



Argyle
Primary
School

NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUE FOR MARCH IS POSITIVITY



KSI's Author visit to
celebrate World Book
Day

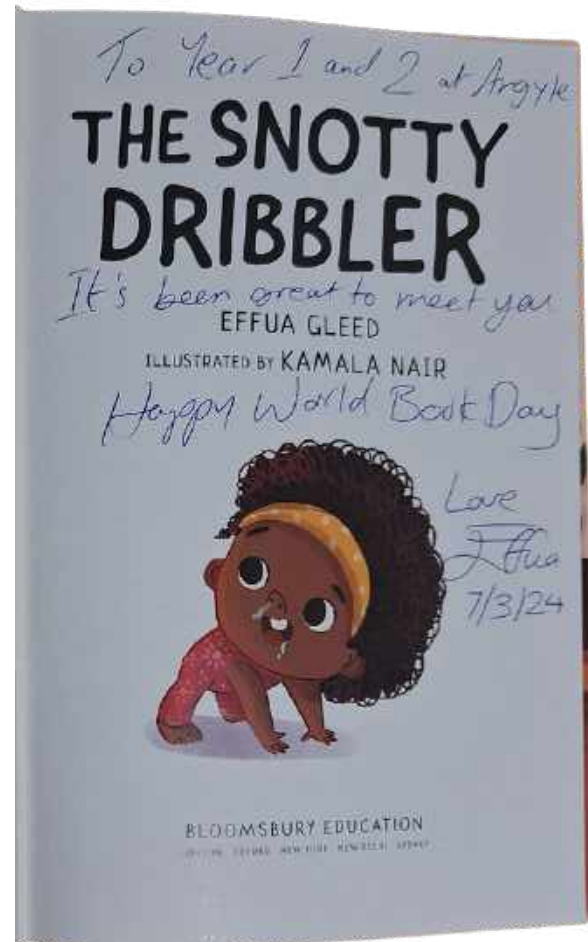


HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Have you read any good books lately? Have you been tempted by anything in the bookshop? Yesterday's World Book Day was all about reminding children that when it comes to books there is a world of choice out there and they can become the experts on what kind of books they like to read. We encouraged children to share their recommendations with one another and to enjoy the process of choosing books and discussing these choices.

Key Stage 1 were lucky enough to meet another real life author - the lovely Effua Gleed, whose book 'The Snotty Dribbler' they had already enjoyed. Effua told children about how jealous she felt when her younger siblings came along and how she used these memories to create the story in her first published book. She also shared her brand new publication - 'The Princess and the Pee' which was only published yesterday and the children were really keen to make insightful comments about that. We are really grateful to Every Child a Reader by 7 and Bloomsbury Publishing for bringing Effua to Argyle. Keep reading this weekend!



J. Wade
Head Teacher

Year 4

This week for World Book Day, year 4 took part in an exciting online workshop with the British Library, in which they were invited to become story cooks:

Fairy tale cooks

In this activity, we're inviting you to become fairy tale cooks. What's a fairy tale cook, I hear you ask? Well, you'll open the story cupboard, explore the ingredients, and examine story recipes from the past. Then you'll fill your own cauldron, throw in what you've learnt, add sprinkles of magic, boil and stir until you create your very own fairy tale.

Along with authors Michael Rosen and Jasbinder Bilan and illustrator Allen Fatimaharan, they learned five key ingredients of a fairytale:

- **Strange places:** tangled forests, mysterious paths, dusty kitchens, edible houses...
- **Intriguing characters** - talking spiders, wolves, frogs or trees; flying horses, elves, giants, witches, stepmothers, princes, wise women...
- **Enchanted objects** - pumpkins, mice, cooking pots, apples, keys, mirrors, rings...
- **Transformations** - a pumpkin becomes a carriage; a cooking pot heats up without fire beans grow stalks that stretch up to the land of the giants; a glass slipper leads a prince to his true love.
- **Powerful children (or spiders!)**: a girl gets the better of a cruel wolf; a brother and sister escape from a witch's gingerbread house; a girl breaks free from her mean-spirited sisters and stepmother.



