



Our value for November is Compassion



Newsletter

Autumn Term

10th November 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week the Argyle Adventure has been very visible around the school. Year 3 began their special project in the garden - they dressed in their waterproofs and were ready for anything the weather threw at them. Year 5 travelled all the way to the Greenwich Observatory to visit The Planetarium and learn about our solar system, a group from Year 6 worked with poet Neal Zetter, nursery children made bread sticks with their parents and a group of 56 children from Year 2 upwards braved Leicester Square at rush hour to see an evening performance of The Lion King! Well done to all of our Inquisitive Inquirers who were so enthusiastic about all of this learning. Enjoy your weekend. The sun is set to shine tomorrow so you may want to plan a London adventure of your own!

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

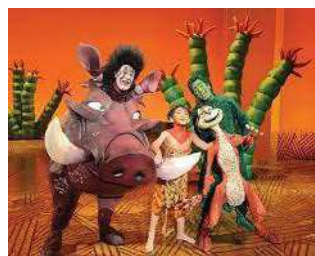
Argyle watch Disney's The Lion King

Earlier this term Friends of Argyle secured 70 tickets for our school to attend 'Disney's The Lion King' at The Lyceum Theatre. On Tuesday a group of our pupils and staff were able to watch this magnificent production. The culture, movement, dance and musicality brought to life by the amazing production, costumes, set design and actors contributed to an awesome and inspiring experience. Our children left the theatre with a new appreciation for the art and will remember this experience for some time.

Thank you to Friends of Argyle, our headteacher and to all the parents who agreed to let their children out way past their bedtimes to seize this opportunity. Thank you to The Lyceum Theatre for such a terrific evening!



The lionesses were so beautiful when they were dancing. - **Lilo, 3 Pearl**



I really liked the meerkat and the wild pig. It was funny when they sang a song so that the uncle didn't see Simba was back. - **Mao, 4 Onyx**

My favourite part was when Simba was running from the stampede of wildebeests. It looked like there were so many! - **Anthony, 4 Onyx**



Tuesday night, I had a chance to attend the Lion King Performance at the Lyceum Theatre. The experience was nothing but magical, from the amazing puppetry to the vibrant costumes and stunning music composition, the show brought on stage the savannah to life. It was captivating for both children and adults and for sure an amazing experience!- **Lamia, Friend of Argyle**



Parents' Evenings at Argyle

This week 100% of our parents made and attended a meeting with their child's class teacher. Parents had the chance to view their child's school books and see some of the incredible home learning projects the children made during the half term holiday.

We hope you all found these meetings useful and understand the next steps for your child and how you can help them.

Thank you for completing the Parent Questionnaire, we look forward to sharing the results with you soon. The next Parents' evenings will be in the Spring Term.



Year 6 become Junior Citizens

On Thursday Year 6 went to Chalk Farm to participate in the Camden Junior Citizenship Scheme. They worked in small groups with members from the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, Arsenal Football Club, Transport for London and Hope UK (a drug awareness charity). The aim of the scheme is to help young people become more independent, to live and move safely in London and to think about how they can help others. The children were very surprised to find out that the age of criminal responsibility is 10 years old! With the representative from Arsenal they reflected on what it means to be a Londoner and they learnt about what to do if they hear verbal hate crime (verbal abuse about someone's race, religion, gender etc). Did you know you should ring 101 to report this type of hate crime?

From TfL they learnt that young people aged 11-16 can pay £15 for an oyster card which saves them around £3,000! They learnt about safety on buses, on the underground and on escalators. It is really important to stand a safe distance back from the kerb when waiting for a bus or from the platform edge when waiting for a tube - your height plus a further step back is recommended.

With the London Fire Brigade, they went over what to do in the event of a fire and found out it's important to know your postcode in order to get a fire engine to you as quickly as possible. The session from Hope UK was a useful follow up to our science and PSHE work on the impact of drugs and alcohol. Did you know that one cigarette has 4000 chemicals in it?



Year 3 - Garden Classroom

The children of Year 3 were excited to begin their Garden Classroom Project. This will run over the next 4 weeks. In their first session, the children met their workshop leader, Millie Darling, who explained how to stay safe in the garden. Interestingly enough, the three main parts to staying safe were exactly the same as our Argyle Code - 'Take care of Ourselves, Others and the Environment'. To represent this, the children were given three coloured threads, which they intertwined and wore during the workshop. Once the rules were established, the children began with their first activity, which was a scavenger hunt in the garden. The children were given three items to find: a small apple, a bay leaf and a fig leaf. With dogged determination, the children were able to find all three items in the garden. The second activity was looking at the different functions of a plant. The children looked at a plant in the garden and learnt the job of the roots, stem, leaves and flower part of the plant.



The children then began weeding the flower beds, which were full of vine weed. This was the favourite part of the workshop for most of the children as they were able to get their hands dirty and enjoy all the wonders of outdoor learning. The children were surprised when they found some carrots in one of the beds and learnt that the part of the carrot eaten by humans is the root part of the plant. Finally, there was some time left to plant some salad leaves seeds in the soil trays that went straight up to the classrooms!



Green on the bracelet means to take care of the environment, blue means to take care of each other and red means to take care of ourselves. - **Samira, 3 Garnet**



KS1 - Junk Modelling

Tudor junk modelling - Over the half term the children collected empty boxes and bottles and used them to create Tudor houses. Children worked in groups, taking turns and using resources.

Yohanes - I made the fire that burnt London with orange paper. All of London burn down quickly.

