



Our value for October is Excellence



Argyle
Primary
School

Newsletter

Autumn Term

20th October 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

We set ourselves challenging goals for this academic year and I am really pleased with the progress that we have made this half term.

Across the school, children have settled into their new classrooms, getting to know new adults and often making new friends. They have enjoyed finding out facts about their topics, asking questions and communicating what they learn. They have listened to stories and poems and sung songs together. They have gone swimming, played cricket, learnt to 'fly' and explored dance and gymnastics. We have visited a world class university, the British Library and The British Museum. Today alone, some children met an author and others took part in hands on science workshops as part of the Bloomsbury Festival. Every single child also got the chance, today, to choose a beautiful book to take home and keep - see below.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us. Have a lovely half term.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

BOOKS! BOOKS! WONDERFUL BOOKS!

Thank you to the Children's Book project which delivered 10 wonderful boxes of children's books to our school so that every child could be gifted a new book. Happy holidays reading children.



Thank you Children's Book Project!

Thank you for giving us fantastic books! - **Sarah, 3 Garnet**

Thank you for giving me this book. It will keep me company over the holidays. - **Burhan, 3 Garnet**



I chose Ruthless. It looks very intriguing and packed with danger and action - **Rayyan, 6 Diamond**



Year 5 - Flying Into Physics 2

Over the last three weeks, year 5 have worked with Flying Into Physics and have learnt about how friction, gravity and air resistance control how we're able to move in the air. This week, we learnt about pulleys, which are simple machines. We tried lifting 'a load' from the floor and realised how much easier it was if we used one pulley. This is called a single pulley. A double pulley makes a load twice as easy to lift. A triple pulley makes lifting a load three times easier. It was fascinating and we are now all experts! Thank you to Soren and Beatrice and all their colleagues at Flying Into Physics who gave us this wonderful experience.



5 Amethyst recite Poetry at The British Library - Continuation

After Year 5's wonderful performance at the British Library on Wednesday 11th October, we were sent our professional photographs of our pupils performing their poem and Ria also sent us two SIGNED copies of Michael Rosen's poetry book 'On the Move'!

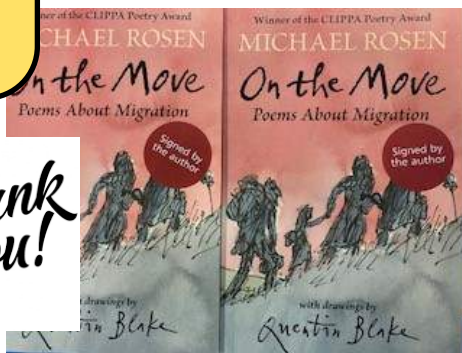
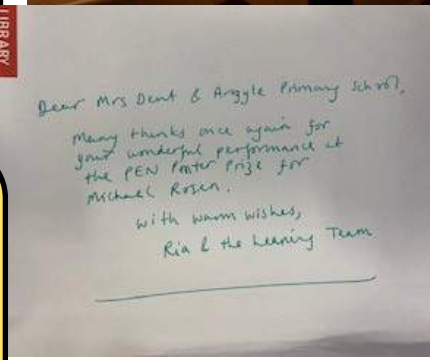
We love poetry!!!



It was almost breath-taking when we saw the amount of people in the theatre! I was nervous so I looked at the wall at the back of the theatre.- **Yasin**

It was an amazing experience because we got to perform in front of famous people and it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The poem Joseph Coelho wrote was just for us to perform to Michael Rosen.- **Sorayah E**

When we went into the theatre, all the people were clapping us so loudly! - **Maryam**



Thank you!



KS1's Learning Journey

Assembly

KS1 have had a busy week as each class performed their first assembly of the year. Emerald class on Tuesday 17th, Opal class on Wednesday 18th and finally on Thursday 19th it was the turn for Amber class. All shared assemblies to our parents and different year groups about 'The Great Fire of London'. The topic is still not yet over as each class will still be learning about 'the Great Fire of London' after the half term holiday when they go to see the Monument, Pudding Lane and the surrounding area.