On World Book Day itself, they took all that knowledge and mixed those ingredients to make their own zig zag books of inspirations



They were very proud of the results and their certificate from the British Library



Cook Up Your Own
Fairy Tales



This is to certify that
4 Onyx and 4 Quartz



cooked up a fabulous fairy tale and made a book for the British Library
Congratulations! You're a storyteller!



YEAR 3

Cooking a pasta dish with seasonal vegetable sauce.

Year 3 embark on a culinary adventure as they cooked a delicious pasta dish this week. With apron donned and enthusiasm in the air, these little chefs sliced, diced, and sautéed a delicious range of seasonal vegetables to craft a mouth-watering vegetable and tomato sauce. They practised their knowledge of writing an instruction combined with their Mathematical skills in measuring the ingredients to transform simple ingredients to a tasty dish.



“ You cook a healthy yet tasty dish using seasonal vegetables, I like to try and cook this at home again and again! - **Hussain** ”

“ I have enjoyed working with my team chopping and peeling all the vegetables. - **Khadijah** ”



Year 3 Pearl's online workshop with The British Library: Fairy stories with Michael Rosen, Jasbinder Bilan and Allen Fatimaharan

Year 3 Pearl were delighted to be part of an online workshop where they met some of their favourite authors, like Michael Rosen and Jasinder Bilan who spoke about how to write a fairy tale Story. They felt inspired by their fascinating stories of mythical creatures and noted down the author's top tips.



“ I enjoyed listening to Mr Rosen's story as he read each page with so much passion, he was really funny. - **Yameen** ”



KEYSTAGE 1

Florence Nightingale Museum

KS1 visited the Florence Nightingale Museum to support their learning about famous people in history. The children were very excited to meet Florence herself who engaged the children with her fascinating life story and contributions to nursing.



“ Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole were nurses who helped in the Crimean war. - **Amina** ”



Dream Big Project

Our pupils met different people from different careers. We roleplayed the week before and then generated questions to ask them.



The Snotty Dribbler author Effua Glead met KS1 today.

She shared a poem and had the children join in the actions. She explained her reasons for the ideas of her 2 books and why she decided to write them. The children made very good links to own life experiences and asked her questions. She read out her new book.

Can you write a poem?



Have you ever made a book of your own?



RECEPTION



In Reception we have been learning about 'Astronauts'. We visited to the Science Museum to see some real space crafts and to learn about the people who have flown in them like Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. For World Book Day our theme was from the book 'Aliens love Underpants.'

In Maths we have been working on our doubles to 5.
Can your child double to 5?

We were also invited to watch a performance by The Orchestra of Enlightenment this week at Cecil Sharpe House.



Nursery

We were lucky enough to start the week by going on a school trip to see the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment perform at Cecil Sharpe House Arts Centre. The children got to join in with the performance by singing the 'hello, hello' song and 'the scooter song' that we have been practising in nursery. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to all the parents who were able to volunteer and come along to support on the trip. We couldn't have done it without you!

When we returned from our trip, we continued with our topic of Fantasy and went to the ball, with our book '**Cinderella**', by Stephanie Stansbie.

In our story this week, we learnt that the fairy Godmother helps Cinderella to go to the ball. The children thought about what magic they would do if they had their own wands. Arza said "I will turn you into a unicorn, Jo" and Osman said "I will make a big sweetie!". They all took a turn at holding the pumpkin and tried describing what it is like. Aymen said "it's so heavy!". During the week the children received an exciting invitation to go to the ball in nursery on World Book Day.

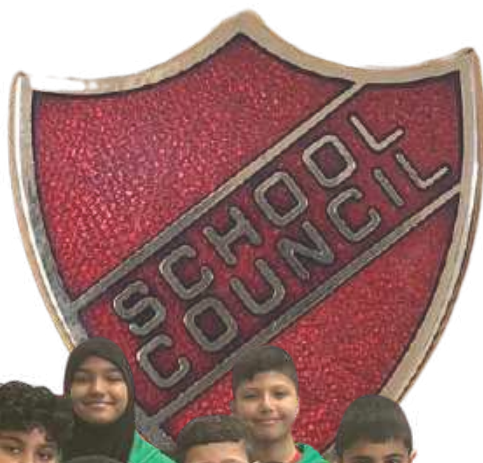
When the day came, lots of children came in dressed as a fantasy character! We all went to the ball and danced a 'Romany Polka' ballroom dance together, just like in Cinderella. In circle time we talked about the importance of being kind and helping at tidy up time, not like Cinderella's sisters who made her do all the jobs. The children practised cleaning by looking after and washing all the dolls.

