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HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

love

Over the past two months, we have been focusing on the values of **Wisdom** in January and **Love** in February. We are incredibly proud of how the children have embraced these values in both their learning and behaviour.

Through developing wisdom, pupils have shown thoughtful decision making, curiosity in their lessons and a growing ability to reflect on their learning.

We have welcomed many visitors this half term, and they have all been impressed to see our children applying their knowledge with confidence and supporting one another to deepen their understanding.

Our focus on love has further developed the children's ability to demonstrate kindness, patience, and respect towards their peers and staff. Each day we see numerous examples of friendship, empathy, and positive behaviour across the school, creating a warm and supportive environment for everyone.

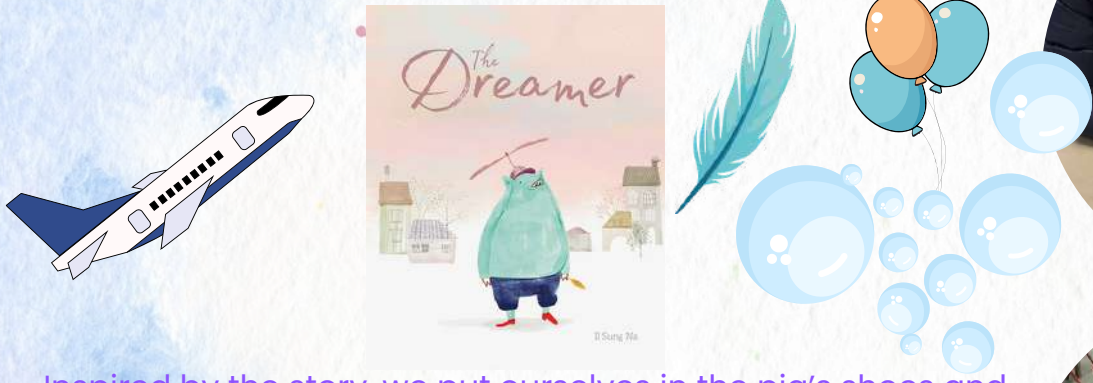
Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing our school values at home, it truly makes a difference.

We wish all our parents and families a very happy and restful half term.

J. Wade
Head Teacher

NURSERY

This week in Nursery we continued our learning about air transport. We read the beautiful story **The Dreamer** by Il Sung Na, about a pig who admires birds and longs to fly. Although he discovers he cannot fly by simply using feathers like birds do, he works together with his friends to build a kind of aeroplane and eventually makes his dream come true!



Inspired by the story, we put ourselves in the pig's shoes and explored how we might be able to fly. We learned that animals with wings need to flap to fly, but machines like aeroplanes do not. Through fun experiments, we explored the idea of lift by blowing feathers, bubbles and balloons upwards. We even tried holding feathers and flapping ourselves but quickly discovered we were too heavy and couldn't flap fast enough to lift off! Just like the pig, we realised that feathers alone are not enough. We also learned that aeroplanes can fly without flapping because they move very fast, just like the pig's aeroplane zooming downhill in the story.



In Phonics, we focused on the 'l' sound and practised words such as lollipop, lemon, leaf and lips. The children did a fantastic job writing the letter 'l'.

In Maths, we explored the number 5 and practised counting out five objects from a larger group.



Well done, Nursery, what an uplifting week of learning!

YEAR 1

Teddy Bear Clinic 2

Well done, Jade Class, for being such caring doctors and fantastic healthy eaters! This week in Teddy Bear Clinic, the children revisited the Wellbeing Plate. They explored how our bodies need a balance of different foods to grow strong, stay energised and keep our minds active for learning.

Together, they reminded us that a healthy plate includes:

Ibrahim – Plenty of fruit and vegetables

Marcus – Carbohydrates like bread, rice or pasta to give us energy

Kenza – Protein such as beans, eggs, fish or meat to help us grow

Safa – Dairy like milk and cheese to make our bones strong

Yousef – Just a small amount of sweets and oily foods

To bring their learning to life, the children made their own delicious fruit kebabs. They carefully chopped and threaded a colourful variety of fruits onto skewers while discussing the health benefits of each one.

