

# Our value for October is Excellence



## Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was fantastic to see so many of you in sewing class and coffee morning today. I'm delighted that our family learning centre is now nearly always fully booked and there is always such a buzz. It's great to have so many of you engaged in activities. I'm delighted that we have a new parent governor to join our team - welcome aboard Raedeh! I'm looking forward to catching up with our new Argyle Ambassadors soon too.

With it now being October, we started our Black History month celebrations this week - please read on to find our more...

**Jemima Wade, Headteacher**

## Black History Month 2023

Argyle has begun celebrating Black History Month. The UK has been celebrating Black History Month for over 30 years and this year, across the UK, we are 'Celebrating our Sisters'. Throughout this month we will be looking at black women that have made huge contributions to society in all areas of including art, music, science, sport and politics. In our assembly on Tuesday, we looked at a selection of amazing black women who have had a great impact—figures as diverse as Mary Seacole a nurse who worked throughout the Crimean War,



Lauren James, a footballer for the England Women's Team and Malorie Blackman who has written more than

70 children's books and received a MBE in 2008.

In class children were all given a poem by a famous Black poet to learn, and then given the opportunity to write their own verses to the poem. We have been researching poets such as, Maya Angelou, Valerie Bloom, John Agard and many more! The children will have the opportunity to perform their poem in front of the school in an assembly over the course of Black History Month.

Well done to Year 4 classes who performed straight away this week.



## Celebrating Great Attendance

Argyle has made it on to Camden's list of primary schools with great attendance, achieving over the 95% benchmark. Last week our school's attendance from Years 1 - 6 was 96.9% and the week before it was 97.1%.

We hope that you all encourage the children to continue their excellent effort in being in school everyday. Everyday matters to their learning.

**Well Done! Let keep the momentum.**



# Year 3 visit Chiltern Open Air Museum

Last week, Year 3 visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum in Amersham. The trip was part of their Prehistoric Britain topic. The museum is unique as it is all outdoors regardless of weather. When the children arrived, they were whisked back in time to the Stone Age. They were met by a Stone Age hunter gatherer who taught them some of the skills required to survive during this harsh period. The children were shown how to make a fire using a flint and a rock. At first, the activity was difficult but using their doggedly determined attitude the majority of children were able to spark a fire!!!



I like making the fire by rubbing the flint and rock to create a spark. - **Roya**

The children also learnt how to: throw a spear, cover a stick hut with animal hide and draw pictures using charcoal and berries.

After lunch, Year 3 transported 10,000 years forward to the Iron Age. Here, they were met by a Iron Age tribesman who spoke in his native tongue. The children learnt that life had drastically changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age; people had learnt how to farm and now lived in settlements. The children arrived in the Iron Age, just in time, to help the Iron Age people with their lunch and they made bread. Firstly, they grinded wheat until it turned into flour. next, the children used water and the flour to make a simple dough. Afterwards, the dough was made into flatbread and baked on an open fire!!! Finally children used cow's milk and churned it until it turned into butter - perfect to eat with the flat bread.



By the end of the trip, the children were exhausted and returned back to present day - just in time to sit in the rush hour traffic!!!!!!



The bread was made from wheat that we had to grind by smashing it with a rock. - **LeAnna**



I enjoyed making the bread on the open air fire in the Iron Age house. - **Adam C**



It felt like we when back in time when we met the people who did the workshop. - **Lilo**



I enjoyed throwing the spear really far into the forest like a real hunter gatherer. - **Azeem**



# KS1's Learning Journey

## Poetry

We have been learning about black history month in Key Stage One. We learnt a poem by Grace Nicholls called 'Give yourself a hug'. We then added our own verses and performed these to each other.

**Here is Ivanna's verse: Give yourself a hug when you feel unloved. Give yourself a hug if people make you sad. Give yourself a hug, a good, good hug. Now I am being loved.**



We also read the book 'Clean Up' and made a character profile about the iconic character 'Rocket'. We described her as; brave, kind, heroic, determined and helpful among other adjectives.



**Velan noted that 'Black history month is a celebration'.**



## Science

This week we have been testing materials and learning about their properties. We carried out a test after making predictions about which material would be the weakest, strongest and most flexible.



Sumaiya - 'The wood will be the strongest.'

Ruquayya - 'The paper will be the weakest.'

Zelle - 'I predict that the fabric is flexible.'

Saif - 'I predict that the metal is bendy'.



## Reception's exciting week

This week the children have been exploring how to keep their bodies healthy as this is a key part of the Early Years curriculum. The focus text was 'Oliver's Vegetables' which you can share with your child on Google Classroom. After reading the text, the children had the opportunity to touch and smell the different vegetables from the story. The children explored a range of food items and sorted them into healthy choices and choices that should only be eaten as treats. They learnt about the importance of good dental hygiene and that brushing their teeth twice a day (in the morning and before bed) keeps their teeth healthy and clean.

