

# ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

**'We believe in our ability to succeed and always have a go!'** states the Argyle Code and this week Year 6 exemplified this self belief and determination as they tackled end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATS). They were calm, responsible and undaunted by the inevitable tricky questions that will crop up on any test paper.

Well done Year 6 -we are proud of you.

Next week and after half term the rest of the school will sit their assessments and we will begin the process of evaluating exactly how much impact all of our exciting learning activity has had on children's knowledge, understanding and skills. Parents can support by... reading with children... no matter how old they are, ensuring that times tables are mastered and can be recalled fluently, supporting with home learning and ensuring that children get enough fresh air, exercise and sleep when not in school!

Have a lovely weekend.



*J. Wade*

Head Teacher

# NURSERY

In Nursery this week, we read ***Lost and Found*** by **Oliver Jeffers** and travelled to Antarctica. The children learnt that Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth and discovered that penguins are one of the few animals that can survive there. They enjoyed learning a penguin dance and creating their own versions of the story. The children also explored frozen polar animals in our tough tray and were fascinated watching the ice melt to free them.



During Stay and Play, the children worked with their parents to pack suitcases for a trip to Antarctica, choosing suitable clothing and equipment for the cold weather and writing lists of what they would need.



In phonics and writing, the children learnt the 'z' sound and practised writing the letter z, linking it to Zayn's name.

In maths, we recapped our work on 5 frames and explored how 5 counters can still represent 5 even when arranged in different patterns.



# LA LIGA FOOTBALL

On Thursday 14th May, a group of girls from Years 3 and 4 took part in the LaLiga Football Tournament. The team proudly represented Girona FC, wearing football kits generously sponsored by the club.

Despite the rainy weather, the girls showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the tournament. They supported one another brilliantly and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship both on and off the pitch. Well done to all the players for representing the school so positively!



# YEAR 1

## Garden Classroom

This week, Year 1 Jade Class embraced the unpredictability of the English weather during our Garden Classroom session!

Wrapped up warmly for the cold and wet conditions, the children experienced a session that took us from indoors to outdoors and back again.

In just one session, we saw sunshine, rain, hailstones and even heard thunder. The children learned that thunder often means lightning is nearby, making it a very exciting and memorable experience while helping them observe how quickly weather can change.

During the session, we revisited our Garden Classroom introduction song, reminding us of the important rules for staying safe and having fun outdoors. The children also enjoyed passing on a clap in our circle activity, listening to a story about planting vegetables, and taking part in a range of fun circle games together.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Garden Classroom adult, Nina, who joined us for this adventure-filled session. The children enjoyed getting to know her while exploring and learning outdoors together.



## Kindness In-Class Assembly

During our in-class assembly focusing on the value of kindness, the children thoughtfully shared their ideas through writing and drawing on a whiteboard. They reflected on what kindness means and discussed the many ways we can show kindness to others at school, at home and in our community. It was wonderful to see the children expressing their ideas so creatively and demonstrating a clear understanding of how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



## The Place

Last week, the children took part in their third dance session at The Place. During the session, they explored moving like different ocean creatures, using their imaginations to create a variety of movements inspired by life under the sea.

The children also enjoyed pretending to relax on the beach, using calm and gentle movements to reflect a peaceful seaside atmosphere. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, confidence and enthusiasm continue to grow through dance.



# YEAR 3

## A Journey Back to Ancient Egypt

This term, Year 3 have taken an exciting step back in time as they explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. Our classroom was filled with curiosity, creativity and adventure as we learned about this incredible civilisation.

One of the highlights of the term was having our very own "mummy" in the classroom! One of our classmates bravely took on the role, and we carefully wrapped them up while learning about the process of Mummification and why it was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. It was a fun and memorable way to bring history to life.

The children have also impressed us with their fantastic homework projects. From detailed Egyptian pyramids and beautifully decorated sarcophagi to fact-filled posters and creative models, the effort and imagination shown have been outstanding.

We are so proud of the enthusiasm Year 3 have shown throughout this topic. It has truly been a term full of discovery, creativity and hands-on learning!