They discovered that:

Izyaan – Fruit gives us vitamins to help fight off illness

Muna – It contains fibre to keep our tummies healthy

Hafsa – It provides natural energy to help us play and learn.

The children thoroughly enjoyed preparing and tasting their fruit kebabs, and many were excited to try fruits they hadn't tasted before!

Parents and Carers, you might like to continue this learning at home by:

- Encouraging your child to help prepare fruit or vegetables
- Talking about the different colours on their plate
- Seeing how many portions of fruit and vegetables your family can include each day

A wonderful week of learning about keeping our bodies happy and healthy!

Chapter One visit

This week, eight of our children visited Rothschild to meet their Chapter One reading volunteers in person for the very first time. After building their confidence through regular online sessions, it was wonderful for them to finally meet face to face.

The children and volunteers enjoyed getting to know each other and decorated colourful reusable book bags to take home. The visit ended with a shared story, a lovely way to celebrate their reading journey together.

We are very proud of the children for representing the school so beautifully and for their continued commitment to reading.



YEAR 2

We've had another exciting week in Year 2!

In Computing, the children continued exploring digital music using Chrome Music Lab, creating animal inspired compositions from the heavy stomps of elephants to the gentle songs of birds.

In English, they learned about Amelia Earhart and her mysterious disappearance, turning short notes into detailed sentences for their fact files. We're so impressed with their progress.

In Maths, we continued learning about multiplication and division, with the children confidently exploring how the two operations are closely linked.



On Tuesday, our Year 2 pupils in the Chapter One programme enjoyed a special visit to Rothschild & Co in the City, where they met their reading volunteers in person.

The visit gave the children a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the relationships built through their weekly online sessions. They represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm.

The pupils also decorated their own tote bags, which will soon be filled with exciting books to support their reading journey.



We are very proud of their confidence and grateful to the volunteers for their continued support.

On Thursday, Year 2 Opal enjoyed a fantastic day at the Camden Learning Centre, representing the school beautifully with great enthusiasm. We were especially impressed when Maryam confidently reminded everyone, **"An algorithm is a set of instructions"**. Well remembered!

The children programmed Beebots, creating and debugging algorithms to guide them to different destinations. They also designed digital books about famous people, combining computing and history to produce some excellent work.

Well done, Year 2 Opal, we are very proud of your focus, teamwork and problem solving skills. Enjoy your well-deserved break, and we look forward to seeing you after half-term!



YEAR 3

Natural History Museum

Year 3 had an exciting and educational trip to the Natural History Museum last Friday. The children were thrilled to explore the museum and deepen their understanding of our planet's history.

A real highlight of the visit was seeing Mary Anning's fossils. Having already learned about her in class, the children were especially excited to see her incredible discoveries up close. They were fascinated by her important contributions to science and enjoyed imagining what life on Earth was like millions of years ago.

Another unforgettable experience was the earthquake simulation. Stepping into a specially designed room, the children felt what an earthquake is like, helping them understand how natural disasters happen and the impact they can have on buildings and communities.

The class also explored the mountain exhibit, learning how mountains are formed and how the Earth's surface changes over time. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day.

Overall, it was a fantastic trip, and Year 3 represented the school brilliantly with their curiosity, excellent behaviour and excitement for learning.



"It was amazing to see the real fossils that Mary Anning found. It made our learning feel real!" - Amaarah



