengths - how does the sound change

Drums: describe the sound of different drums, What happens to the sound if you rest the drum on the floor or lift it up?

Shakers: How does the size and shape of the shaker affect the sound?

Ruler twang - how do the vibrations change as more of the ruler is over the edge of the table.

Card sort: rank the different noise makers by volume, how does the sound change as you move nearer to or further from the sound source.



## Term Dates

### Spring Term

09 January 2024 - 28 March 2024

### Half term

12 February - 16 February 2024

### Summer Term

15 April 2024 - 24 July 2024

### Half term

27 May 2024 - 31 May uary

# Reminders

## at Argyle this term



### Year 5 - Tuition

Tuition for selected pupils on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### After School Clubs

All clubs start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm except where indicated.

#### Tuesdays

- Bloomsbury Football KS1
- Cooking Club - finishes at 4.45pm
- Chess Club

#### Thursdays

- Multi-Sports
- Drama
- Bloomsbury Football KS2
- Arsenal's Library Club - finishes at 5pm

#### Fridays

- Art
- Gymnastics

### Year 4 - Swimming

- 4 Onyx - Tuesday at 11am
- 4 Quartz - Thursday at 11.30am

Children must bring their swimming kits each week on the days stated.

### Argyle Football Team Training

Girls Team train every Monday  
Boys Team train every Friday  
From 3.15pm - 4.45pm with Coach Pabel.

## Physical Education

### Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear a full PE kit on the days that they have PE.

PE tops and Hoodys are available on the SCOPAY app to be bought.

- Red PE top
- Black jogging bottoms or leggings
- Green PE Hoody
- Plain black trainers or plimsols

Monday	Nursery, Reception, Years 5 & 6
Tuesday	Years 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday	Year 4
Thursday	Years 1 & 2
Friday	Reception, Years 3, 5 & 6

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All entries on the calendar have been sent via Parenthub, please check your child's class channel for more information. Remember to check your Parenthub often and as always if you forget to open the app, it will email you all the messages you've missed.

## JANUARY 2024

Monday 15th	Trip: Year 6 visit the CLC from 9.30am - 12.30pm Trip: Year 4 visit The British Museum from 10.45am - 1.45pm Catch Up Sessions begin from 3.15pm - 4.15pm Girls Football Team Training from 3.15pm - 4.45pm
Tuesday 16th	Trip: Year 5 rehearsal at Acland Burghley from 10am–12pm Reminder: Tuesday After school Clubs begin
Wednesday 17th	Trip: Rehearsal for 3 pupils from Year 5 at Queen Elizabeth Hall from 12pm - 2pm Trip: Year 5 perform at Queen Elizabeth Hall from 4pm - 8.30pm
Friday 19th	Trip: Year 5 visit The Google Office from 10am - 12.30pm Trip: Selected pupils at Athletics tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre from 9am–3.15pm Boys Football Team Training from 3.15pm - 4.45pm
Wednesday 24th	Trip: KS1 visit The Foundling Museum from 10.30am - 1pm
Friday 26th	Trip: Year 6 to visit Bletchley Park
Monday 29th	Workshop: Green Earth Schools Creativity Day for Year 4 and selected pupils across the school
Wednesday 31st	Trip: Selected pupils at Dodgeball competition at Talacre Sports Centre from 3pm - 6.30pm

# ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
Jet	91%				
Topaz	95%				
Amber	95%				
Emerald	98%				
Opal	81%				
3 Garnet	98%				
3 Pearl	96%				
4 Onyx	97%				
4 Quartz	91%				
5 Amethyst	95%				
6 Sapphire	91%				
Total	94%				
Camden					

Well done to  
Emerald  
3 Garnet  
3 Pearl  
4 Onyx  
for attaining the target of 96%  
attendance this week.

This week **105** 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. If your child goes through the brown office doors, they will be marked as late.

## Exceptional Leave during Term Time

Where possible you should make every effort to avoid taking leave during term time. Should you need to travel you must complete a request for leave form (available from the school office), to inform the headteacher and seek her approval before booking 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**

# PARENT WORKSHOPS

Coming soon in the FLC

# Book! Now!



## Phonics

Fun with letter sounds

Learn about phonics and how you can support your child at home

FREE course for parents/carers, with creche

**Thursdays**  
9.00am - 11.00am  
Starting 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Argyle Primary School

To book a place or for more information Please speak to Sharmina

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## Family Learning

### Free Courses in Camden

#### First Aid Awareness



Improve your knowledge about how to deal with minor accidents and illnesses!

Work together to share good practice and learn simple first aid skills that can make the difference in an emergency.

Every Friday Starting 26<sup>th</sup> January  
9:00am-11:00am  
Argyle Primary School  
for more information speak to Sharmina or just come along.



SCARABEUS AERIAL THEATRE

# Flying Families

Have more fun as a family!

**Wednesdays 3.30-5.30pm 31<sup>st</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Argyle Primary School**

A FREE 8-week programme of aerial cocoon, yoga, movement and games for families with children aged 5 to 10 years.

*"I loved bonding with my child in such an exciting and exhilarating way!"*

Flying Families helps families relax and enjoy quality time together, while building stronger family bonds in an open, fun and stress-free setting. You'll learn new skills, socialise with other families, whilst building confidence and improving your health and wellbeing.

To join in or for more information contact:  
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Speak to Sharmina about any of these workshops, you can email her on [sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk](mailto:sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk) or visit her in the FLC on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after 3.15pm.