Fire pops like popcorn! Fire taps like a keyboard. The fire goes with earthquake. Fire is dangerous. – **Ishaq, Opal Class**



Testing Materials

In science, the children explored whether different materials can be squashed, bent, twisted and stretched.

Erhan - I didn't know a drink can could be squashed because metal is strong



I can squash a sponge but not stretch it. - **Amina**

A rubber band can twist. - **Ibrahim A**

Pipe cleaners can bend and not squash. - **Andrra**



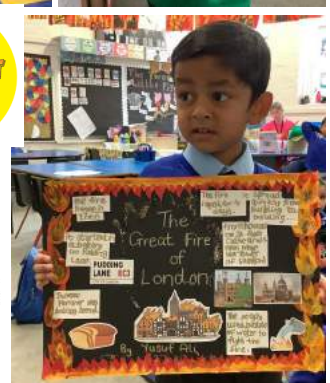
Home Projects

Many of the children have been bringing in their beautiful and creative home projects using recyclable materials. Thank you! We are proudly displaying them in our middle hall.

Amina and Marharyta have both made material monsters using junk modelling.

Yusuf has made a poster about 'The Great Fire of London'

All the other pupils have made 3D Tudor houses.



Reception

This week in Reception we hosted speaking and listening workshops — thank you to those parents who attended. With a collaborative effort, we can support the pupils in Reception to make rapid progress in order to achieve the expected standard by the end of the year. During the workshop, pupils worked with their parents to listen to questions and respond appropriately, for example, "why is the girl laughing?" "because her friend did a silly dance". Parents were modelling good speaking and listening techniques and children were responding well.

The children have been reading *Handa's Surprise* and have been exploring the Savannah (the location of the text). They have also been looking at a range of maps. Using these as a guide, the children have been making their own maps noting key features in their environment. Whilst completing a puzzle of the Savannah, the children have been working on their communication and turn taking skills. A key skill of the Early years curriculum. The children have begun to write words in phonics independently, the words this week have been: **ten, mum, kid, red, the**.



Nursery

This week in Communication, Language and Literacy the nursery children have been reading the book 'Beegu', which is about a little girl alien who comes to earth by accident, and learning all about space, stars, the moon, planet earth and rockets! We've been singing nursery rhymes about space too, especially 'twinkle, twinkle little star', '3 little men in a flying saucer' and 'zoom, zoom, zoom, we're going to the moon'. The children have learnt all the actions in the story, and in all of the nursery rhymes, and they have been enjoying singing the songs independently too! In phonics the children have been learning about initial sounds in words, and learning what the initial sound in their own name is by playing 'I spy names!'. For PSED the children worked together to make their own starry skies and thought about what it would be like to go in a space rocket, and what kind of things they might need to take with them. In Maths we've been learning about number 6 and the children are building their skills at being able to count out 6 objects all by themselves! We're continuing to learn about 2d shapes and this week we focusing on squares and thinking about how we could use squares to help us to draw different things (like a space rocket!). The children got very creative in this Friday's stay and play session and worked with their parents to make their own flying saucers, and 3 little aliens to go inside, and then they did their own little performances of the rhyme '3 little men in a flying saucer'.



Parents treat staff to lunch

Today Argyle staff were treated to another sensational lunch courtesy of our parents. Thank you to Ruqia and Lamia for organising this event and to all the parents who contributed towards this wonderful treat. Every staff member had a comment after having lunch some said ' its was out of this world...just delicious...every single dish was perfection.'



