ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

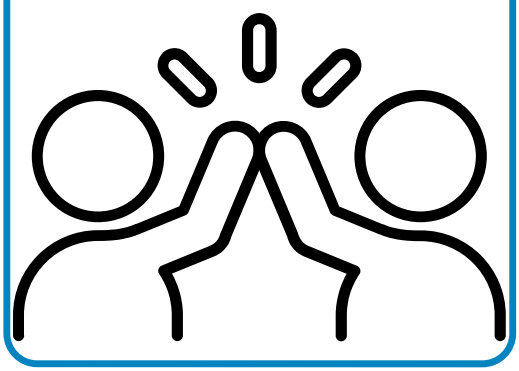
It was cold today. It's been a wet and windy week. But there have still been moments of sunshine, and we have managed to get the children out and about every day. Getting outdoors whatever the weather, is so important. Children and adults need fresh air! We need exercise and we need a change of scene. That is why so much of our curriculum is based upon outdoor learning and educational visits to places of interest. Its why we also invest in sports, tournaments and outdoor play. Please help us to keep the children outdoors and active throughout the winter by ensuring that your child comes to school with appropriate layers and a waterproof jacket. Try a trip out to the park yourself this weekend -see how much good it does to your mood!

J. Wade

Head Teacher

VALUE OF THE MONTH

RESPECT

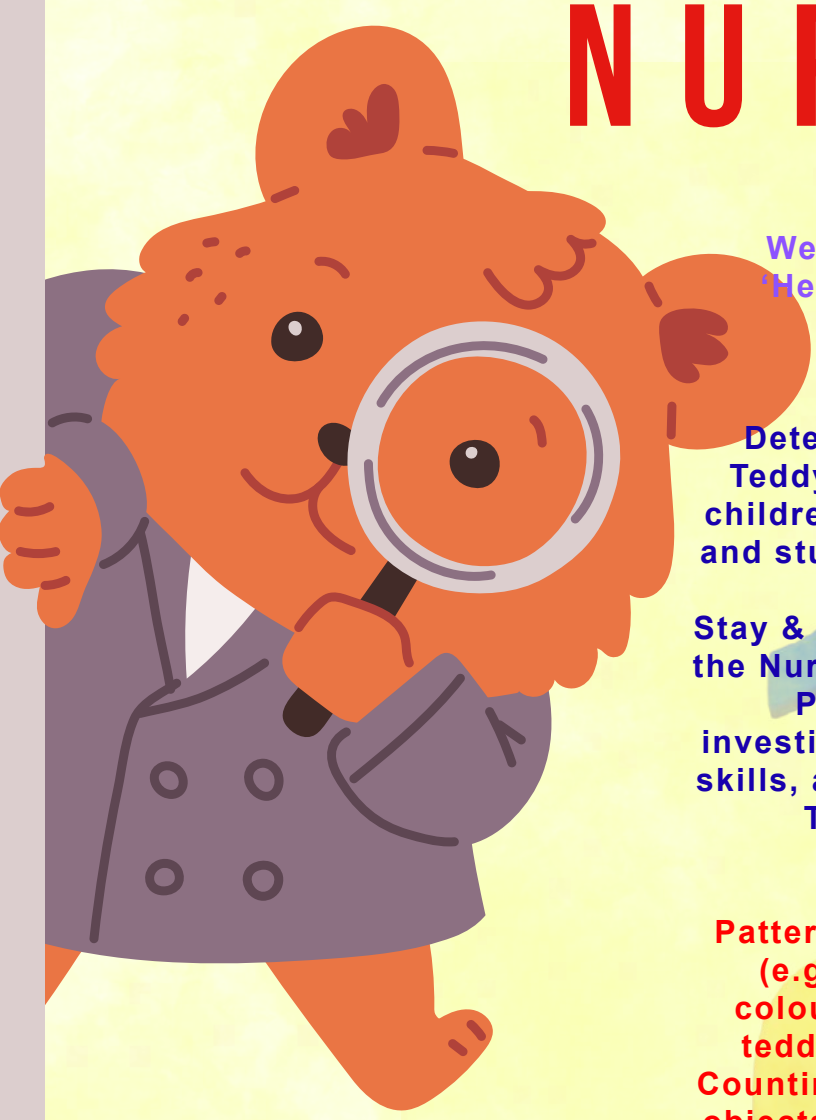






DON'T MAKE ANY EXCUSES, DON'T LET ANYTHING HOLD YOU BACK!

NURSERY



🚓 Moonstone

Topic: Heroes – Police Officers

We've had a fantastic week continuing our 'Heroes' topic and learning all about police officers!

🔍 Topic & Stay & Play

Detective Work: After reading I'm Afraid Your Teddy is in Trouble Today by Jancee Dunn, the children tried on police uniforms, explored clues, and studied their own fingerprints using flour and magnifying glasses.

