



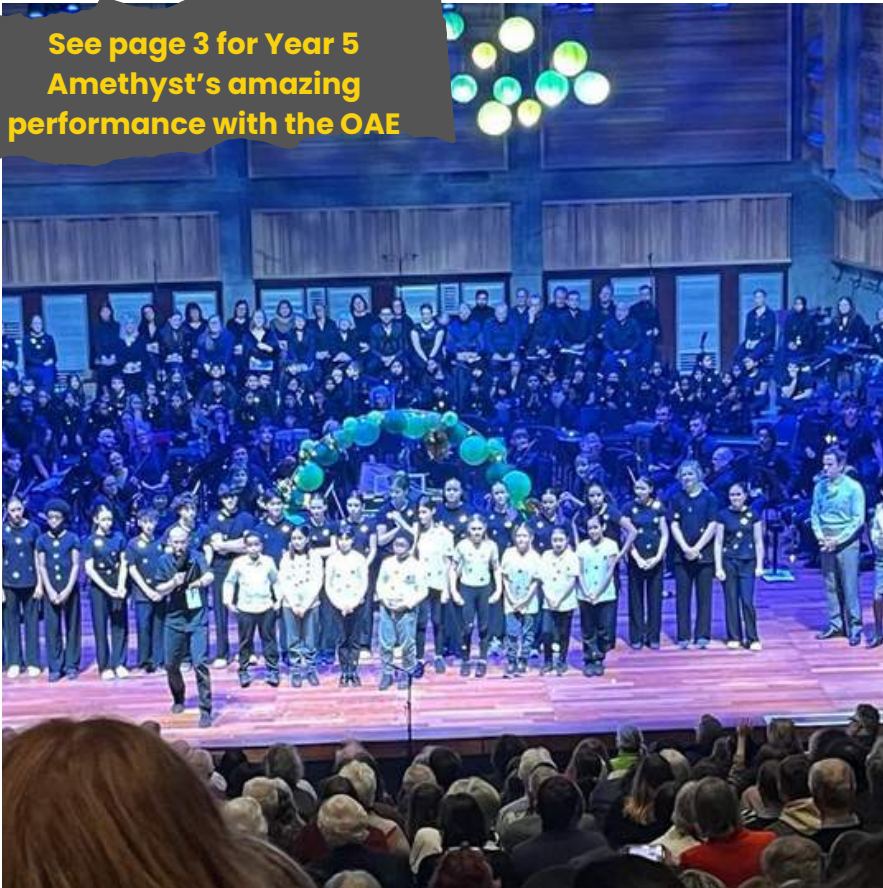
Argyle
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NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUE FOR JANUARY IS RESPONSIBILITY



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Amethyst's amazing
performance with the OAE



Year 4 visit The British Museum



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week children in Year 5 gave an amazing example of how we strive for 'excellence' at Argyle when they performed in front of a paying audience in The Queen Elizabeth Hall. This was Year 5's second high profile performance this year - they are becoming absolute professionals! Elsewhere in school we have seen wonderful examples of children demonstrating our January value of responsibility - by taking care of equipment, moving around safely and helping younger children. Next week I'll tell you all about our wonderful Year 6 'Picture Book Club' readers who have taken on the responsibility of supporting KS1 children with their reading, giving up one of their own lunchtimes in the process.

Does your child show responsibility at home? We know that they are perfectly capable of doing so, so please set them the challenge.

J. Wade

Head Teacher

YEAR 6



On Monday, Year 6 went to the Camden Learning Centre (CLC) as part of their ICT work. The aim of the session was to build upon the coding they have learnt to do in school. They used a program called Cospaces to create 3D worlds. They began with a challenge: to escape from a prison cell! To do this they had to practise moving around and finding a key and a secret code by using arrow keys and the space bar. They then began to create their own worlds and learnt to animate people and objects using coding which was similar to the Scratch program they have used in ICT sessions in school. They learnt how to hide jewels in a treasure chest and open the chest with another command, how to hide a cat in a sarcophagus in an Egyptian world and, amongst many other exciting things, how to get animals and people to move along specific pathways. It was a fun session with lots of learning.

“ We had to design a game in a 3D environment. It was really fun and we got to use our Scratch coding skills.