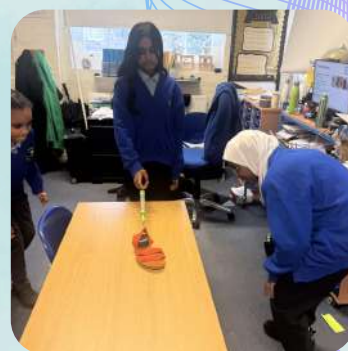
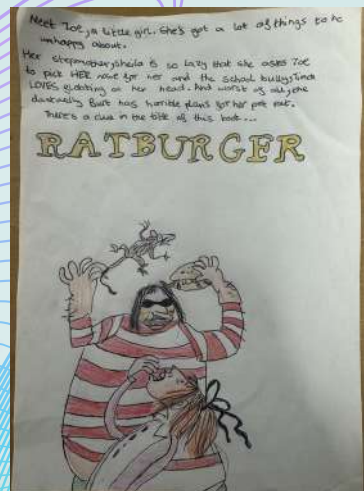
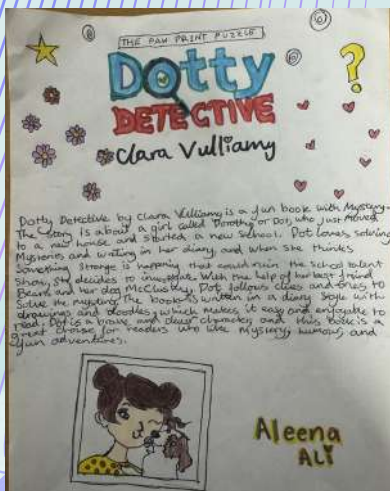
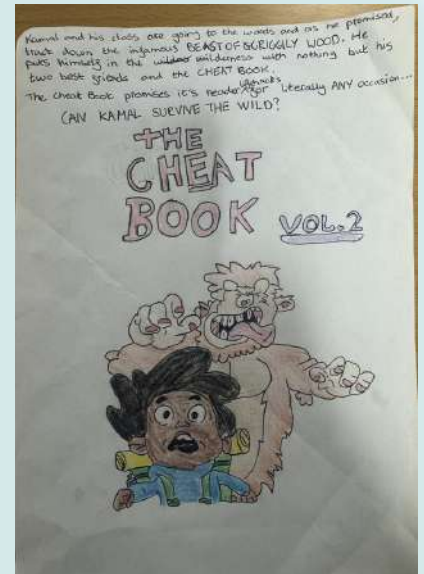
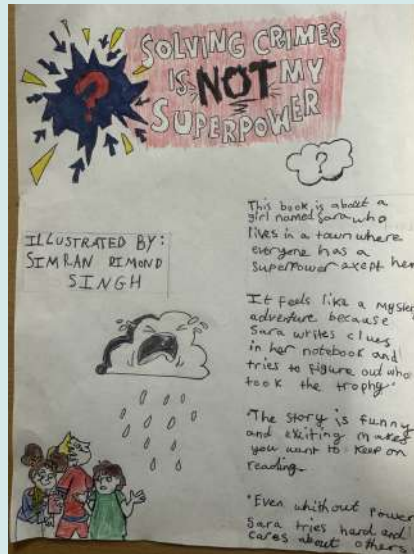
"It felt like a real earthquake! It was a bit scary but really fun and interesting." - Omar



"I liked learning how mountains are made because I didn't know the Earth could move like that." - Ehan

YEAR 5

Book Reviews by 5Q



Experiments with Friction

In the first experiment, the children investigated how changing the surface affected the spinning time of a spinner. They observed that different surfaces created different amounts of friction, which changed how long the spinner could keep turning.

In the second investigation, they used Newton meters to measure the force needed to pull different types of footwear along a table. They discovered that socks and high heels slid quite easily, while heavier boots and loafers required more force to move. They concluded that greater grip on the shoe created more friction.

YEAR 6

Four of our fantastic Year 6 pupils – A’Isha, Asila, Ibrahim and Mahbuba – proudly represented Argyle at this year’s Camden Maths Challenge, held at Eleanor Palmer School. The event brought together teams from 22 Camden primary schools for a day packed with problem-solving and teamwork.

Throughout the day, the children tackled a variety of tricky maths puzzles and challenges. The competition demanded quick thinking, clear communication, perseverance and resilience and our team rose to the occasion with confidence and determination.

We are incredibly proud to share that they placed 6th out of the 11 schools competing at Eleanor Palmer a brilliant achievement! Most importantly, they embraced the challenge and had fun stretching their mathematical thinking.