Lunch Menu - After Half Term

The menu below will begin after the half term. These lunch choices will be updated on SCOPAY before the new term begins, in time for parents to make selections online.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Autumn/ Winter 2023/ 2024					
WEEK ONE					
30/10/2023	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Pasta Salad	A choice of Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) in a bun and Potato Wedges	Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast or Mashed & Potatoes	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
20/11/2023	Vegetable Couscous	Vegetables of the Day	Roast of the Day, Stuffing Potatoes & Gravy	Chef's Chicken Korma with Rice	Five Bean Chili with Rice or Jacket Potato
11/12/2023	Vegetables of the Day	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
15/01/2024	Lemon Drizzle		Freshly Chopped Fruit Medley	Apple sponge	Oaty Cookie
05/02/2024					
04/03/2024					
25/03/2024					
WEEK TWO					
06/11/2023	Cottage Pie	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	A choice of BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken or Vegan Quorn, with Seasoned Potatoes or Jollof Rice and Salads	Veggie meatballs in tomato sauce with rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
27/11/2023	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Chicken tikka masala with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Chinese Vegetable Noodles
18/12/2023	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Fruit Medley	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
22/01/2024	NEW Carrot Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard		Chocolate Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread
19/02/2024					
11/03/2024					
WEEK THREE					
19/11/2023	Chicken Sausage & mashed potato	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roasted or Mashed Potatoes	Vegetable tagine with lemon and parsley couscous	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishcake with Chips & Tomato Sauce
04/12/2023	Vegetables of the Day	Mexican Beef with Rice	Roast chicken, with roast or Mashed Potatoes	Chicken pie with new potatoes	Chickpea and Vegetable Hotpot & new potatoes
08/01/2024			Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
29/01/2024			Fruit Platter	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	NEW Melting Moment Biscuit
26/02/2024					
18/03/2024					
MENU KEY	Added Plant Power	Wholemeal	Chef's Special	Vegan	
	Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection				
	<p>ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.</p>				

Attendance & Punctuality

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK7
Rec: Jet	-	90%	95%	95%	93%	92%	93%
Rec: Topaz	-	94%	90%	95%	93%	93%	82%
Amber	94%	100%	90%	96%	99%	96%	92%
Emerald	97%	93%	99%	90%	97%	97%	99%
Opal	91%	95%	96%	92%	97%	97%	94%
3 Garnet	96%	100%	98%	100%	97%	90%	91%
3 Pearl	92%	100%	99%	94%	93%	94%	94%
4 Onyx	91%	97%	92%	97%	99%	95%	98%
4 Quartz	99%	100%	96%	97%	98%	99%	98%
5 Amethyst	100%	100%	95%	99%	99%	97%	99%
6 Sapphire	97%	97%	99%	99%	98%	99%	93%
Total	95%	97%	95%	96%	97%	95%	94%
Camden	-	93%	95%	95%	95%	95%	

Well done to Emerald, 4 Onyx, 4 Quartz and 5 Amethyst who have achieved at least 96% this week.

Whole school attendance for this half term is 96.56%

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.

Camden Learning



Attendance on ParentHub

Today all parents will receive an attendance postcard via ParentHub along with the half termly attendance and attendance summary for each child.

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

Half Term - Monday 23 October - Friday 27th October

Sunday 29th Remember to turn your clocks back an hour

Monday 30th Pupils return to school for Autumn Term 2 - be in line at 8.40am

Tuesday 31st Last day to submit Secondary Transfer applications
Trip: 4 Onyx visit The Royal Institution from 9.30am - 3pm
Trip: Opal class visit Tower Bridge from 9.15am - 2.30pm

November 2023

Wednesday 1st **Parents Evenings:** Last Chance to book online - closes at noon
Trip: Amber class visit Tower Bridge from 9.15am - 2.30pm

Thursday 2nd **Trip:** Emerald class visit Tower Bridge from 9.15am - 2.30pm
Trip: 4 Quartz visit The Royal Institution from 9.30am - 3pm

Friday 3rd **Trip:** 5 Amethyst visit The Royal Institution from 9.30am - 3pm