

ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have now completed a week in school and have enjoyed seeing pupils respond so positively to their new class teachers and to our clear expectations about behaviour. The 'whispering voices' around school have been incredibly effective in maintaining a calm environment- as has the new soundproofed door to the dining room! We are really pushing the 'we make a positive contribution' aspect of The Argyle Code since we know that children respond well when given responsibilities and expected to contribute to the smooth running of their day.

Today we shared our playground contract. Please read, sign and submit if you wish to stay in the playground after school and let your children play with their friends- under your supervision!

Have you booked to come along to hear the poet Joseph Coelho next Tuesday ? It promises to be a great afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend.

BEHAVIOR

J. Wade
Head Teacher

VALUE OF THE MONTH



Don't forget to come and
meet Joseph Coelho on
Tuesday!



It was fantastic to meet
Julia Donladson and
Axel Scheffler!

DON'T MAKE ANY EXCUSES, DON'T LET ANYTHING HOLD YOU BACK!

NURSERY

We were absolutely delighted to welcome the first children of our new Nursery Class of 2026 into school this week!

We have started our new topic, Nursery Rhymes, with our rhyme of the week, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

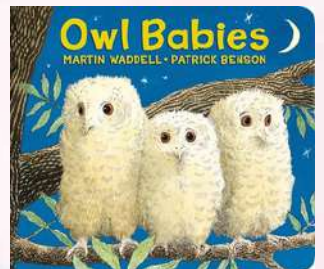
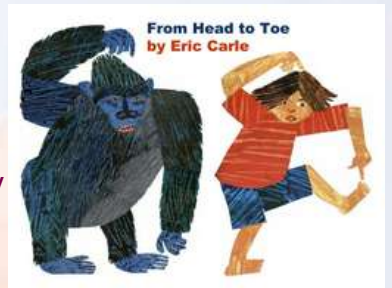
We also enjoyed reading *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle. The children began learning the names of different parts of their bodies, including their head, arms, hands, legs and feet. Once we had learnt about the different parts that make up our bodies, we had great fun creating a giant body!

Parent Tip:

Although it may seem obvious to us grown-ups, young children don't always know the names of different body parts or what they are used for. You can help your child develop greater self-awareness by naming body parts together and talking about their senses – seeing, hearing, smelling and tasting. Mealtimes are a great opportunity to talk about the different tastes and smells of food, while everyday activities can help children explore the world around them.

Maths:

This week, we also began learning about dice. The children practised counting the dots to find out which number they had rolled. We discovered that it was easy to recognise 1, 2 and 3, but it was much trickier to quickly recognise 4, 5 and 6. We will continue practising and developing our counting skills through lots of fun games!



RECEPTION



This week, we started our first topic, "Ourselves and Our Families," and enjoyed reading our book of the week, *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell.

The children have had a fantastic first week, making new friends and enjoying activities such as building castles and towers, making playdough pizzas, singing nursery rhymes and playing outside on the slide, playhouse and bikes.

There have been lots of exciting firsts too! The children learned to use their phonics whiteboards and pens for mark-making, had their first PE lesson in the big hall, enjoyed Playdough Gym and their first music lesson with Annette. In Maths, they also played lots of dice games.

Our number of the week was 1, and we played "Try to Roll a 1", with the adults competing against the children. It took 22 goes before someone rolled a 1 – and it was Inaya! She won the game for the children. Well done, Inaya!

It has been a wonderful start to Reception, and we are very proud of how well the children have settled in.

YEAR 1

Andy Goldsworthy

This week, the children in Jade Class were inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy and his beautiful artwork made using natural materials.

The children collected autumnal leaves and used them to create their own artwork. Working in small groups, they shared ideas, took turns and listened carefully to one another. It was wonderful to see the children being creative, working together and making the most of the beautiful colours, shapes and textures found in nature.

We are very proud of how well they worked as a team!

Sorting Objects

In Maths this week, Jade Class have been learning how to sort objects into groups. The children chose their own ways to group objects, thinking carefully about colour, shape and type. We used a variety of objects, including cubes, autumn leaves and coloured toys. The children enjoyed discussing their choices and explaining why different objects belonged together.