Team	Group	Logic	Speed	Kangaroo	Communication	Total
ELEANOR PALMER 1	20	50	54	44	37	30
KENTISH TOWN 2	20	70	124	162	205	235
KINGS CROSS ACADEMY 3	40	36	39	79	127	155
KINGSGATE 4	76	76	115	155	185	227
ST MARY 4	44	44	27	48	17	20
ST PANCRAS J. SCH 5	16	60	27	135	152	172
TORRELAND J. SCH 6	50	48	43	50	48	172
HAWLEY 10TH 7	22	30	72	49	28	18
BOCKFELD 5TH 8	16	50	33	40	24	24
ST ALBANS 11TH 9	16	30	63	49	118	150
ARGYLE 6TH 10	48	30	48	19	28	185
ST EUSEBIE DE MADONNA 1ST 11	60	50	57	60	50	54
BECKENHURST 4TH 12	40	27	44	39	26	185



Ibrahim: "It was a good trip and I'm glad we got the opportunity to go. The challenges were really difficult, especially the relay round at the end where we had to run our answers over to be marked and then run all the way back around the hall – but it was actually fun to do something difficult."

Mahbuba: "I really enjoyed the Kangaroo round because the multiple choice questions felt like a break for our brains after the really challenging logic round."

Reading for Pleasure

Teacher Book Recommendations



Ms Plumb

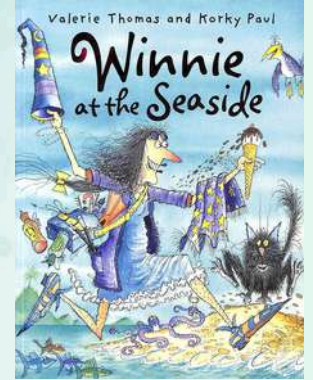
I recommend the **Winnie the Witch** books by Valerie Thomas.

I loved reading these books when I was a child, they're fun, silly and full of magic!

Winnie is a witch who lives in an all black house with her black cat, Wilbur. She often has terrible luck, and lots of unfortunate (but very funny!) things happen to her.

In *Winnie at the Seaside*, she goes for a relaxing day at the beach, only to lose her broomstick in the waves. In another story, she accidentally puts her wand in the washing machine, and Wilbur, trying to be helpful, replaces it with a fake one, which causes even more chaos, as you can imagine!

I especially love the vibrant, slightly chaotic illustrations. There's always something new to spot, even if you're reading the book for the hundredth time!



The Thief of Farrowfell by Ravena Guron

I recommend this book because it has a mixture of everything, crime, magic and fantasy. It is a fantastic read with magic food and talking houses! She has some hilarious moments with her ridiculously funny family. I'm hoping the author writes another book in the series because I'd love to see what happens with Jude.



Ms Courtsley



Attendance & Punctuality



Class	1J	2A	2O	3P	4E	4O	5A	5Q	6S	Total
Week 1	93%	96%	92%	91%	92%	90%	92%	92%	98%	91%
Week 2	93%	94%	94%	94%	94%	92%	95%	95%	94%	96%
Week 3	93%	95%	94%	94%	94%	92%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Week 4	93%	95%	94%	95%	94%	92%	95%	95%	95%	93%
Week 5	93%	95%	93%	95%	94%	92%	95%	95%	95%	93%
Week 6	94%	92%	94%	94%	90%	90%	93%	97%	98%	91%

Well done to **5Q & 6S** who achieved 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

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 23rd	ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Catch up Booster - selected children from years 1 to 4 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm (year 1 finish @ 4pm)
TUESDAY 24th	Years 5/6 Girls football tournament final! - 12pm to 4pm Year 4 swimming - 11am to 12pm Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Art Club, years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm Cooking Club years 1, 2 & 3 GROUP 2- 3.15pm to 4.30pm
WEDNESDAY 25th	ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Football Club, years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm Selected year 5 & 6 children to badminton competition @ Talacre - 3pm to 6.15pm
THURSDAY 26th	Selected year 5 & 6 children to Christchurch Primary for RSS event - 9.30am to 12.30pm Year 6 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Art Club, years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm Cooking Club years 4, 5 & 6 GROUP 2- 3.15pm to 4.30pm
FRIDAY 27th	Football Club, years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Fasting Permission

Year 5 & 6 children who wish to fast need written permission - parents please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/3sPIRWUfHLvs2eho8>

Learn English fast and for free at Argyle Primary School



LEARN ENGLISH AT ARGYLE

Free classes every Monday and Wednesday 9:30AM - 11:30AM



This class is open to all adult students of all levels. You will learn English fast with other students. Pre-school children are welcome but it is the responsibility of the parent to care for them so they do not interrupt class. We will go on trips to local sites and learn everyday vocabulary. We will work on:

- Spoken English
- Reading
- English pronunciation
- Writing

We will study what you want to learn!