In maths the children did brilliant learning about number 4. They also learnt how to compare foot sizes. We drew around the outline of our feet and then worked out whose feet were biggest and whose were smallest. The children did a brilliant job of working together to make a pattern out of 3 different objects this week. They also made their own patterns out of shapes. In our stay and play session, parents and children worked together to design and decorate their own shoes!



Parent tip: Give your children little jobs at home like tidying their toys away. This will give them a sense of responsibility and help them learn how to follow 2-part instructions, ie, "pick up the dinosaur and put it in the box, please".





Argyle is proud to announce our new school council for 2024!

Congratulations to

Amber: **Ivanna and Ibrahim A**

Opal: **Aron and Ascia**

Emerald: **Amaarah and Saif**

3 Pearl: **LeAnna and Abubakar**

3 Garnet: **Raghad and Tyron**

4 Onyx: **Myra and Taif**

4 Quartz: **Ibrahim T and Asfia**

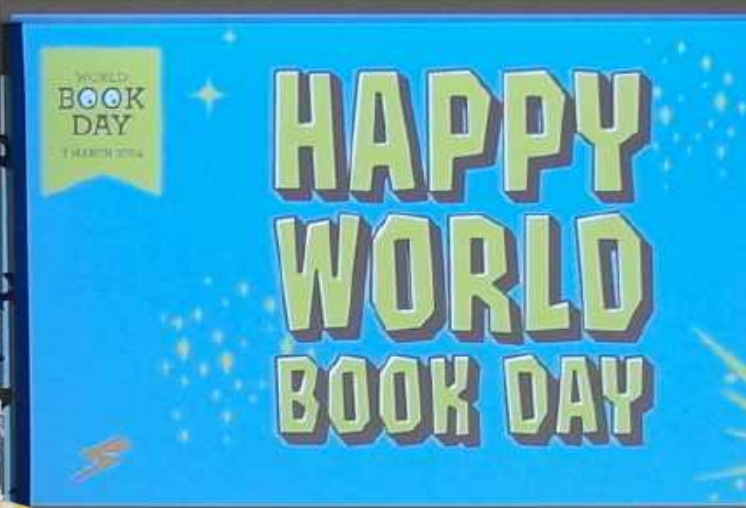
5 Amethyst: **Zahra and Aayan**

6 Sapphire: **Hussain and Sabrina**

These children went the extra mile to write and deliver fantastic manifestos that won them the votes of the Argyle children. They have already started work by designing red nose day posters and spreading the word about how important it is to give to charity. The Argyle School Council will soon be writing a letter to parents, asking for your help in making Argyle an even healthier school. School council meets every Monday morning and will play an important role in our school community. Watch this space! A big thank you to our previous school council from 2023, all your hard work has been noticed and appreciated.

Celebrating

World Book Day





PRESENTS...

WEAR RED DAY



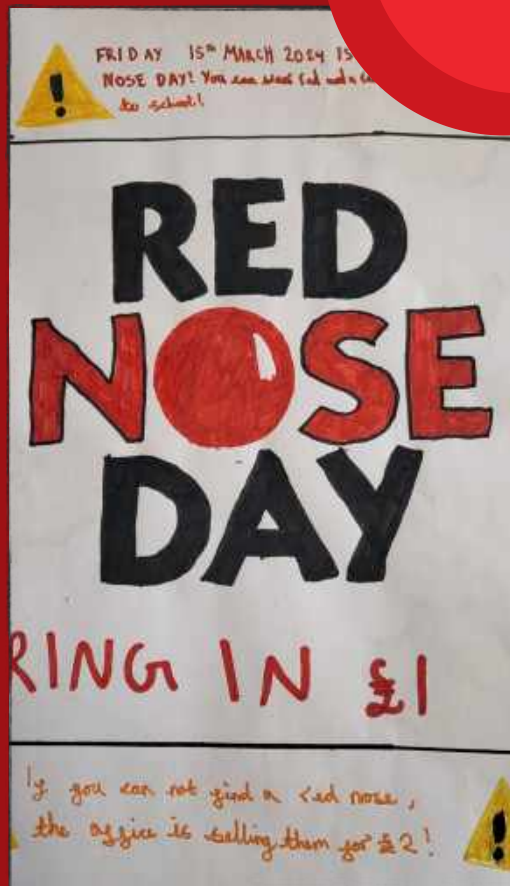
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

