



# Our value for November is Compassion



## Newsletter

Autumn Term

17th November 23



### Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

There was a buzz of excitement in school today as children celebrated Children In Need Day and we showed a group of 41 Norwegian visitors around! We always enjoy showing visitors around because it let's us look with fresh eyes at the beautiful work on display and in children's books and it gives all pupils a chance to show just how responsible and hard working they can be. Thank you children for supporting Children in Need by wearing your own clothes and bringing in a £1. Have a lovely weekend.

**Jemima Wade, Headteacher**

### Children In Need at Argyle

Today our pupils were '**Spotacular**' to raise money for Children in Need. The children wore their spotty clothes and donated £1, they also bought Pudsey merchandise sold from the school office. So far the school has raised £213.10 and we expect this to be even more when all the merchandise is bought after school. Thank you all for your generous donations.



# Year 5 visit The Greenwich Observatory

On Friday 10th November, 5 Amethyst travelled to Greenwich to visit the Royal Observatory. We were lucky enough to visit the Planetarium and have a virtual visit to the Solar System! We stood on the Prime Meridian and went into the onion dome to see The Great Equatorial telescope. We also had a fantastic session called: Sun, Earth and Moon. Ask us questions- we have also done lots of independent research and are now experts on space. We would also like to thank the super-helpful parents who came with us!



Faaduma: The Prime Meridian divides the Earth into two equal parts- the Western hemisphere and the Eastern hemisphere.

Liyana: When we went to the Royal Observatory, I learnt that when a star dies, all the gas and dust turns into a new star.

Surayya J: The Great Equatorial Telescope is the biggest of its kind. it's 8.5 metres long and the lens is 70 cm wide!

Aayan: I learnt that there are 100 billion stars in our universe!

Maryam: We learnt about the moon. Before going to the Royal Observatory, I thought the moon was white because it looks white. But it is grey.

Vanessa: Our next galaxy is 2.5 million light years away and the moon is a quarter the size of the Earth.



Samirah: Before we visited the Royal Observatory, I didn't know that the Solar System was made 4.5 billion years ago.

Yusra: Neptune has the fastest winds in the Solar System.

Najibah: The Romans named Saturn after Jupiter's father in Roman mythology.

Yasin: Out in space, there's something called the cosmic web and it's made out of thousands of galaxies.

Yacqub: In the Planetarium, when we sat down, we felt like we were really travelling through the Solar System. Saturn's rings are made out of mini meteorites of ice and the rings are 15 metres wide.



## Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday a group of Years 5 and year 6 children took part in a 3v3 basketball tournament. They played against 8 other schools in the borough. Ridi and Zahra were given a medal for great sportsmanship.



I really enjoyed the 3v3. - **Hamim**

The matches were so hard but I tried to do my best. - **Ridi**

During the games it was a bit rough but other than that it was good. - **Aaliyah**

I was happy to be apart of a great team. - **Zahra**



# Year 6 visit The RAF Museum

Year 6 went to the Royal Air Force Museum in Hendon to take part in a workshop about what happened during an air raid in the Second World War. First, the children enjoyed looking at aeroplanes from WWII, including the Spitfire, Britain's most famous fighter plane. They also saw a Lancaster bomber and were in awe at its size. It was easy to see that you had to have incredible courage to fly in the planes during wartime. They also enjoyed trying out RAF uniforms: some were the distinctive blue-grey and others were a light brown for wearing in hot countries.



The workshop was held in a room which showed us what a shop from the 1940s might have looked like. An ARP (Air-Raid Precaution) Warden talked to the



children about how they could play their part in fighting the enemy, including going to bed early so they'd have enough sleep if the air-raid siren went off! They found out that all schools had shelters, that there were public shelters so you could take cover if you were out shopping in a daytime



raid. and that people had private shelters in their gardens (Anderson shelters) or in their houses (Morrison shelters). The children were already informed about the blackout as they had learnt about it when reading their class book, Goodnight Mr Tom. At the

museum, they played a siren and everyone had to move quickly from the workshop into a shelter next door and wait for the All Clear siren before coming out. After lunch we had a short time to look at more modern aeroplanes and get a sense of the role the men and women of the RAF play today.