Visit Belinda in the Family Learning Centre (FLC) to register. Belinda Drake is an ESOL Lecturer at Capital City College.

Capital City College You can also get in touch via e-mail: belinda.drake@capitalccg.ac.uk



Tales from the doctors' library: family storytelling & crafts

Tuesday 17 February 10am - 12.30pm

Join professional London storyteller **Vanessa Woolf** for a colourful interactive storytime with music, props and even smells!

Plus, our 'Patterns, pages and prints' crafts activity room will be open to have a go at printing your own patterns, creating moving diagrams, making bookmarks, colouring fabulous pictures and more!

Tickets: £8 per child

Two-for-one offer available now!

Recommended for children aged 5 - 11 but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult but accompanying adults can attend free.

Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

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Camden Family Learning FREE Story Sacks for Children Aged 3 Years Plus



Half Term Story Telling Sessions On

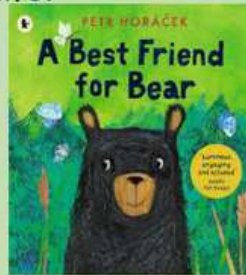
Tuesday 17th February
Pancras Square Library, N1C 4AG
10:30am - 12noon
Queens Crescent Library, NW5 4HH
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 18th February
Kentish Town Library, NW5 2AA
10:30am - 12noon
Highgate Library, N19 5DH
1:30pm - 3:00pm

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

A fun arts and crafts resource making session to bring the story to life.

Make a prop to join in with the adventure.



Every family will be gifted with a copy of the book



Girls Get Moving Monday

When: Every Monday of the school holidays except on bank holidays.
Location: Talacre Community Sports Centre, NW5 3AF
Time: 4pm - 6pm
Price: FREE

Scan QR Code to visit website and register:

For more information visit: camden.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Camden Active Communities
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Community Notices

**Our
Camden
libraries**



**Green
Library
Hubs**



CILIP The library
and information
association

Crafting Miniature Worlds and Collage

Half Term Children's Craft

Join us to launch our 'Understory' Project.
A series of climate conscious craft activities to connect
to our local natural environments through storytelling,
craftsmanship and empathy.
This craft workshop will explore making miniature scenes
with recycled materials and collaging the Understory
Poster whilst reusing materials.

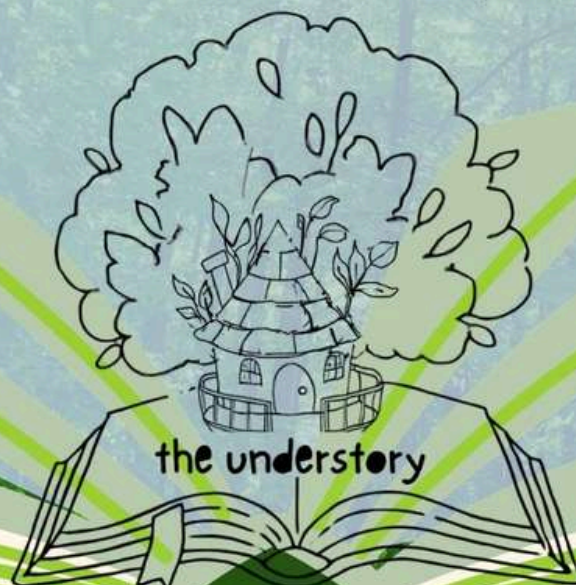
Suitable for ages 7+. Free to attend

**Wednesday 18th February
2026**

12:30pm - 2pm

Pancras Square Library

Pancras Road, N1C 4AG



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