



NEWSLETTER



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Are you aware of changes that we have made at Argyle this year to better promote Reading for Pleasure?

Whilst children have enjoyed an hour of reading a day in school time since 2016 (resulting in some excellent academic achievement), this year we have decided to make the second half hour more focussed upon reading for pleasure and promoting children's book talk and recommendations.

So whilst all children will have 30 minutes of reading 'instruction' each day, they now also enjoy 15 -20 minutes of a daily 'Reading for Pleasure' and 10-15 minutes of their teacher reading to them.

We have also changed how we ask children to record their reading at KS2. They no longer need to demonstrate the 4 reading skills of Prediction, Clarifying, Summarising and Questioning but instead are just asked to keep a record of the pages read for each book. At the end of the book they can then 'respond' to the book in any way they like -reviewing it, creating illustrations and deciding how many stars to award. This morning I caught up with Year 6 to see how they are responding to the new approach and to gauge whether our emphasis on reading for pleasure is making children more enthusiastic about reading. You can see some photos in this edition.

What do you think about your child and reading for pleasure? Does your child show enthusiasm for reading? Has your child expressed an opinion about their current book club book or reading for pleasure book? Do you know what their reading preferences are?

Enjoy spending time together and reading together this weekend.

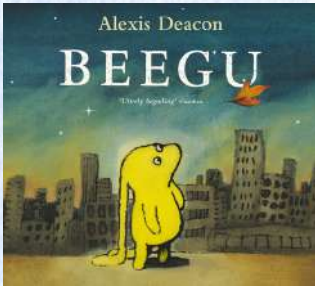
J. Wade

Head Teacher

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we continued exploring Nursery Rhymes. The children enjoyed singing favourites like 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star', 'Four Little Men in a Flying Saucer', 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom', 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat', and 'Mr Moon, Mr Moon'.

👉 Scan the QR code to sing along at home!



At Stay and Play, families made flying saucers with four little aliens inside, then used them to sing and count along with the rhyme. It was a great way to explore numbers together.

We read the story 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon, about a lost alien on Earth. This led to discussions about kindness and friendship. We also played 'What's in the Box?' to learn new words like moon, alien, spaceship, and stars.

The children loved building rockets from Lego and Stickle Bricks, then singing 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom'. We watched a real rocket launch and discovered that although stars are too far away to reach, we could get to the moon in just 3 days!

In maths, we compared 3 and 4 dots, practised subitising on 5 frames, and counted in different patterns. For mark-making, the children painted starry skies and drew lines, circles, and zigzags.

Outside, we noticed Autumn leaves falling from the trees. Yahya said, "It's Autumn, the leaves are falling." We collected leaves to make beautiful seasonal art.

A fun and busy week of singing, space, and seasonal changes!



RECEPTION



This week in Reception we hosted our speaking and listening workshops. A huge thank you to our lovely parents for attending and getting so involved. Together we explored ways to best support children's developing communication skills and looked at the 'story sacks' that children will start taking home each week after half term. Parents and children had the chance to try out some of the activities in the sacks, and it was wonderful to see such collaborative learning in action.

The children are also making excellent progress in their phonics. This week they have been practising their writing skills and even managed to write some words independently, including dog, ten, red, mum, and kid.

In maths, we explored different ways to represent the number 4. The children discovered that with 4 counters they could create both squares and rectangles—unlike with 3 counters, where only triangles can be made. We also introduced tetronimoes—shapes made from four squares (best known from the game Tetris). The children had fun matching pairs and learning how to rotate and move the shapes to find solutions.

Out in our garden classroom, the children enjoyed a magical week of activities. They swung in the hammock, climbed the rope ladder, mixed potions, cast spells, and even created their very own magic wands!



YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Transport Museum on Tuesday, where they took part in the engaging workshop "Is This the Way Home?". The children helped a mole find his way back by exploring different modes of transport through history. From riding on an old omnibus, to seeing a horse-drawn tram, and finally reaching a steam engine – it was quite a journey! Everyone was fascinated by how transport has evolved over time.