What the children said:

"My favourite part was making my project at home with my family."  
– Zayyan R

"It was a bit funny and a bit creepy at the same time! The mummification process is very cool!"  
– Amaarah

"I worked really hard on my pyramid and made it look like real stone."  
– Eldana

"I loved being the mummy—it felt like a real Egyptian ceremony!" – Omar



# YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK



After half term, our Year 4 pupils will take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The MTC is a short online assessment designed to check children's recall of multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . This is a national check taken by all Year 4 children across the UK.

Next week, all Year 4 children will bring home their own times tables practice pack containing flashcards and activities focused on the tables they are finding most challenging. You can support your child at home by encouraging daily practice of times tables in a fun and positive way. This will help to build their confidence and fluency.

We will also be holding a parents' meeting to share more information about the MTC and provide practical ideas to help you support your child at home. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 19th at 8:45am**. All Year 4 parents are warmly invited to attend.

Parents in previous years have found this meeting incredibly helpful.

We look forward to seeing you there.

# Reading for Pleasure

## Teacher Book Recommendations



I really enjoyed reading *Lightfall: Shadow of the Bird* because it is full of adventure, mystery, and amazing creatures that made me want to keep turning the pages! The beautiful illustrations bring the story to life, and the brave characters show the importance of friendship and courage, even when things feel scary. I think children who enjoy magical worlds, exciting journeys, and fast-paced action will absolutely love this book. It is the kind of story that captures your imagination and stays with you long after you finish reading!



Ms Barrett

Jo



I'd like to recommend another wonderful picture book for young children to enjoy!

This story follows a hungry snake who captures ten sleeping mice, counting them carefully as he places them into a glass jar for dinner. The clever mice soon outsmart the snake by tricking him into chasing a "big mouse" — actually just a large rock! While he is distracted, the mice tip over the jar and "uncount" themselves from ten back to one as they escape safely home.



It's a brilliant story with maths at its heart — something I especially love as Early Maths Lead! 😊 The book is a fantastic way to practise counting forwards and backwards to and from ten, as well as exploring grouping and number bonds to make ten.



# Attendance & Punctuality



Class	1J	2A	2O	3P	4E	4O	5A	5Q	6S	Total
Week 1	95%	91%	92%	94%	95%	93%	94%	96%	98%	94%
Week 2	95%	90%	94%	94%	95%	92%	91%	86%	97%	94%
Week 3	95%	90%	94%	94%	97%	92%	92%	96%	97%	92%
Week 4	97%	90%	93%	89%	92%	95%	96%	96%	97%	92%
Week 5	90%	94%	95%	93%	96%	96%	94%	97%	100%	95.8

Well done to **years 4, 5Q & 6S** who achieved the target of 96% attendance this week.

## Reporting Absences

Parents should report any absences to the school office by calling 02078374590 before 9.30am.

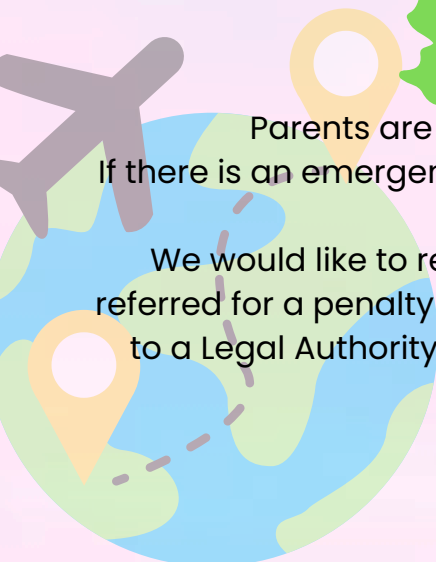
Please do not leave messages on the answering machine.  
A member of staff may call you again to discuss the absence.  
Please do not send emails to the admin inbox.