Stay & Play Mystery: Families arrived today to find the Nursery in a mess—perhaps Teddy had visited! Parents and children made police hats, investigated "crime scenes" using great speaking skills, and practised action words like tip and mix. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

🎲 Maths

Patterns: We explored simple repeating patterns (e.g., red, yellow, red, yellow...?), matching colours and completing sequences with paint, teddy bears, and natural resources outdoors.

Counting: The children practised counting out 1–4 objects from a larger group and matching them to dice patterns.







🔤 Phonics & Mark-Making

Sound of the Week ('p'): We learned the 'p' sound and practised words such as penguin, police, peas, plate, pizza, pig, pens, and peg. Please keep exploring these at home!

Super Writers: We are very proud of the children's mark-making—they are eager to write their names each morning and are beginning to copy letter shapes confidently.

Well done on another brilliant week, Moonstone!







RECEPTION

Book of the Week: The Three Little Pigs
We've had a fantastic week in Reception exploring traditional tales and learning about special celebrations!





📚 **Literacy & Creative Play**
Story Retelling: We had great fun retelling The Three Little Pigs using role-play masks, as well as reading different versions of the tale—including The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig!

Building Houses: In the tuff tray and craft area, the children got hands-on building houses made from hay, sticks, and bricks.



Zig-Zag Books: Everyone did a wonderful job illustrating their own Three Little Pigs stories in their zig-zag books.





🪔 **Religious Education: Celebrations & Diwali**
What is a Celebration? We discussed the meaning of the word 'celebration' and thought of as many different types as we could—learning that people celebrate for occasions like birthdays and weddings, as well as for religious reasons such as Eid or Christmas.
Festival of Light: We also began learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light celebrated during October/November. We will continue exploring Diwali for the rest of this term.



Well done on a brilliant week, Reception!
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YEAR 1

🔥 **Garden Classroom**
Planting & Wildlife Spotting: Even on a wet day, we enjoyed a fantastic session with Nina! The children planted daffodil bulbs in the flower beds, used binoculars to spot birds and minibeasts, and discovered potatoes and garlic bulbs hiding in the soil—which we replanted to harvest later in the year.







Mud Kitchen & Ash Art: The mud kitchen was busy with imaginative soups, cakes, and stews. We also collected silver birch bark, carefully burnt it in a tin to make ash, and used it to create pictures.



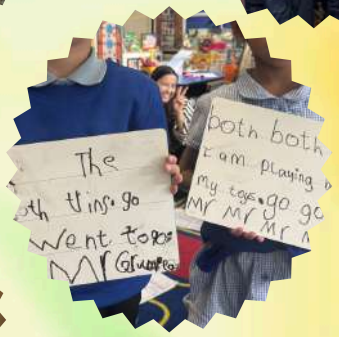


Campfire Treats & Safety: Around our smoky campfire, we cooked gooey, sticky bananas with chocolate buttons—and remembered our golden rule to stay outside the fire circle at all times.





🎲 **Maths: Addition Games**
Dice Challenges: Working in pairs, the children practised their addition skills with two fun games: Number Race (2–12) and Connect Four, taking turns to roll two dice, add the numbers, and colour in the correct total.
Calculation Strategies: Everyone showed great turn-taking and friendly competition while using counting cubes, number tracks, number lines, and mental maths to solve their sums.



🔤 **Phonics & Project Highlights**
Writing in Context: During our phonics spelling lesson, Humayra and Zayan extended their learning by using their spelling words in full sentences to build their writing skills.
Autumn 2 Project: A big well done to Lamar, who made a fantastic shield and sword for her Autumn 2 project!







Well done on another brilliant week, everyone! 🌟





YEAR 4

🍳 DT: Adapting a Recipe

Hands-On Cooking: We kicked off the week by rolling up our sleeves to make tasty chicken fajitas with peppers, spring onions, and custom toppings. Everyone developed their kitchen skills by slicing peppers, mashing avocado, and safely stirring the chicken in the frying pan.

Tasting Our Creations: The children were sensible, enthusiastic, and took huge pride in their cooking—especially Eldana, who gobbled hers up and declared, "Mmm... I like what we made!"

📚 Reading for Pleasure

Sharing Stories: Taking time out of our busy day to get lost in a good book is always special, and it has been lovely seeing the children encourage one another to discover new stories.

Book Recommendation: Hannah enjoyed her latest read, Star Kitty by Paula Harrison, so much that she recommended it to her friends, saying: "I'd recommend this book because it's funny and adventurous."





🎻 Wider Opportunities: Music



Musical Effort: The children had another enriching lesson practising their instruments. Jorge showed great focus and determination working hard on his recorder tune, while Ascia gracefully moved her bow across the strings of her violin.