Give to charity by:

**Wearing something
red**

**Bringing in a pound
and giving it to your
teacher.**

**If you want, you can
purchase a red
nose from the office
for £2.**



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.

MARCH 2024

Monday 11th

British Science Week Begins

Tuesday 12th

Trip: Year 4 visit The British Museum from 10am – 2.15pm
Trip: Reception visits The Library from 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Event: 30 Volunteers from Employce, working with KS1.

Wednesday
13th

Trip: KS1 attend The Orchestra of the Enlightenment Concert from 12.30pm – 3pm
Trip: Reception visits The Library from 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Trip: Selected 5&6 pupils to Dodgeball competition at Talacre from 3pm – 6.15pm

Thursday 14th

Trip: Year 5 visit The Ragged School Museum from 9.15am – 2.30pm
Trip: Nursery visit The Foundling Museum from 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Friday 15th

Trip: Year 5 visit The Francis Crick Institute from 9.30am – 3pm

Monday 18th

Trip: Selected Year 1 pupil visit St Pancras Library from 9.45am – 11am

Tuesday 19th

Trip: Selected Year 1 pupil visit St Pancras Library from 9.45am – 11am

Wednesday
20th

Trip: Selected Year 1 pupil visit St Pancras Library from 9.45am – 11am

Thursday 21st

Trip: Year 6 visit Cambridge from 7.30am – 4.30pm
Trip: Selected Year 1 pupil visit St Pancras Library from 9.45am – 11am

Friday 22nd

Trip: KS1 visit Highgate Woods from 10am – 3pm
Trip: KS2 Choir attend Camden Choir Festival from 2.30pm – 7.30pm

REMINDER OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY & TERM DATES 2023 – 2024



Spring Term 2024

Spring 2: Monday 19th February 2024 – Thursday 29th April 2024 (29 days)

Easter Holidays: Friday 30th March 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024 (65 days)

Summer 1: Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 24th May 2024 (28 days)

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 16th April 2024**

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Summer 2: Monday 3rd June 2024 – Wednesday 24th July 2025 (37 days)

Summer Holidays: Thursday 25th July 2024 – Friday 30th August 2024

Inset Days

- Monday 15th April 2024
- Monday 17th June 2024

Bank Holidays

- Good Friday Friday 29th April 2024
- Easter Monday 1st April 2024
- May Day Monday 6th May 2024
- Spring Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2024
- Summer Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2024

2024–2025 Autumn Term 2024 (73 days)

Autumn 1: Monday 2nd September 2024 – 25th October 2024 (38 days)

Pupils return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**

Half Term: Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

Autumn 2: Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024 (35 days)

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 2025

Attendance & Punctuality



Week	6	7	8	9	10
Jet	89%	85%	96%		
Topaz	93%	93%	88%		
Amber	94%	89%	98%		
Emerald	93%	95%	95%		
Opal	96%	91%	97%		
3 Garnet	88%	95%	97%		
3 Pearl	91%	97%	99%		
4 Onyx	100%	97%	94%		
4 Quartz	99%	93%	98%		
5 Amethyst	90%	91%	98%		
6 Sapphire	92%	96%	99%		
Total	93%	93%	97%		
Camden	94%	-			

Well done to Jet, Amber, Opal, 3 Garnet, 3 Pearl, 4 Quartz, 5 Amethyst & 6 Sapphire for attaining the target of 96% attendance this week.

This week **77** 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:

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 and await the decision from the headteacher 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