## 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.

**Every School Day Counts**



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## MAY

<b>MONDAY 18th</b>	<b>Year 6 to Hampstead Heath - 9:45am to 3pm</b> <b>ESOL class in FLC 9:30am to 11:30am</b> <b>Catch up Booster - selected children from years 1 to 4 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm (year 1 finish @ 4pm)</b>
<b>TUESDAY 19th</b>	<b>Selected children to Young Women's Sports Day at Coram's Fields - 9:30am to 3pm</b> <b>Year 4 MTC meeting for parents - from 8.45am</b> <b>Year 3 swimming - 11am to 12pm</b> <b>Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 20th</b>	<b>ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am</b> <b>Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm</b> <b>Football Club, years 1, 2 &amp; 3 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY 21st</b>	<b>Year 2 to Trent Park - 9:45am to 2:30pm</b> <b>Art/Comic Book Club - 3.15pm to 4.15pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY 22ND</b>	<b>Football Club, years 4, 5 &amp; 6 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm</b> <b>Homework Club with parents - 3.15pm to 4.15pm</b>
<b>MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 29TH</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>

## JUNE

<b>MONDAY 1ST</b>	<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
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# HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

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RISE

Half-term week (25 to 29 May) is approaching and there are lots of free and low-cost activities for children and young people of all ages taking place across Camden.

## Sports and physical activities

Girls Get Moving session for ages 8 to 14 on 26 May;

Kids Swim for a Quid at Better leisure centres; Multi-Sport Scheme for ages 8 to 12 from 26 to 29 May;

Gymnastics Mini-Camp for ages 4 to 7 from 26 to 29 May;

Arsenal in the Community free mixed football coaching for ages 8 to 12 from 27 to 29 May.

Find out more and book places - <https://www.camden.gov.uk/during-the-school-holidays>

Active for All - free, fun event for disabled children and young people at Talacre Community Sports Centre, Dalby Street, NW5 3AF on Saturday 23 May, from 2pm to 6pm. Children should be accompanied by a parent or carer throughout the day.

Find out more - [https://www.camdenrise.co.uk/newsandblogs/-/blogs/active-for-all-free-fun-event-for-disabled-children-and-young-people?\\_com](https://www.camdenrise.co.uk/newsandblogs/-/blogs/active-for-all-free-fun-event-for-disabled-children-and-young-people?_com)

Holiday play schemes - play provision run by community and voluntary organisations for ages 4 to 12.

Find out more - <https://www.camden.gov.uk/afterschool-clubs-holiday-playschemes>

Youth programmes - check out what's on for children and young people aged 12 to 19 at Camden's youth hubs and community youth projects during the school holiday.

Find out more - <https://www.camdenrise.co.uk/youth-clubs-and-projects>

Children's Centres and Family Hubs - visit <https://families.camden.gov.uk/> to find out what's on.

Family activities at the British Library - to find out what's on visit <https://events.bl.uk/?refinementList%5BeventCategoriesWhoFor%5D%5B0%5D=Family>.

Also, check out Fairy Tales (runs until 23 August) - take your family on a magical adventure in a new interactive exhibition. Explore enchanted lands, magical creatures, iconic characters and timeless tales, brought to life through books, theatre costumes, puppets, pop-ups, artwork and illustrations. - <https://events.bl.uk/exhibitions/fairy-tales>



# Community Notices



## Camden Family Learning FREE Course





Join us for a fun, creative 4-week knitting course.

This is a great opportunity to learn a new skill, do something to support your wellbeing and connect with other parents.

It will also be a chance to give back to our local community by carrying out a charity knit!

**When?** Mondays, 9am-11am (starting 27<sup>th</sup> April)

**Where?** Argyle STEAM lab

Refreshments available  

Interested? Speak to Sophia (Family Support Worker) or come along on the day! Everyone is welcome.

No creche available.



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## LEARN ENGLISH AT ARGYLE

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



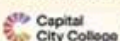
This class is open to all adult students of all levels. You will learn English fast with other students. Pre-school children are welcome but it is the responsibility of the parent to care for them so they do not interrupt class. We will go on trips to local sites and learn everyday vocabulary. We will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



You can also get in touch via e-mail: [belinda.drake@capitalccg.ac.uk](mailto:belinda.drake@capitalccg.ac.uk)



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## Hello Buddy

Building Interfaith Connections

### Free Holiday Camp

May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - 11am - 3pm

Location - Castlehaven Community Centre, 23 Castlehaven Rd, Camden Town, London, NW1 8RU



Who is free for games, arts and crafts, football, laughs and balloon fun?

For children aged 7-12. All faiths Welcome!

Places limited - please email [Michelle@helloworld.org](mailto:Michelle@helloworld.org) to apply

