

ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been wonderful seeing so many of you attend Welcome Meetings -thank you for your support. I hope that the meetings were informative.

Our value for September is excellence and we have been challenging the children to aim for excellence in every lesson and around the school. Of course playtime and lunchtime are opportunities for the children to relax a little and have fun but we are talking with them about how they can be excellent friends and role models - showing kindness and friendship to one another and demonstrating manners and respect to the catering team and mid-day supervision teams. Successful schools are like giant and complex jigsaws -with every person playing their part in different ways throughout each aspect of school life.

Ask your child to describe the ways in which they made a positive contribution today.



Have a lovely weekend.

Head Teacher



Online Safety – Working Together to Keep Our Children Safe

This week, all classes have been revisiting online safety . This forms an important part of our wider commitment to helping children develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to stay safe, make informed choices and behave responsibly in an increasingly digital world.

Through age-appropriate discussions and activities, pupils have explored how to protect personal information, use passwords safely, communicate respectfully online, recognise potential risks and seek help when something makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. Children have also been reminded of the trusted adults they can speak to if they encounter something online that concerns them.

We know that children use technology in many different ways at home as well as at school and that parents and carers play an important role in helping children stay safe online. Following our successful parent workshops in the summer term, we are keen to offer further opportunities for parents and carers to find out more about online safety and share practical ideas for supporting children at home.

If you would be interested in attending an online safety workshop, please contact the school office to express your interest. We will use the level of interest to help us plan future sessions and will share further details with families in due course.

NURSERY

This week was the children's first full week of nursery, with many staying all day.

We continued our Nursery Rhymes topic, singing songs including Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and The Wheels on the Bus.

We continued reading From Head to Toe by Eric Carle, copying the animals' movements and naming different body parts.

Parent Tip: Singing nursery rhymes helps develop children's language, vocabulary, pronunciation, memory and imagination. You can support your child at home by singing our weekly rhymes together. Scan the QR code to sing Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes together!



Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes



We also learnt about Autumn and how leaves change colour and fall from the trees.

In Maths, we played number games, practising recognising numbers on dice and counting dots to match the correct number.

RECEPTION

S

This week was very exciting in Reception as we started our phonics programme! The children learnt the graphemes s, a, t and p, as well as their corresponding sounds. They really impressed us by writing all four letters independently!

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We have also been exploring the wonderful books in Reception. Alongside our reading for pleasure sessions, we started guided reading, where we are currently using wordless books and talking about the stories through the pictures.

T

In Maths, our number of the week was 2. We explored different ways to represent 2, including numerals, counters, dice patterns and objects. We also began learning about five-frames and discovered that however we arrange 2 counters, there will always be 3 empty spaces.

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We also had lots of fun playing outside, creating wonderful crafts, taking part in PE, doing dough-gym and enjoying our weekly music lesson.



YEAR 1

Reading

We have enjoyed reading for pleasure indoors and outdoors, choosing books, sharing stories and talking about our favourites.



Counting

Jade Class have been learning to count out amounts from a larger group using cubes, counters and tens frames. They used playing cards to choose numbers and worked with partners to check their answers.

Dragon Teacher Hot-Seating

The children created dragon masks and hats before taking part in a fun hot-seating activity, asking the "dragon teacher" questions and using their imaginations.



Spirals

Jade Class explored big and small movements by creating spirals with chalk in the KS1 playground.

Garden Classroom

The children enjoyed their first Garden Classroom session, exploring the mud kitchen, searching for minibeasts, gardening and creating magical nature art using natural materials.



YEAR 2

What a great start to our new academic year! The children have settled in really well and have jumped straight into enjoying their learning.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value. We used concrete objects and fun games to help us understand our learning. We also worked together in pairs and groups to solve problems and help each other.

In Literacy, we have been busy reading, writing and sharing our ideas. We have also created some lovely artwork to display in our classroom.

We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm, hard work and the way they help and support each other. We are looking forward to lots more fun and learning in Year 2!



YEAR 4

It has been another fantastic week of learning in Onyx!

English:

This week, we have been learning to extend our sentences using conditional clauses beginning with "If I...". The children have worked hard to create interesting and complex sentences. Ibrahim A wrote: "If I didn't sneak out, if I had covered my tracks, I wouldn't have got into trouble." Sneaky, Ibrahim! Well done for using our new sentence structure so confidently.

Science:

In Science, we continued learning about states of matter, exploring how particles behave in solids, liquids and gases. Ehan, Alya, Liona, Amaarah and Ibrahim did a fantastic job demonstrating how particles in a solid are rigid and packed closely together. They explained their thinking clearly and showed a secure understanding of the concept.