Zakariya: "I gave a shilling to the conductor and he gave me a ticket."

Maryam: "We helped the mole get back home."



Year 1 & 2 Gardening

Back at school, Taha and Adiyen harvested the potatoes they planted when they were in year 1.

The children were excited to see what had grown beneath the soil.



Adiyen: "Digging down to find them."

Taha: "Potatoes are growing in the ground because they are root."



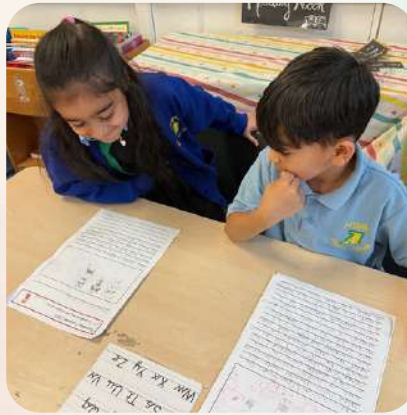
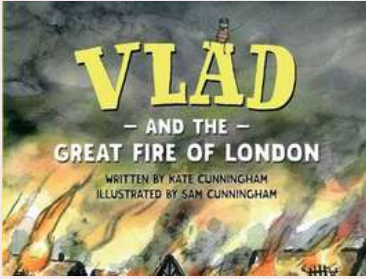
This week we also spent time reading in the playground. We love to read outdoors!



YEAR 2

Literacy

This week, the children proudly published their own versions of The Three Little Pigs and shared them with their classmates – what an achievement! We've now begun exploring a new story: Vlad and the Great Fire of London. This book will help us as we learn to write diary entries. The children immersed themselves in the historical setting by sharing and acting out what they might have seen and felt if they had lived through the Great Fire. Ahmed thoughtfully shared, *"I would have ran out with my family and that's it. They matter the most."*



Maths

In maths, we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills, focusing on solving problems involving a 2-digit number and a 1-digit number (e.g. $38 - 6$). The children have worked hard using number lines and mental strategies to support their learning.



Science

This week in science, we explored the properties of materials – transparent, translucent, and opaque. The children enjoyed investigating which materials allow light through and which do not.

Computing

In computing, the children continued to develop their understanding of algorithms. They worked on writing simple instructions for a floor bot to follow, learning how clear, step-by-step commands are essential for technology to work correctly. Well done, Year 2 – a fantastic week of learning!

REMINDER

Please read with your child daily and sign your child's reading record twice a week.

Homework is due on Tuesdays. You can check the back of their homework book to see how they've done on their weekly spelling test.

Our trip to Highgate Wood is on Tuesday 21st October. Please be sure to send your child with a coat!

YEAR 4

On Tuesday, Year 4 got the opportunity to explore the River Thames! We acted like real Geographers, taking samples of the river to test its pollution levels and sorting out artefacts along the banks of the river.


"I think this might be a cow bone!"
- Aaron.



"Look, we've all excavated this stone under the sand!" - Yohanes.



"I think this might be a sea shell." - Erhan




Camden Family Learning

FREE STORY SESSIONS for Children Aged 3 Years Plus

Half Term Story Sacks Sessions On

Tuesday 28th October
Swiss Cottage Library NW3 3HA
10:30am-12noon
West Hampstead Library NW6 1AU
1:30pm-3:00pm


Thursday 30th October
Kilburn Library NW6 5UH
10:30am-12noon
Camden Town Library NW11BD
1:30pm-3:00pm







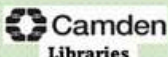
Call Alison on 07876 651950 to book your place
You must book to join in (due to health & safety rules)

An exciting creative storytelling
and prop making session,
with

"Herman's Letter"