This was a great opportunity for the children to develop their early mathematical thinking, observation and reasoning skills.

Counting Objects

Following on from our sorting activities, the children in Jade Class have been developing their counting skills. They practised counting out objects carefully and then matching them to different representations of the same number. The children used a range of practical resources to help them understand that a number can be represented in different ways. They enjoyed counting, matching and checking their answers while building their confidence with numbers.

Transport

We have launched our new Transport topic with an exciting visit to our very own walking museum in school!

The children enjoyed exploring a range of transport-related displays and artefacts. They had the opportunity to look closely, talk about what they could see and share their ideas about different types of transport.

It was a fantastic way to spark the children's curiosity and get them thinking about our new topic.

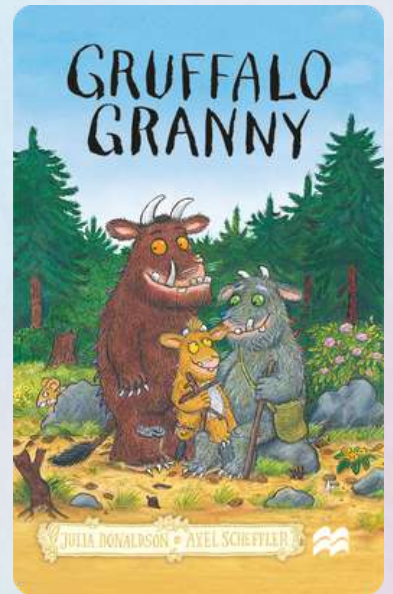
We are looking forward to discovering lots more about transport and how we travel!



YEAR 2

This morning Year 2 children enjoyed a fabulous British Library author and illustrator session as 'Gruffalo' author Julia Donaldson acted out 'The Gruffalo' before reading her new book - 'Gruffalo Granny'.

Julia was joined by illustrator Axel Scheffler, who acted the role of owl alongside Julia's mouse! Later on, children got the chance to watch Alex draw the Gruffalo (he's so speedy and his dots and lines magically transform before your eyes!) and to have a go themselves.



YEAR 3

Well done to year 3 on some amazing homework projects!



YEAR 4

This week has been a whirlwind of learning for 4 Onyx!

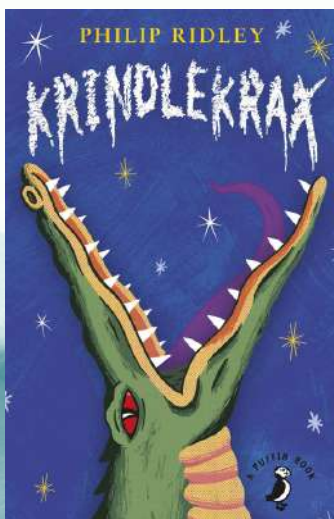
The children have been incredibly engaged and positive throughout the week, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and a fantastic attitude to learning.

In Maths, we have begun our new unit on place value. We kicked things off with an exciting game of Place Value Wars, using Uno cards in pairs. The children had to use their knowledge of the value of each digit to compete against their partners. Yusuf confidently explained, *"I have an 8 in my thousands column, so Ayoob has to get a 9 to beat me."* Well spotted, Yusuf! It was fantastic to hear the children using mathematical vocabulary and explaining their reasoning so confidently.



In Art, the children took on a rather unusual challenge: drawing by touch! Each child was given an unknown object to hold in their non-dominant hand behind their back. Using only their sense of touch, they had to carefully observe the object through their fingertips and then draw it without looking. It was certainly quite a challenge, but that didn't deter the children from giving it their very best shot! It was wonderful to see them persevering and embracing the task with such enthusiasm.

In PSHE, the children have been thinking deeply about our big question for this term: **"How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment?"** They explored how even small decisions can have an impact, from the way we treat others to the choices we make about looking after our planet. The children shared some thoughtful ideas and recorded their ideas on a Venn diagram.