## Flu Immunisation - Coming Soon

Our school nursing team have now confirmed that pupils at Argyle will be able to have the nasal flu immunisation on Tuesday 12th December 2023. This will only be done on consent of the parent. A link will be sent via ParentHub for the parents to consent on line two weeks before the visit (Tuesday 28th November). Please look out for it.

**HELP US HELP YOU**  
STAY WELL THIS WINTER

**NHS**

### Why is it so important for children to be vaccinated?

- Flu is **highly infectious**
- Flu is an important cause of illness in children which can often result in **GP consultations**, and on rarer occasions **more severe outcomes**
- The virus can **live on hands** and hard surfaces for up to **24 hours** so is easy for children to spread
- All primary school children are now given **the nasal spray vaccine**

A young boy in a white polo shirt is smiling as he receives a nasal spray vaccine. A hand is holding the spray nozzle near his nose.

# Reception

This week the children in Reception have been reading the story of the Three Little Pigs. They began by exploring a range of objects and tried to predict the traditional tale that they were linked to. The children then learned the story off by heart using a range of actions and a story map to help them. Whilst acting out the story the children have been trying very hard to use loud, clear voices so that the audience can hear them. Speaking and listening is a key part of the Early Years Curriculum and pupils need to be able to 'articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences' by the end of the year. This week we have also hosted our marvellous maths workshops - thank you to everyone who attended! We focussed on counting on from a given number through snakes and ladders, number track games and dice games. The children have benefitted from the workshops already and are asking to play more dice games at school!



# Nursery

This week in nursery we learned about people who help us through the different jobs that they do and our focus was teachers! Our book of the week was 'Here comes Teacher Cat', by Deborah Underwood. We looked at what teachers do to help children learn and we had a class visitor - Argyle Headteacher, Ms Wade. The children practised their question-asking skills by asking Ms Wade all about her job.



In phonics this week the children practised making the 'a' sound and we discovered some interesting and unusual animals that begin with 'a' when we played 'Bertha the Bus is going to the Zoo'. We found an Anteater and an Anaconda (amongst other things) in Bertha's Zoo! The children learned that letters 'A' and 'a' make the 'a' sound and we found that lots of the nursery children have this sound at the start of their name. They have really enjoyed writing the letter 'A/a' this week.



In maths we focused on number 3 by playing dice games and counting out just 3 objects from a larger group. We continued to learn about the properties of shapes, focussing on triangles and circles, and we worked as a team to make a cool repeating pattern out of shapes.



# Nursery...continued

In Friday's Stay & Play session the children worked with their parents to be like Teacher Cat and make their own timetables! The children selected images and with parental support they named all the activities that they had chosen. They practised the sequencing language that they had learned last week, when following the breadsticks recipe, by saying "first... next... then...", etc, to describe the activities in their timetables.



## Healthy Start – help to buy healthy food

You can get financial help to buy fruit, vegetables, pulses, milk, and infant formula for you and your family. If eligible, you will be sent a prepaid card with weekly top-ups which you can use like a debit card to spend on Healthy Start items.

You could receive around £440 over a year while your child is under 1, £220 a year for each child between 1 and 4, and about £140 while more than 10 weeks pregnant.

To find out more and to apply, visit [Healthy Start Scheme \(camden.gov.uk\)](https://www.camden.gov.uk/healthy-start)

If you need help applying, you may call Freephone **0800 731 0232** or **0800 389 5789** or visit your local Children's Centre. To find out more about your local Centre visit [Children's centre services - Camden Council](#).

**NHS**

**Are you pregnant or have children under the age of 4?**

You could get help to buy:

- Plain cow's milk
- Fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables
- Fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- Infant formula milk

You can also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

## Family Learning Workshop

**Next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** 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.



Your child being able to recognise rhyming words is a basic level of Phonemic Awareness. Rhyming requires that children listen closely for sounds within words. Children who recognise rhymes learn that words are made up of separate parts. This is crucial for literacy development, including reading and writing.