Akirah

“ At the CLC, we used CoSpaces. We learnt how to animate objects. I created a rocket which launched into space and landed on a planet.

Yamin



Sports

Last week on Friday, 12 pupils across years 4, 5 & 6 attended an Indoor Cricket Match at Haverstock Secondary School. They played against three other schools in Camden. They lost two games and won one. They work really hard and played well together, supporting one another. Some children had never played cricket before! It was lovely to see children in different year groups working together so amazingly. Overall they came second with 80 POINTS! We are so proud of them! **Well done!**





On Wednesday 17th January, 5 Amethyst were involved in an evening production by the Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment (OAE) at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank. Although this involved pupils from 3 primary schools and one secondary school, it was a professional performance and tickets were on sale to the general public. There was an audience of over 700 people!

The play- The Fairy Queen- showcased the talents of the children from Argyle Primary School, Netley Primary School, West Hampstead School Choir and the amazing dancers from Acland Burghley Secondary School. As well as these, there were also professional performers, a local adult community choir and, of course, the OAE themselves.

“ We were the sprites and sang a song called 'Ha ha ha, hee hee hee' to make us sound mischievous and a bit evil. I also loved how the sprites had to sing to encourage Simone (the Fairy Queen) to tell King Oberon that she loved him.

Yusra ”



“ There was an amazing number of instruments in the OAE orchestra! My favourite was the drummer as he had so many other percussion instruments with him. There was also a community choir behind us that sang with us at some points.

Aleena ”



Throughout this project, the children have been exceptionally hard-working and we are so proud of them. Y5 would like to thank Ms Pryce, Ms Mohamed and Ms Biyikoglu who helped us to practise and came with us on the night. We would also like to thank all our amazing Y5 parents whose support and enthusiasm contributed to making this event such a success.

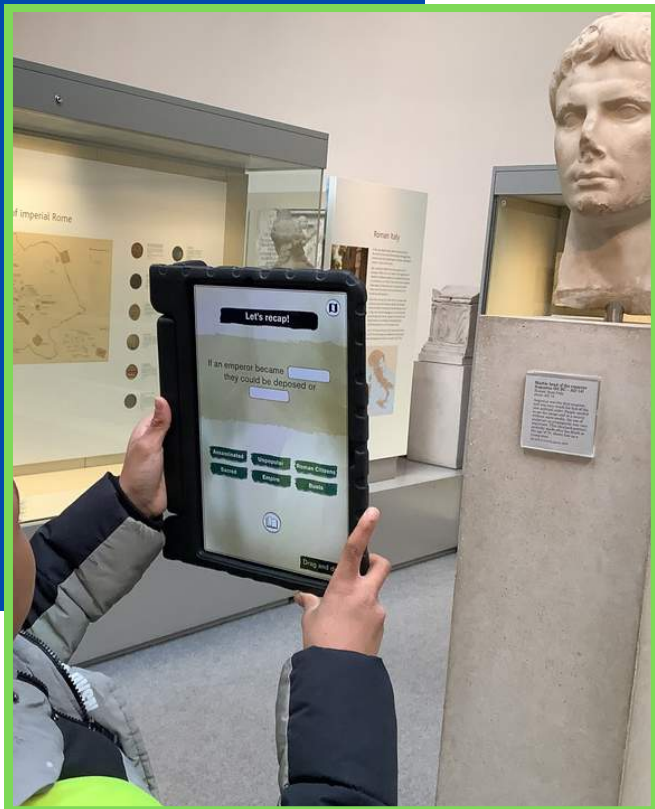
For the children, this has been an inspiring experience.



Year 4



On Monday Year 4 went on a trip to the British Museum to take part in a tablet tour. We explore the Roman Empire room using clues from our tablets to guide us through it. We had to scan artefacts and learnt key words throughout which later we had to complete sentences with. Each artefact told us a little more about Roman Life and the legacy they left behind.



“ I learnt about a sculpture called the Freedman people and I was shocked to find out they were ex slaves that had been freed. It was nice to see a sculpture like this.
Zaidan ”

The pupils used their detective skills to find out about the power and reach of the Roman Empire while taking a tablet tour in the British Museum, They followed clues to find key exhibits and then answered questions to collect words for their glossary.