In English, the children have begun reading our key text, Krindlekrax. They have also started learning our model text using actions, helping them to remember the language and structure in a fun and memorable way. It has been fantastic to see the children getting stuck into the story and developing their confidence as readers and writers.

Overall, the children have been incredibly engaged, positive and enthusiastic this week. They have shown great perseverance when faced with challenges and have continued to demonstrate a wonderful attitude towards their learning.

Keep it up, Year 4! We are so proud of you!

Attendance & Punctuality



CLASS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
1 JADE	82%	89%
2 AMBER	89%	95%
3 PEARL	83%	89%
4 ONYX	86%	94%
5 AMETHYST	88%	95%
6 DIAMOND	87%	96%
6 SAPPHIRE	87%	97%
TOTAL	86%	94%

WELL DONE TO BOTH YEAR 6 CLASSES FOR MEETING THE TARGET OF 96%

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.

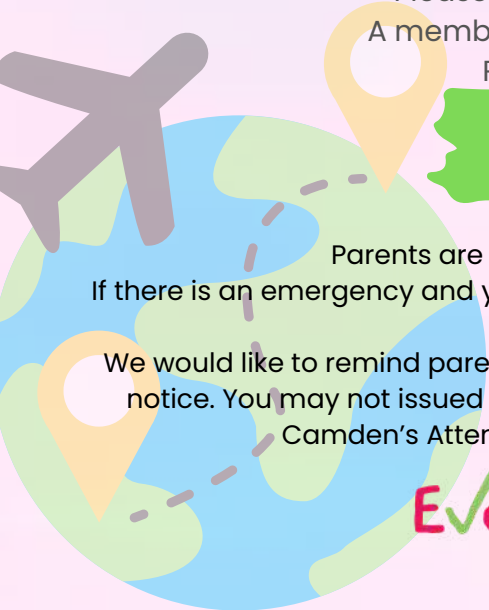
Exceptional Leave

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 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





ESOL CLASSES

start up again in **January!**



Any parents looking for
ESOL classes?
ESOL classes start up again
at Argyle in January.



In the meantime there are
FREE CLASSES



THE WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE

EVERY TUESDAY

in the **KING'S CROSS**
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
51 Argyle Street
WC1H 8EF

Learn

Improve

Grow



12 - 2.30
ENTRY 1 & 2



1.30 - 3.30
BEGINNERS



Also Capital City College is
enrolling new students for ESOL
classes at their **King's Cross** or
Regent's Park Centres.



Learning together, building brighter futures. ♥

COFFEE MORNING

NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW ADVENTURES - LETS
NAVIGATE IT TOGETHER!

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER | 9-10AM

FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE



A CHANCE TO MEET YOUR
NEW CHILD AND FAMILY
SUPPORT WORKER, HAVE
A CUPPA AND GET TO
KNOW OTHER PARENTS
IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS

COME ALONG AND STAY A WHILE!

Weekend Sports
Free sport sessions for
children aged 6-14

Saturday		Sunday	
Session	Time	Session	Time
Under 11s Football	11:30am-1:30pm	Girls Sports	11:30am-2:30pm
Calthorpe FC (Under 16s)	1:30pm-3pm	Multi Sports	2:30pm-5:30pm
Over 11s Football	3pm-5:30pm		

Every weekend at Calthorpe
Community Garden
258-274 Grays Inn Road WC1X 8LH
www.calthorpecommunitygarden.org.uk
020 7837 8019 es@calthorpeproject.org.uk

Afterschool Sports Club
Free multi-sports club for children
aged 8-14

Monday 4pm-5:30 pm - Girls Sports
Friday 4pm-5:30 pm - Mixed Gender Multi-Sports

Football Volleyball Cricket
Dodgeball Tennis
and more!

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Creative Calthorpe
Free making and learning
sessions for children aged 6-14

Art
Cooking
Gardening
Crafts

Every Saturday
11:45am-5:15pm at
Calthorpe
Community Garden
and more!

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