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

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

# KS1 - Author visit and a trip to the woods

KS1 have had quite an exciting week! First, we had a visit from prolific children's author, Caryl Hart, who has published more than 60 children's picture books. She answered many burning questions from the children about how her writing process and she enthusiastically read aloud her recently released, *Meet the Weather*, which each pupil in KS1 was gifted their own copy. Additionally, all three classes visited Highgate Wood where they observed seasonal changes such as the fallen leaves, conkers and presence of fungi.



## Questions

- When did you write this book?
- How did you draw this book?
- Why do you write books?
- Why did you write the details about the different types of weather?
- How many books did you write and how do you write so many books?
- How do you write books for everyone?
- How did you get the idea to write this book?
- How do you write books that many people enjoy?
- When did you start writing books?



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## Urgent Christmas Appeal From Camden Food Bank

**URGENT CHRISTMAS APPEAL FROM CAMDEN FOODBANK**  
**PLEASE HELP US TO FEED ADULTS & CHILDREN IN FOOD POVERTY**

<b>What food is needed and why?</b>	<b>How to donate money?</b>	<b>Where can the food be delivered to and what times? *</b>																											
Camden Foodbank make up longlife emergency food parcels to support local people in food crisis. In order to make up well balanced food packages we need any of the items listed below:	<b>INDIVIDUAL GIVING THROUGH JUST GIVING</b> for Camden Foodbank click on <a href="https://checkout.justgiving.com/t/3445418">https://checkout.justgiving.com/t/3445418</a> 100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank. We would be grateful if you can also select <b>GIFT AID</b> which will increase your donation	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tuesday &amp; Friday</td> <td>11.30 am to 3.00 pm</td> <td>Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>5.00 pm to 7.00 pm</td> <td>Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, London NW1 0JN.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>10.00 am to 12.00 pm</td> <td>Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, London NW1 0JN.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>10.00 am to 12.00 pm</td> <td>Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Send by Internet Shopping:</b> Any Tuesday or Friday 11.30 am to 2.00 pm Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.</p> <p>Camden Foodbank is closed for Christmas from 23rd December 2023 and open again 9th January 2024. *</p>	Day	Time	Address	Tuesday & Friday	11.30 am to 3.00 pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.	Wednesday	5.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, London NW1 0JN.	Saturday	10.00 am to 12.00 pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, London NW1 0JN.	Sunday	10.00 am to 12.00 pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.												
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I. Purchase targeted food listed above and <b>Deliver in person</b> , II. Purchase targeted food listed above and <b>Send through Internet shopping</b> .	<p>A well balanced 3-day emergency for 1 person could mirror the photo above. (Cost per package may vary according to availability*).</p>																												

# Attendance & Punctuality

	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13
Rec: Jet	93%	96%	95%	91%			
Rec: Topaz	82%	90%	94%	92%			
Amber	92%	96%	96%	93%			
Emerald	99%	96%	97%	89%			
Opal	94%	97%	95%	90%			
3 Garnet	91%	98%	98%	95%			
3 Pearl	94%	96%	96%	97%			
4 Onyx	98%	99%	97%	94%			
4 Quartz	98%	97%	98%	100%			
5 Amethyst	99%	95%	98%	98%			
6 Sapphire	93%	96%	97%	98%			
Total	94%	96%	96%	94%			
Camden	95%	95%	95%				

**Congratulations 4 Quartz for achieving 100% attendance this week!**

**Well done to 3 Pearl, 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 80% 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.

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## 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 20th	<b>Assessment week begins</b>
Tuesday 21st	<b>Event:</b> Reception Height & Weight checks <b>Trip:</b> Group of Year 5 & 6 pupils at Football Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre
Wednesday 22nd	<b>Event:</b> Staff, Solo and Siblings School Photographs <b>Trip:</b> Group of Year 3 & 4 pupils at Football Tournament at Talacre Sports Centre
Friday 23rd	<b>Trip:</b> Selected Year 5 pupils attend Camden Takeover at The Crowndale Centre
Monday 27th	<b>Trip:</b> Reception visit Kings Cross Mosque <b>Trip:</b> Group of Year 5 & 6 pupils at Football Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre
Wednesday 29th	<b>Event:</b> Reception Open Morning & Tour at 9.30am



## December 2023

Friday 1st	<b>Trip:</b> Year 5 visit Camden CLC <b>Trip:</b> KS1 visit The Arsenal Hub
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