Each Family Can Take Home a Copy of This Book

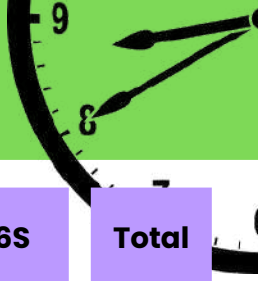






READING FOR PLEASURE

Year 6 children enjoyed their Friday Book Club discussion and shared some of their book reviews

Page	Chapter	Date	Time	Pages
10	1	15/10/20	10:00	10-15
11	2	15/10/20	10:00	16-20
12	3	15/10/20	10:00	21-25
13	4	15/10/20	10:00	26-30
14	5	15/10/20	10:00	31-35
15	6	15/10/20	10:00	36-40
16	7	15/10/20	10:00	41-45
17	8	15/10/20	10:00	46-50
18	9	15/10/20	10:00	51-55
19	10	15/10/20	10:00	56-60
20	11	15/10/20	10:00	61-65
21	12	15/10/20	10:00	66-70
22	13	15/10/20	10:00	71-75
23	14	15/10/20	10:00	76-80
24	15	15/10/20	10:00	81-85
25	16	15/10/20	10:00	86-90
26	17	15/10/20	10:00	91-95
27	18	15/10/20	10:00	96-100
28	19	15/10/20	10:00	101-105
29	20	15/10/20	10:00	106-110
30	21	15/10/20	10:00	111-115
31	22	15/10/20	10:00	116-120
32	23	15/10/20	10:00	121-125
33	24	15/10/20	10:00	126-130
34	25	15/10/20	10:00	131-135
35	26	15/10/20	10:00	136-140
36	27	15/10/20	10:00	141-145
37	28	15/10/20	10:00	146-150
38	29	15/10/20	10:00	151-155
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41	32	15/10/20	10:00	166-170
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54	45	15/10/20	10:00	231-235
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Attendance & Punctuality



Class	1J	2A	2O	3P	4E	4O	5A	5Q	6S	Total
Week 1	98%	85%	84%	95%	92%	94%	96%	83%	100%	96%
Week 2	97%	95%	95%	99%	96%	98%	95%	94%	99%	96%
Week 3	96%	87%	95%	94%	92%	93%	95%	91%	97%	94%
Week 4	95%	89%	95%	96%	96%	96%	94%	91%	97%	96%
Week 5	94%	96%	94%	97%	99%	96%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Week 6	96%	92%	95%	96%	95%	95%	95%	93%	97%	92%
Week 7	75%	93%	93%	96%	93%	83%	91%	98%	90%	90%

Congratulations to **3 Pearl & 5 Quartz** for achieving 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.

We would like to remind parents that taking holidays less than 5 days can still be referred for a penalty notice. You may not be issued a Penalty Notice but you will be invited to a Legal Authority Meeting with Camden's Attendance and Children Out of School Team in Camden offices.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Monday 20th	Year 1 to St Pancras Church - 8.50am to 10.45am Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday 21st	Year 6 class assembly - Parents Invited - 8.50am Year 2 to Highgate Woods - 9.45am to 2.45pm Year 5 swimming - 11am to 12pm Year 5 to Coram Beanstalk Bookfest - 11.50am to 3.15pm Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Art Club - 3.15pm to 4.15pm (years 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday 22nd	ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Football Club - 3.15pm to 4.15pm (years 1, 2 & 3)
Thursday 23rd	Year 5 to Holborn Library for DT workshop - 9.30am to 12pm Year 6 swimming - 11am to 12pm Year 6 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Art Club - 3.15pm to 4.15pm (years 1, 2 & 3)
Friday 24th	Year 3 to The Place Dance Studio - 9.45am to 12.30pm Year 4 to The Place Dance Studio - 1.30pm to 3.30pm Football Club - 3.15pm to 4.15pm (years 4, 5 & 6) Children's Book Giveaway Project - 3pm to 4pm
Monday 27th - Friday 31st	HALF TERM HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd	Children return to school - 8.45am Parents progress evening - Mon to Thurs ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm
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