Home Practice Reminder: Please encourage your child to practise their instrument daily at home so they can get the very most out of their weekly lessons.

Well done, Year 4, on another wonderful week—we look forward to seeing what next week brings!











YEAR 6

🧠 Year 6 Wellbeing Workshop with AstraZeneca!
On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit from the team at AstraZeneca, who helped us explore the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing.



🌟 Five Interactive Wellbeing Activities
Working in groups, the children took part in five exciting, hands-on stations:

Drawing Our Emotions: Exploring what happens to our bodies when we experience different emotions.
The Emotions Wheel: Discovering words we can use to recognise and express how we are feeling.
Biofeedback: Learning how to listen to our bodies and control how they respond.



Relaxation Station: Practising practical techniques to help our bodies and minds feel calm and relaxed.
Growth Mindset: Exploring how to approach challenges, overcome difficulties, and develop a positive mindset.
The children had a wonderful time exploring their emotions, learning new strategies, and discovering ways to support their own wellbeing.

A huge thank you to the AstraZeneca team for providing such an engaging, inspiring, and valuable experience for our Year 6 pupils! 👏





















Year 3 were lucky enough to be invited to London Zoo by Bookmark, the reading charity who support children across our school! We were given an exclusive preview of their brand-new The Story Corner animal-themed book, and enjoyed reading it together, tackling the quizzes and games at the back. We then headed off to explore the zoo, spotting penguins, tigers, reptiles and lots of other fascinating animals along the way. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our reading to life and enjoy a day of learning outside the classroom!



NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week was National Anti-Bullying Week and Argyle celebrated with activities in class and in assemblies. This year's theme is 'Break the Silence', so the we discussed ways children could talk to others to make our school an even kinder place! The children gave thoughtful and considerate answers in their lessons, making sure to help others in need. Well done!





Introducing our new Family Support Worker....

Rachel will be joining us on Monday 23/11/26. She has extensive experience working with school and families - and is particularly skilled at supporting families where SEND presents challenges. Rachel looks forward to meeting you and getting to know our entire school community. She will work Monday, Wednesday and Friday.





TGC The Garden Classroom

Six Reasons Why Being Outside in the Winter is Good for Children

1. Reduces germ exposure

Cold weather itself does not cause colds and illness spreads more easily indoors. Fresh air helps limit the body's exposure to indoor germs.

2. Supports vitamin D

Even on cloudy and cold winter days, natural daylight helps the body absorb vitamin D, which improves bone growth and mood.



3. Builds resilience

Learning in cold weather teaches children to adapt, take a positive approach and prove to themselves they can learn, play and have fun in all weather!

4. Encourages movement and self regulation

Active play in the cold builds gross motor skills, cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength and balance, while teaching children to regulate one's body temperature.

5. Improves focus and mood

Playing in nature in all weathers reduces stress, anger and anxiety, while improving attention span and focus.

6. Sparks creativity

Being outside in winter allows children to see a familiar space in another season. This encourages imaginative play and children get to learn how our natural world changes throughout the year.



Attendance & Punctuality

CLASS	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11
1 JADE	91%	96%	95%
2 AMBER	93%	99%	95%
3 PEARL	94%	96%	95%
4 ONYX	95%	100%	97%
5 AMETHYST	95%	93%	96%
6 DIAMOND	96%	96%	99%
6 SAPPHIRE	98%	97%	98%
TOTAL	97%	97%	96%

Well Done 6 Diamond!

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

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 23RD	Maths Catch Up Club (Yrs 2, 3 & 4) 3:15-4:15 Year 1 Story Club 3:15 - 4:15 Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 - 4.30 Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
TUESDAY 24TH	Year 4 Swimming Class 11:30-12:00 Group 2 Cooking Club 3:15 - 4:30 Year 6 Football Tournament 3:00-6:30
WEDNESDAY 25TH	Reception: The Garden Classroom 12:15-13:15 Year 3 & 4 Bench Ball Competition 3:00-6:15 Foootball Club Years 1, 2 &3 Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
THURSDAY 26TH	Shift ED Year 6 Diamond Session 4 09:15- 12:15 Year 2 Trip to the Gurdwara 10:30-2:30 Year 3 Trip to Sir John Soane's Museum 10:15-12:15 Year 6 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 - 4.30 Art Club 3:15-4:15
FRIDAY 27TH	Football Club Years 4, 5 & 6 3:15- 4:15 Coffee Morning 9:00- 10:00
MONDAY 30TH	Year 1 Story Club 3:15 - 4:15 Maths Catch Up Club (Yrs 2, 3 & 4) 3:15-4:15 Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 - 4.30 Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30

DECEMBER

TUESDAY 1ST	Year 4 Swimming Class 11:30-12:00 Group 2 Cooking Club 3:15-4:30 Year 6 Football Tournament 3:00-5:00