We saw some great teamwork to solve the mysteries of the gallery, particularly from Anthony and Rayyan, who worked quickly and accurately and then helped many others.




They were delighted to find a statue of Septimius Severus, the Emperor that they had learned all about as part of their black history work. Originally from the area now known as Libya, he was the one Roman leader to conquer territory beyond Hadrian's Wall.

“ It was fun because we could be our own guide and help each other through each clue to lead us to the next.
Riyadh ”



Wonderful Writing from Year 4

More wonderful writing from our Year 4 pupils based on their reading book 'I was There... Boudica's Army'




Autumn AD60

Dear diary,

It is midnight, I hear the leaves crackling. I am all alone with my old grandmother. Now I am sitting on my bed with you, my diary (10 years old). I am a member of the Iceni tribe but all of the men in my village died to slaves. Today, has been the most horrible day of my life and I don't think it will ever be the same again.

Last evening, a messenger came, Lady-in-law, My father, Uncle Red and Finn vanished. The whole night, My grandmother and all the women were grinding and baking a lot of bread of every kind was placed on every doorstep.

Autumn, AD 60



Dear Diary,

I am staying in the middle of the night beside the crackling fire. I am all alone with my grandmother!

I have the largest house in the village and it is normally bustling with villagers but tonight it is empty. My father, the Iceni, have gone to battle. Today, my work is done just like this.

It is all still, yesterday evening when a messenger came rushing, saw a dark, brown smoke as quick as a flash my father, Uncle Red and my brother Finn vanished. As soon as grandmother put me to bed, she and the other women started grinding the corn

Soon after, Uncle Red was driving staked horses down of every house, meanwhile, Finn was looking for some escapes in the woodpile. Then, Finn's eye started to turn red blue. I felt as if I was terrified and I never saw him like that. I felt worried and nervous. While Finn was unstacking the woodpile, he found his first weapon (his first sword).

While night was covering, the Iceni was on fire for revenge. Boudica's golden chariot brayed. Her braided hair was like flames that were swishing. Her sword shined for a fight. Her chariot glided like an angry hawk. Her eyes were glaring like an owl hunting down its prey.

I got very angry for the Romans, what about the Roman children! Will the Iceni really burn down Colchester? Can't the Romans be forgiven? I wouldn't care if my brother got hurt!

Nobody will ever listen to me... Ever!

Kassy (Member of Iceni).



Step back into Roman Britain

and baking loaves.

As dawn light began to trickle down all sorts of birds and bees appeared on rooftops while Uncle Red was pulling the thatch off the roofs and Finn was unstacking the woodpiles. His eyes were like stones. I got so angry. When I saw Finn again, he was holding a sword.

As night fell, I saw a flood of Iceni march into our village led by Queen Boudica, her fiery hair like tresses flowed out and her glassy eyes were filled with determination. Her silver spear glowed in the moonlit sky. Her leather cloak flared in the wind like a hawk's wings as she galloped on her golden mare. Her chariot was filled with blades and daggers and spots the ruby, serpentine brooch fastened on her dark shimmered a rare burgundy.

As I sat here alone I can't bear it if Finn or Honey perish! And what about the fire? I've seen fire. It's bad. Oh, the poor Romans. Tomorrow, I'll start my journey to find Honey. I don't want her to die!

Kassy, an honored member of the Iceni.

Mahbuba, 4 Onyx

Key Stage 1



In art, the Year 2 children have been introduced to the artwork of Wassily Kandinsky and used his work to inspire their own colourfully, painted circles. They listened to jazz just as Kandinsky did whilst he painted and carefully selected contrasting colours. Safah asked, **'Can we do more than 1 circle, Ms? I love painting!'**



Year 2 have also begun their unit on Net & Wall games which focusses on developing their understanding of a ready position and how to defend their court and placement of a ball into space. This week the children practiced sending and receiving a ball with their actions such as rolling, bouncing a ball to their partner and throwing a ball underhand. **Dahlia excitedly exclaimed, 'I caught the ball the first time Ayoob threw it!'**

In Year 1 Maths this week, the children looked for 3D objects and sorted them out before matching to the shape. Some children made 3D shapes using polydrons.



Nursery

This week the pupils in Nursery continued with their topic of ground transport and went on some more adventures with the 'Naughty Bus' (by Jan Oke).



