

Argyle
Primary
School

NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUE FOR MAY IS COLLABORATION



May Day celebrations at
Argyle today



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our wonderful May Day celebration this afternoon. Though disappointed by the wet weather and the need to celebrate indoors, it was wonderful to see the mix of concentration and joy on the children's faces as they collaborated together to perform their traditional dances. A special well done to the brave parents who took part in the staff and parents' May Pole dance - it's not as easy as it looks is it?

The rest of May is a super packed so make sure that you have a rest this Bank Holiday and read the coming up at Argyle section so that you don't miss out.

Happy Friday.

J. Wade
Head Teacher

YEAR 5



Bikeability

This week, Year 5 pupils embraced the thrill of learning to ride bicycles with Camden's Bikeability program. From mastering balance to understanding road rules, they soaked up essential cycling skills with enthusiasm. Their smiles and newfound confidence speak volumes about the success of the program, equipping them for safer journeys ahead and highlighting the importance of early road safety education.



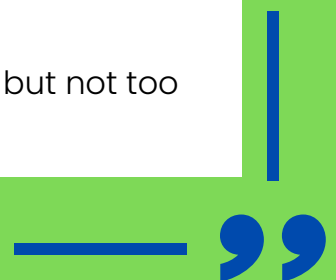
In Bikeability, I learnt how to stay on the left side of the road when riding and that a higher gear makes your legs feel heavy. **-Aaliyah**

I learnt that, when going up a hill, I should always adjust the gears to a lower one. **- Faaduma**

When riding a bike, you should always take care near pedestrians as you don't want to have an accident. **- Yakub Y**

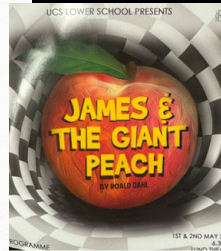
You shouldn't change gear when you're not pedalling. You could break the bike. **- Cyrus**

If there's a red light ahead, you should glide. Squeeze the brakes- but not too hard! **- Ayub**



YEAR 4

On Thursday, Year 4 were invited to watch a production of James and the Giant Peach by University College School. It was a real treat; with amazing sets, imaginative use of props and costumes, along with some impressive acting. We were treated like royalty, with some truly wonderful refreshments after the show.



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My favourite part was when Spiker and Sponge were laughing. Their laughs were so funny, especially when he jumped out of the peach!

My favourite character? ALL OF THEM!
Their acting skills were FANTASTIC!

- Taif, 4 Onyx



Year 3&4 Football Team!

We would like to say a massive congratulations to Years 3 and 4!

We as the Argyles coaches couldn't have been more proud of them.

Both the boys and girls have made it into the FINAL next week Tuesday!

The girls kicking their way into first place and the boys into second. Fingers Crossed we hope to bring home the trophies.

BRING ON THE FINALS!



KEYSTAGE 1



This week key stage 1 visited Camley Street natural park. We identified different animals and trees in the park on our nature walk. We found various micro habitats in which insects live and thrive. During our workshop we had the opportunity to find different small animals in the pond and identify them. We then collected some minibeasts by looking under logs and were able to take a closer look at their features using a magnifying glass.

'I've found a snail, I can see its shell' - Raqayyah

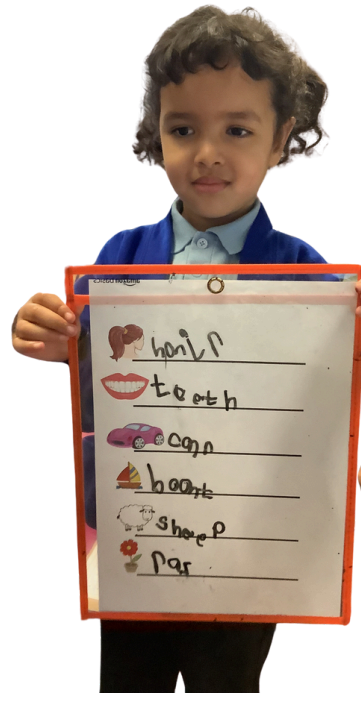


'We can put in our nets and find the insects' - Ibrahim F

RECEPTION



In Reception, the children have been reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning to retell it off by heart. They have been using puppets to act out the story, then drawing their own castles and beanstalks and writing sentences alongside. Why not ask your child if they can tell you the story. In Maths this week, the children have been learning their number bonds to ten. This is a critical aspect of maths that forms the building block of their mathematical understanding. We have also been playing a lot of maths games and exploring ways to make 10 with counters and dice.



NURSERY

This week we continued with our topic All Creatures Great and Small and started reading the book 'The very noisy foxes' by Amy Husband. In our book, the foxes lived in a big city but wanted to find a quieter place to live back in the countryside. On their adventures they met an owl, a mole, a frog and a badger and mouse but they decided that they couldn't live in the habitats that those animals liked, so they moved back to the noisy city! We talked about the fact that too much noise doesn't feel nice and the importance of using inside and outside voices at school (it's ok to have noisy voices outside, but its not ok to be too noisy inside).