**Literacy:** The children have been watching Curious George learning how to brush his teeth and drawing images of toothbrushes. They have started to use the letter sounds that they had learnt to help them write.

**Understanding of the World:** The children explored the changing of leaves and comparing the different types of leaves. They collected them and then created their own pictures.



**Expressive Art and Design:** This week the children are drawing their favourite foods.



# 5 Amethyst Science

Year 5 are learning about forces in Science and, over the next three weeks, Bea, Cecilia and Phoebe (from Flying Into Physics) are helping us to experience the forces of gravity, friction and air resistance. This week we did some yoga exercises to stretch and prepare our muscles and then we had our first experience of 'flying'!



Before we flew, we did some yoga and had to get into some really good poses with our partners. I really liked it when we had to lie down and push our legs into the air.- **Safia**

It was fun because we all had a laugh! When people were doing their poses, we cheered them to encourage them to do it!- **Aaliyah**



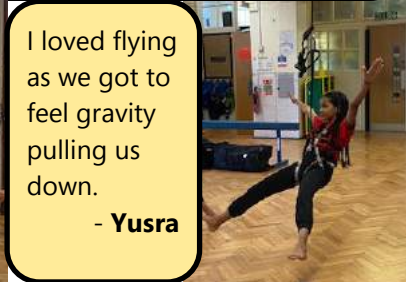
Some positions we did were a bit scary at first but once we'd got used to it for a minute or so, it got to be really fun!- **Ayub**



It felt like I was Spiderman and, when I put my arms out, like I was flying!- **Yacqub**



I loved flying as we got to feel gravity pulling us down.  
- **Yusra**



# Year 4 Science

In Science, Year 4 have been investigating the properties of liquids. First we looked at how fast liquids will flow. The children looked at a variety of liquids of differing viscosity (water, honey, ketchup and detergent) and predicted how fast they would flow down a ramp.



To make the test fair, they were all timed over the same distance and the tilt of the ramp was kept constant.

The honey and ketchup were really slow, they are a bit like a solid but they will flow. - **Bahar**



In the next lesson, we looked at a series of familiar liquids and predicted what would happen when we froze them. We then examined each of them carefully and watched how quickly they melted to become liquids once again.

The milk is really cloudy, the orange squash is just a little bit cloudy. - **Anthony**

The vinegar was really flaky and it melted very quickly.- **Asila**



The syrup has gone harder but it is not a block of ice.- **Tala**



I can see the bubbles from the fizzy water. - **Taif**



# Nursery

This week the children in Nursery have been learning the nursery rhyme 'One, two, three, four, five, once I caught a fish alive.' They also read the story 'Where's Lenny' by Ken Wilson-Max. In the book, daddy is playing hide and seek with Lenny. When he is looking for Lenny, he listens carefully for different sounds and tries to identify what they are. The children had a go at listening to a range of sounds and tried to guess what they were hearing. Also this week, the children had a go at making their own fishing game. They began by painting their own sea themed boards then on Friday the children worked with their parents to make the fishes that they could catch during the stay-and-play session. Thank you to all the parents who attended - we hope you agree that it was a huge success. The children will now be taking these games home to continue to play them there. Please do send in photos or



videos of them doing so!



# Cooking Club

This week in both Key Stage 1 and 2 cooking clubs the children made shortbread biscuits. The focus for this week was the importance of following a recipe and keeping a clean cooking space.



# Community Notice

This week selected pupils from Years 3 and 4 took part in a Benchball tournament at Talacre Sports Centre. Well done to those who took part! Also well done to Ola, Taif, Haida, Tala and Ibrahim who were nominated for medals for being great team players!



# Parental Support Notices



**The Tavistock and Portman**  
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team from Camden CAMHS are pleased to offer parents/carers a series of workshops to support their children's well-being. This year we now have 12 topics in total with workshops being offered from mid-October until the end of Spring term. In response to parent feedback, we are now also trialling early evening times for three of our most well attended workshop topics.

## Webinars that are for both Parents/Carers of Primary and Secondary aged children and young people

- Parent Self Care
- Therapeutic conversations with your child and young person
- All about sleep
- Screen Time
- Sibling relationships

## Webinars for Parents/Carers of Primary aged children

- Parent-child interactions
- Managing routines
- Supporting Childhood worries

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow-up of 30 minutes for parents/carers to ask questions or discuss the topic further.