Maths:

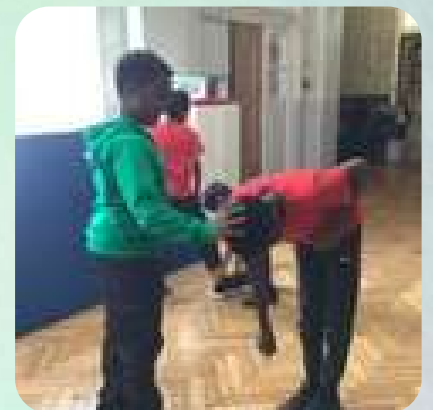
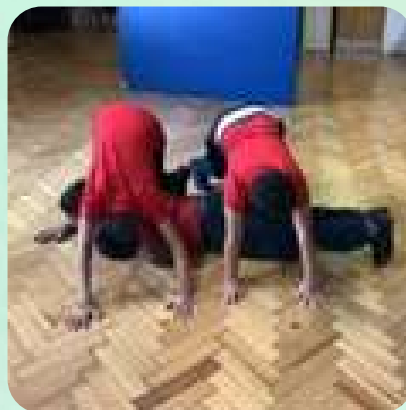
In Maths, the children have been practising how to flexibly partition 4-digit numbers, using place value counters to support their understanding. They have been learning to see numbers in different ways and explain how thousands, hundreds, tens and ones can be regrouped. It has been lovely to see the children building confidence and taking pride in their work.

Well done, Onyx!



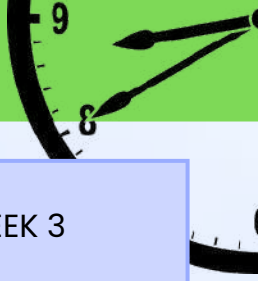
YEAR 6

In art the children have been studying different forms of calligraphy, with a particular focus on Islamic calligraphy and how a number of artists have used that skill in their works.



In Dance year 6 have been creating a piece all about city machines. They started by mirroring a series of actions using different parts of their bodies, changing levels and tempo. Then they took turns to be the controller and the machine before finally experimenting with making bridges with different parts of their bodies.

Attendance & Punctuality



CLASS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
1 JADE	82%	89%	86%
2 AMBER	89%	95%	97%
3 PEARL	83%	89%	92%
4 ONYX	86%	94%	94%
5 AMETHYST	88%	95%	95%
6 DIAMOND	87%	96%	97%
6 SAPPHIRE	87%	97%	97%
TOTAL	86%	94%	98%

WELL DONE TO BOTH YEAR 6 CLASSES AND 2 AMBER 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.

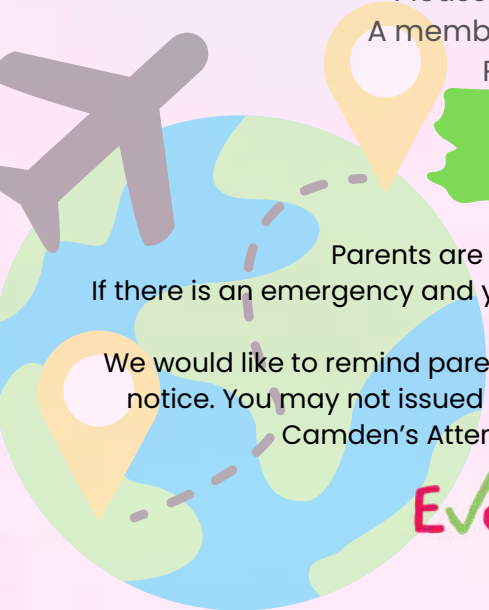
Exceptional Leave

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 21ST	Year 1 Welcome Meeting - 8.55 to 9.30am Year 6 to Isle of Wight residential
TUESDAY 22ND	Reception Welcome Meeting - 8.55 to 9.30am
WEDNESDAY 23RD	Nursery Welcome Meeting - 8.55 to 9.30am Year 6 return form Isle of Wight residential
THURSDAY 24TH	6 Sapphire ShiftED workshop at Holborn Library - 8.45am to 12.30pm
FRIDAY 25TH	Year 1 to St Pancras Station - 9.20am too 11.20am
MONDAY 28TH	Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30pm Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30pm
TUESDAY 29TH	Year 1 to the London Canal Museum - 9.30 to 2.45pm Year 5&6 netball competition @ LA Sante Union - 3 to 6.15pm
WEDNESDAY 30TH	Year 5 to London Youth Games at Willesden Sports Centre - 9.30 to 3.15pm Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30pm

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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!



Argyle
Primary
School

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. ♥



FIRST STEPS TO SWIMMING

Helping Children Feel Safe, Confident and
Happy in the Water

This October half term, give your child the confidence
to enjoy the water safely with our First Steps to
Swimming programme at a pool near you in Camden.

Designed for children aged 7 - 11 years old who are
new to swimming or lack confidence in the water,
this supportive and fun course helps children develop
essential water safety skills while taking their first
steps towards becoming a swimmer.

WHAT THEY'LL LEARN

Through engaging activities and expert teaching,
children will learn how to float, move through the
water, control their breathing and stay safe around
water. They'll also explore simple self-rescue skills and
learn what to do if they ever get into difficulty.

LESSONS BACKED BY THE BEST

Better Swim School is part of GLL,
the UK's largest swimming lesson
provider, and proud to be RLSS
UK's first Water Safety Education
Partner. It means every parent
choosing Better Swim School can
be confident they're backed by two
organisations that take water safety
as seriously as you do.



REGISTRATION & DETAILS



October Half-Term

Monday to Friday
5 lessons in one week



Available at pools across Camden
Just £5 for all 5 lessons

Scan the QR Code to Apply
Spaces are limited and subject to availability.



BETTER