Our new children have done a great job this week of starting to learn the nursery rules and routines, including toilet time, tidy up time and sitting nicely at carpet time. We have done lots of singing, role-playing and retelling of the story in the Small World Play and the Water Tray areas, making good use of our key vocabulary this week (in bold below). The children revved up their imaginary engines and drove their naughty buses through the traffic, up bannisters, through baked-beans and into a pond! We had fun trying to hook naughty buses out of the pond (water tray) with toy rescue trucks. As well as these key nouns, another key language focus this week was action words that end in 'ing', like driving, sinking, swimming, chugging, beeping.



In phonics we learnt about the 'g' sound and played 'Bertha the Bus is going to the zoo' to learn about words that begin with 'g'. This sound can be quite tricky so the children would benefit from practising further at home.

How to help at home
You can help your child to use 'ing' words at home to describe everyday activities, such as 'I am eating', 'I was sleeping' and please do encourage them to speak in whole sentences.

We got active during our music lesson with Annette and pretended to be bus passengers, we also marched like the Grand Old Duke of York and row, row, rowed our boats. We learnt all about number 3 this week and the children did lots of counting while singing 3 little men in a flying saucer and 3 little speckled frogs. We practised counting out 3 objects and tried to roll number 3 on our dices.



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

Wednesday
24th

Trip: KS1 visit The Foundling Museum from 10.30am - 3.15pm
Trip: Selected pupils at Dodgeball competition at Talacre Sports Centre from 3pm - 6.30pm

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: Topaz visit The Natural History Museum from 10am - 2.30pm
Trip: Selected pupils at Dodgeball competition at Talacre Sports Centre from 3pm - 6.30pm

FEBRUARY 2024

Thursday 1st

Trip: Jet visit The Natural History Museum from 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday
7th

Trip: Selected pupils at Handball competition at Talacre Sports Centre from 3pm - 6.30pm

Half Term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th

Monday 19th

Trip: Year 6 to visit The British Library from 9.55am - 11.55am
Trip: Year 4 to visit The British Museum from 10am - 12.30pm
Parent Progress Meetings begin

Tuesday 20th

Parents Progress Meetings

Attendance & Punctuality



	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
Jet	91%	90%			
Topaz	95%	89%			
Amber	95%	92%			
Emerald	98%	97%			
Opal	81%	90%			
3 Garnet	98%	96%			
3 Pearl	96%	94%			
4 Onyx	97%	98%			
4 Quartz	91%	98%			
5 Amethyst	95%	97%			
6 Sapphire	91%	98%			
Total	94%	94%			
Camden	94%				

Well done to
Emerald
3 Garnet
4 Onyx
4 Quartz
5 Amethyst
6 Sapphire
for attaining the target of 96%
attendance this week.

This week **207** 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.

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

Recruiting for the Buddy Squad



The Buddy Squad is back!

Last term members of year 5's took over the Buddy Squad and did an AMAZING JOB!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Cyrus, Athena, Sabriya, Yacub, Ayub, Liyana, Tayyabah, Aseel and Surraya J for your dedication in being a friend for all.

Now Year 4's it is your turn to take over the Buddy Squad.

Remember the Buddy Squad are here:

- To help children play cooperatively with each other
- To help children resolve minor conflicts
- Teach children to play games
- To be a good listener when another child would like to talk
- Help lonely children make friends
- Report any unkind thing to an adult
- Be a friend to all

If you are in Year 4 and would like to apply for the Buddy Squad you must WRITE DOWN and ANSWER the following:

- 1) Your Name & Class
- 2) Reasons why you would like to become a buddy squad member.

Please bring your application to me next week on Monday, Wednesday or Friday- I will be in the Family Learning Centre.

Thank you Bookmark for our new books!



PARENT WORKSHOPS



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Fun with letter sounds

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FREE course for parents/carers, with creche

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Starting 25th January
Argyle Primary School

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

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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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Family Learning Free Courses in Camden First Aid Awareness



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Every Friday Starting 26th January
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Argyle Primary School
for more information speak to Sharmina or just come along.



Speak to Sharmina about any of these workshops, you can email her on sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk or visit her in the FLC on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after 3.15pm.

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FROM 9AM -11AM

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