Parents and carers can opt in for all topics, or whichever most appeals to them. The webinar series will run from **Friday 13th October 2023 until Wednesday 27th March 2024.**

To find out more information about each workshop and to sign up for free, please follow Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-webinar-series-2023-2024-tickets-715904949977>

Or scan the QR code using your mobile phone's camera:



## SEN Support workshop For Camden parents & carers



**When** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – 12.30pm  
**Where** Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, NW5 1LB

This is a great information session for any parents & carers with a child who receives SEN Support in mainstream school

### What will you get out of it?

- Understanding of the terms SEN Support
- Establish how needs and support should be assessed and monitored
- Signposting to further resources
- Confidence in attending IEP/Support plan meetings

This very informative session will be delivered by Julie Bidgway who is the manager for Camden SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service).

To book onto this workshop please email [Maria.schultz@kids.org.uk](mailto:Maria.schultz@kids.org.uk) or call to make your booking on 07826 671 523

Please do keep an eye on facebook for general information, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch. <https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>



Webinar Topic	Intended Parent Audience	Date	Time
Parent Self Care	Primary & Secondary	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm
Parent-child interactions	Primary & Secondary	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm
Managing routines	Primary	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm
Sleep	Primary & Secondary	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	12pm to 1.30pm Q&A: 1pm to 1.30pm

# Family Learning in the Early Years!

Thank you to those who attended our workshop on Thursday. This week we looked at

- Benefits of reading
- How to make reading more exciting
- Different techniques on how to get your child to engage when reading
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Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

I urge parents to attend these workshops to learn new ways on how to best support your child's learning and development throughout Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

**Don't forget we provide the creche facility for your younger ones!**

Next week we are going on a **PARENTS ONLY** trip to the Postal Museum. We will be leaving at 9:30am and will be back by 11am. Tickets are limited and will be given on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in joining please email Sharmina on: [sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk](mailto:sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk)



## Family Learning in the Early Years

Come along and find out how children learn in Nursery/Reception

Make and take home **FREE** activities to support your child's learning

Starting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
9am – 11am

For more information contact:  
Sharmina: [sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk](mailto:sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk) or ask at the office



## Community Notice

**LIBRARY  
HSILIBR**

### Family Day: Book Adventurers

Saturday 7 October, 11.00 – 16.00  
FREE | All ages | Booking essential

In partnership with  
WOLFFENFONDER  
**Children's  
Laureate**  
2022 – 2024

Email: [boxoffice@bl.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bl.uk)

## Weekly drop-in sessions

**Do you have a concern about your child's learning, behaviour or wellbeing?**

Ms Mukasa will be available for a parent drop-in session each week on Friday mornings .

Beginning Friday 22nd September  
Every Friday morning  
9 - 10am  
Meet at school office



# Attendance & Punctuality

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
Rec: Jet	-	90%	95%	95%	93%	
Rec: Topaz	-	94%	90%	95%	93%	
Amber	94%	100%	90%	96%	99%	
Emerald	97%	93%	99%	90%	97%	
Opal	91%	95%	96%	92%	97%	
3 Garnet	96%	100%	98%	100%	97%	
3 Pearl	92%	100%	99%	94%	93%	
4 Onyx	91%	97%	92%	97%	99%	
4 Quartz	99%	100%	96%	97%	98%	
5 Amethyst	100%	100%	95%	99%	99%	
6 Sapphire	97%	97%	99%	99%	98%	
Total	95%	97%	95%	96%	97%	
Camden	-	93%	95%	95%		

Well done to Amber, Emerald, Opal, 3 Garnet, 4 Onyx, 4 Quartz, 5 Amethyst and 6 Sapphire who have achieved at least 96% this week.

Every School Day Counts



Don't let your child miss out - every school day counts

Attending regularly is vital for your child's happiness and success in school.

We know that pupils with good school attendance - of 95% or more - are far more likely to achieve the expected level in their primary school tests at age 11 and go on to gain good passes in their GCSEs at age 16.



**Attendance Tip** - Send your child to school if:

- They have a runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms.

We will always call home if we think they are too unwell to be in school.

## Dates for your diary

All entries on the calendar have been sent via ParentHub, please check your child's class channel for more information.

### October 2023

Tuesday 10th	<b>Trip:</b> Year 6 visit The British Museum <b>Trip:</b> Selected pupils from Years 5&6 attend Netball League from 3.15pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 11th	<b>Trip:</b> Year 5 visit The British Library from 6.30pm - 7.45pm <b>Trip:</b> Selected pupils from Years 3&4 attend Bench Ball League from 3.15pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 12th	<b>Trip:</b> Year 6 visit The British Museum
Friday 13th	<b>Trip:</b> Year 5 visit The British Museum from 9.45am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 17th	<b>Event:</b> Reception Phonics workshop for Parents from 9am - 9.30am <b>Trip:</b> Selected pupils from Years 5&6 attend Netball League from 3.15pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 18th	<b>Event:</b> Opal Class Assembly from 8.55am - 9.10am
Thursday 19th	<b>Event:</b> Amber Class Assembly from 8.55am - 9.10am
Friday 20th	<b>Trip:</b> Year 4 visit Holborn Library from 9.30am - 11am