Why did the fire spread - Children looked at secondary resources to discuss why the fire spread so quickly.

Marharyta - The houses were made of wood and fire go house to house from the baker shop.



Anti Bullying Week – Next Week

Wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November to show your uniqueness.



Children in Need

Friday 17th of November



Be Spotacular!

Wear something spotty
Bring £1

We'll be selling these items on the day in the school office, number of items are limited. Cash only please!



20 of each item - £1 each



20 items - 50p each



10 items - £2.50 each



2 items - £5 each

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Reception explore Traditional Tales

This week the children in Reception continued to explore the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' They began the week recapping the story that they had learnt and then worked in pairs to sequence images from the text. Whilst doing this, the children used language such as "Once upon a time, first, then, next and finally." The children then thought about Goldilocks' actions and used vocabulary such as 'kind' and 'thoughtful' They worked together to write a sorry letter to the three bears using their knowledge of phonics to help them. Later in the week, the children began thinking about size and capacity. They looked at a big, medium and small bowl and estimated the amount of cups of porridge that each would hold. When filling the bowl, the children used language such as 'full, empty and half full' to explain what they could see.



Nursery's exciting week

We've had a very exciting week in nursery packed full of brilliant learning, a school trip and a lovely, messy stay & play session!

This week continued with our topic of 'Heroes' and carried on exploring the book 'My Mum'. We looked more closely at the different jobs that our parents do to



look after us, from cooking food to keeping us safe. We thought carefully about behaviours in the classroom that are safe and which ones are unsafe and made a poster for each of our learning areas to help us remember.



In phonics this week the children learnt how to make the 's' sound and started to learn how to blend different words that begin with 's'. The children did brilliant work writing the letter 's' and they looked closely at their own names to find out which children's names contain the letter 's'.



Our number of the week in maths was number 2. The children played lots of dice rolling games and challenged each other to try and roll a number 2. We counted the dots on the dice to find out which number we had rolled each time. The children practised sorting through a mixture of objects to see how many matching pairs of 2 things they could find.



Nursery's exciting week...continued

We were lucky enough to be able to visit the Foundling Museum this week where we learnt all about real-life superhero Thomas Coram. The children joined in with singing some songs about Thomas Coram's life-story, including how he managed to persuade King George II to give him the money to build the Foundling Museum!



Camden's 'Kid's Talk' came in to our stay & play session on Friday morning to give parents some top-tips on supporting our children's language development. We then got very busy, and very messy, making some breadstick mixture together! The children and parents talked together about what they would do first, then next, etc. And parents did great work naming all the objects with the children and going through the action words like 'pouring', 'stirring', 'mixing', etc, and describing words like 'sticky', soft, wet'.



Family Learning Workshop

This week's Family Learning Workshop was on Behaviour Management at home. This was a popular workshop that was requested by parents and carers. We had an **OUTSTANDING** turn out, so thank you to everyone who attended!



Parents were able to make their own **"Now and Next"** boards to help implement routine and order at home. Transitions can be difficult for children, so using this at home will really help children see what is expected of them and what will be happening next in their daily routine.

Routine helps you plan for times when children might behave in challenging ways. Talking about routines with children can help them understand and follow your family's rules. Using a routine chart can help reduce power struggles, encourage independence, and model task management. Visual routine charts are also a great way to engage your children's senses and get them thinking critically about the next steps in their day. This can reduce anxiety and build lifelong skills.

Next Thursday we will be holding a workshop on **Language and Literacy Skills**. We will be looking at how rhymes are important for language acquisition and help with speech development. Rhymes also help children develop auditory skills such as discriminating between sounds and developing the ear for the music of words. Parents will make their own Roll- a- Rhyme dice to take home and play with their children.

If you would like to attend next week's workshop please email Sharmina:
Sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk

Don't forget we have the FREE creche facility for babies and toddlers too!

Attendance & Punctuality

	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13
Rec: Jet	93%	96%	95%				
Rec: Topaz	82%	90%	94%				
Amber	92%	96%	96%				
Emerald	99%	96%	97%				
Opal	94%	97%	95%				
3 Garnet	91%	98%	98%				
3 Pearl	94%	96%	96%				
4 Onyx	98%	99%	97%				
4 Quartz	98%	97%	98%				
5 Amethyst	99%	95%	98%				
6 Sapphire	93%	96%	97%				
Total	94%	96%	96%				
Camden	95%	95%					

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



Attendance Tip

Do NOT book holidays during the school term time. Term dates are readily available on the school website for your convenience. You may be fined for taking leave from school during the term time. You must seek the permission of the headteacher before booking flights.

Dates for your diary

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

November 2023

Monday 11th	Anti-Bullying week begins Trip: Opal Class visit Highgate Woods from 10.30am - 1pm
Tuesday 14th	Event: Marvellous Maths workshop for Reception Parents from 9am – 9.45am
Wednesday 15th	Trip: Emerald Class visit Highgate Woods from 10.30am - 1pm Trip: 6 Sapphire visit The RAF Museum from 10am - 2.30pm Event: Year 4 workshop with Royal Free
Thursday 16th	Event: Year 3 Garden Classroom project Trip: Amber Class visit Highgate Woods from 10.30am - 1pm
Friday 17th	Children in Need - Children wear SPOTS Event: Argyle host 30 Norwegian visitors from 8am - 12noon Event : Marvellous Maths workshop for Reception Parents from 9am – 9.45am
Monday 20th	Assessment week begins
Tuesday 21st	Event: Reception Height & Weight checks
Wednesday 22nd	Event: Staff, Solo and Siblings School Photographs

