

ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the parents who attended the governors' report to parents on Tuesday. It was a good opportunity to catch up, share key messages and for us to get a sense of what may be concerning you.

Whenever we talk, I realise how much more there is to communicate! When you work inside an institution, you can assume that you have been clear about your ways of working but experience always teaches us that we can be clearer and need to communicate in a range of ways. This newsletter is obviously a key way in which we endeavour to share key messages but I know that there is no substitute for conversation, face to face. Do talk to us at the gate if something is bothering you. Or talk to the office and arrange an appointment - it is always helpful if you can give the office an indication of what you wish to discuss so that you can talk to the correct person. Later in the term we will hold a parents' forum on the theme of 'school's behaviour expectations' - just one of the topics that you indicated you wish to know more about. If you haven't yet completed my poll on the best time for parents' forum, please do so as soon as possible.

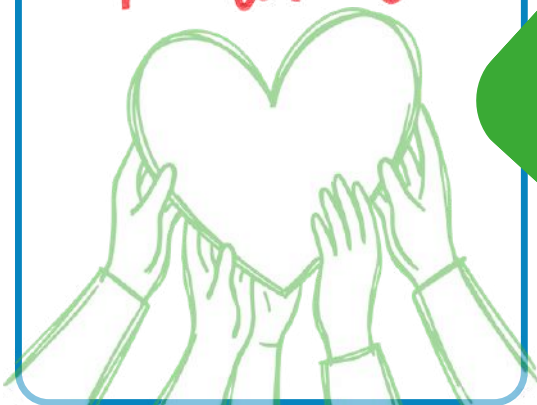
Have a great weekend!

J. Wade

Head Teacher

VALUE OF THE MONTH

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WE TAKE CARE
OF OURSELVES,
OTHERS AND
THE
ENVIRONMENT



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

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush



NURSERY

🎵 Rhyme Time in Nursery!

We had a fantastic week continuing our Nursery Rhymes topic! The children loved singing and learning the actions to:

- Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush
- Down in the Jungle
- 3 Little Speckled Frogs
- Sleeping Monsters

🎵 Try singing 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush' together at home this weekend!

Weekly Class Update: Numbers, Monsters & Stay and Play!

Maths & Nature Explorations

This week, we explored the difference between 1 and 2. The children practiced counting everyday items and ventured outdoors to collect leaves, drawing around them to discover different shapes.

Storytime & Dressing Up

We read *Monster Clothes* by Daisy Hirst! Along with learning that monsters are just pretend, the children:

Compared monster body parts to our own (bigger, spikier, longer!).

Learned clothing vocabulary using the stem sentence: "I'm wearing..."

Dressed large templates using real clothes and laughed at the silly things storybook monsters wear—like cars and tomatoes!

Our First Stay & Play!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us to kick off the day. It was wonderful seeing everyone design custom monsters and choose their silly outfits together!



RECEPTION

Garden Classroom

This week in Garden Classroom, the children enjoyed another fun and busy session outdoors. With Nina's help, they worked in pairs to make their own fairy fires. They also used conkers to create either little animals or pieces of jewellery. Some children searched for minibeasts, while others enjoyed exploring the mud kitchen. A few children were also very helpful in tidying up and looking after the garden. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the different activities and making the most of our outdoor space!

Highlights from This Week!

Family & Storytime

We continued reading *So Much* by Trish Cooke! The children drew pictures of the special people in their families and reflected on the story of the Good Samaritan, discussing kindness, friendship, and what truly makes a good friend.

Maths: Exploring Number 4

We focused on the number 4 and compared it to 3: Represented 4 using fingers, dice patterns, number lines, and counters.

Noticed how 3 uses curved lines, while 4 uses straight lines. Discovered shape patterns—arranging 3 counters into a triangle and 4 counters into a square.

GOODBYE!

Today we say goodbye to Kareen, a much loved member of our Argyle staff team.

Kareen has been with us for 16 years, greeting you on Reception, administering first aid and dispensing friendly words and TLC—always with a smile. Behind the scenes she has overseen our finances, recruitment, HR, lettings, premises management and health and safety.

Kareen leaves us to take up an exciting new position nearer to home. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing her the very best and in thanking her for her contribution to Argyle.



YEAR 3

This week, Year 3 began learning about the rock cycle. The children learnt about the three main types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic.

To embed the learning, 3 Pearl learnt the new concepts through MRAF. This is where pupils learn key vocabulary, add actions to them and are given plenty of time to rehearse and apply the new concepts through acting and rehearsing.



COOKING CLUB

This week in Cooking Club, we had lots of fun making delicious pizzas! 🍕 The children prepared the ingredients by cutting up colourful bell peppers and grating cheese, before adding sweetcorn and black olives to their pizzas. They worked brilliantly together, helping each other with the washing up and making sure the cooking area was clean and tidy. A fantastic afternoon of teamwork, independence and of course... tasty pizzas!



Attendance & Punctuality



CLASS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	Week 5
1 JADE	82%	89%	86%	83%	93%
2 AMBER	89%	95%	97%	95%	95%
3 PEARL	83%	89%	92%	94%	98%
4 ONYX	86%	94%	94%	95%	98%
5 AMETHYST	88%	95%	95%	95%	97%
6 DIAMOND	87%	96%	97%	97%	93%
6 SAPPHIRE	87%	97%	97%	97%	94%
TOTAL	86%	94%	98%	95%	96%

WELL DONE TO BOTH YEAR 3, 4 & 5 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.

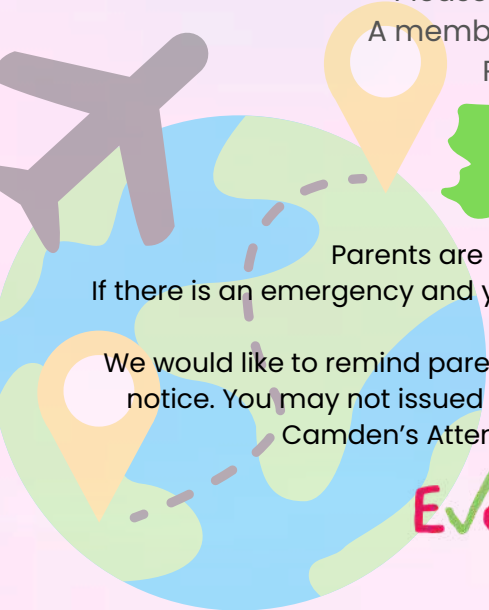
Exceptional Leave

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

OCTOBER

MONDAY 5TH	Year 1 Story Club -3:15-4:15 Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30 Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
TUESDAY 6TH	Parents are invited to a Live phonics lesson in Reception 9:00-9:30 Year 4 Swimming Class 11:30-12:00 Cooking Club 3:15-4:30/ 4:45
WEDNESDAY 7TH	Year 3 & 4 Benchball 3-6pm Years 1, 2 & 3 Football Club 3:15-4.15 Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
THURSDAY 8TH	Art Club 3:15-4:15 Year 6 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30 ShiftED 6S Session 4, 9.15am to 12.15
FRIDAY 9TH	Football Club 3:15 - 4:15
MONDAY 12TH	Year 1 Transport Museum- 9.45am to 2.45pm Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30 Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
TUESDAY 13TH	Y2 Florence Nightingale Trip 09:15-12:30 Y4 Swimming Class 11:30-12:00 Netball Tournament 3:00-6:15
WEDNESDAY 14TH	Year 3 & 4 Benchball 3-6pm Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30