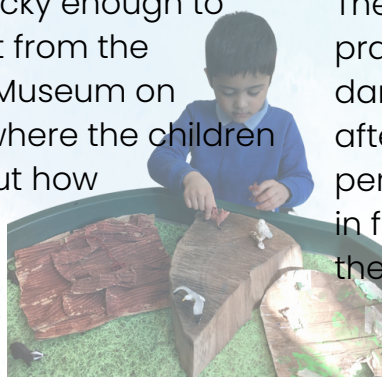
The children learnt this week that we live on an island called Great Britain and started to learn about some of the wild animals that live here with us, like foxes, badgers, hedgehogs, moles, deer and squirrels. We also learnt what the word 'wild' means, and the children did a really good job of deciding which animals in the bag were wild animals and which ones were farm animals.

In writing and phonics our sound of the week was 'v' and the children made great progress with their name writing.



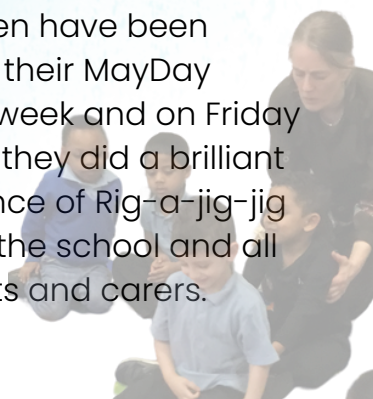
In maths we learnt all about number 4 and we also revisited our previous learning about rectangles. We talked together about the difference between a square and a rectangle and then we looked in our noisy fox book and noticed that all the tall city buildings were rectangle shaped. The children used their shape knowledge to draw their own tall buildings and then drew smaller rectangles to represent windows and doors in their buildings.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Foundling Museum on Thursday where the children learnt about how



the Foundling Hospital children made friends with each other. We then got to make our very own hand puppets, and they made friends with each other too! On Friday we did a bookstart session for stay & play, where we talked about the importance of reading and doing nursery rhymes with young children. We then did a fun rhyme time and made some animal headbands together. Afterwards all our families got to take home a bookstart pack.

The children have been practising their MayDay dance all week and on Friday afternoon they did a brilliant performance of Rig-a-jig-jig in front of the school and all the parents and carers.



Attendance & Punctuality



Week	1	2	3	4	5
Jet	96%	92%	87%		
Topaz	93%	91%	95%		
Amber	97%	94%	94%		
Emerald	90%	96%	97%		
Opal	99%	94%	98%		
3 Garnet	98%	98%	95%		
3 Pearl	100%	97%	94%		
4 Onyx	92%	93%	97%		
4 Quartz	98%	97%	97%		
5 Amethyst	99%	100%	98%		
6 Sapphire	99%	99%	98%		
Total	97%	96%	95%		
Camden	-				

Well done to Emerald, Opal, 4 Onyx, 4 Quartz 5 Amethyst & 6 Sapphire for attaining the target of 96% attendance this week.

This week **91** of sessions in the registers were marked as 'L' (Late). Pupils should be in their line at **8.40am**, ready to go up to class and be marked into the register at 8.45am when school begins. If your child goes through the brown office doors, they will be marked as late.

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 and await the decision from the headteacher before booking your tickets.

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.

Every School Day Counts

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All entries on the calendar have been sent via Parenthub, please check your child's class channel for more information. Remember to check your Parenthub often and, as always, if you forget to open the app, it will email you all the messages you've missed.

MAY 2024

Monday 6th

Bank holiday – school closed

Tuesday 7th

Trip: 16 Selected pupils from Years 3 & 4 attend Football Tournament (Finals) at Hampstead Heath from 3pm – 6.15pm

Event: SRE workshop for Year 1 parents at 8.45am

Wednesday 8th

Trip: Jet Class visit London Zoo from 10am – 2.30pm

Thursday 9th

Trip: Topaz Class visit London Zoo from 10am – 2.30pm

Monday 13th

Year 6 SATs Week

Tuesday 14th

Trip: Selected SEND pupils attend Parathlon Challenge at Talacre Sports Centre from 10am – 2pm

Trip: Selected pupils from Years 3 & 4 attend Mini Tennis Tournament at Parliament Hill from 3pm – 6.15pm

Thursday 16th

Trip: Selected pupils from Years 5 & 6 attend Mini Tennis Tournament at Parliament Hill from 3pm – 6.15pm

Friday 17th

Trip: Year 4 Bonsall Day Trip leaving at 8am – 6.30pm

Trip: Year 6 at Hampstead Heath for Orienteering from 9.45am – 3.15pm

Monday 20th

Trip: Year 5 visit The British Museum 1pm – 3pm

Event: Year 6 begin Bikeability

Wednesday 22nd

Trip: Year 4 Bonsall Camping Trip leaving at 9am returning next day at 4.45pm

THE ARGYLE POP-UP READING HUT

EVERY CHILD WILL GET TO CHOOSE A
FREE BOOK TO TAKE HOME

FREE

WHERE?

SMALL PLAYGROUND

WHEN?

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.

EACH YEAR GROUP WILL GET
A WEEK TO CHOOSE

Year 3– Week beginning 6th May

Year 4– Week beginning 13th May

Year 5 & 6– Week beginning 20th
May

