Argyle Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUE FOR MAY IS COLLABORATION

## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week I sat with a group of children as they tackled their Year 6 SATs. I was so impressed with their focus and dogged determination as they tackled papers which are deliberately meant to challenge them. Learning that you will not always know the answer to a question and that you will face problems which leave you bewildered is an important part of life. Developing the resilience to deal with obstacles and to keep going when you feel 'stuck' is a key life skill. Today the same children also got to develop their life skills by orienteering on Hampstead Heath. I always watch our Year 6 children with interest because so many of them have had such fascinating journeys through the school. Seeing their positive attitude and the way that they collaborate together fills me with faith that our 'Argyle Adventure' is having the positive impact that it was designed to have and is helping to create excellent citizens and successful learners.

Wherever your child is in school, they will be facing their own assessments and challenges over the next few weeks. Do encourage them to keep on believing in themselves and to keep working hard.

J. Wade

**Head Teacher**

# Year 6

Year 6 took their SATs exams this week. They have worked incredibly hard and showed amazing focus in every paper. Each morning, the school provided a breakfast of croissants and fruit to give them energy and a chance to relax before they started.

Today Year 6 spent the day in glorious sunshine on Hampstead Heath where they played football and rounders, ate a picnic and relaxed after SATs. They also started their new humanities topic **'The United Kingdom -What Unites Us? What Divides Us?** by using geographical skills - map reading and using a compass - to follow part of an orienteering course.

# PARATHLON CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 14th of May, selected KS1 and KS2 pupils attended the Parathlon Challenge at Talacre Community sports hall. The Children took part in 7 different activities that included 'Flight Path' where the throwers need to hit the same target colour as the corresponding line. Precision Beanbag where a player is seated in a chair at the edge of the mat and had 4 beanbags to throw to score a high number. The children had smiles on their faces throughout and couldn't have been happier to be there. They supported each other and clapped along to each others achievements

Adults were able to have a turn at the activities and even then the children were so happy to see the staff members 'have a go'. They found it incredibly amusing and couldn't stop laughing!

The children came second in the end, they each took home a medal and brought back a trophy to school! During assembly today they were given a certificate for taking part!

# KEYSTAGE 1

## Pointillism

This week pupils in Emerald class reimagined their setting for their new Bog Baby story creating scenery using Pointillism. 'Pointillism' is an art form that uses many dots on a surface to produce an image from a distance. Some of these art works are displayed in the middle hall and some in our classrooms. Come and see them!

## Planting

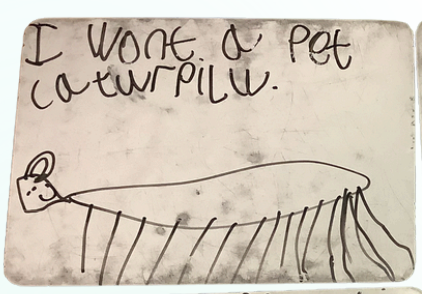
Children planted their seedlings out in the KS1 playground planters. All the plants started growing in our classrooms when they were just seeds.

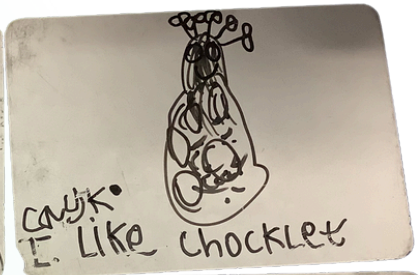
'Why is my bean plant not as tall as Nouran's?.' - Yusuf

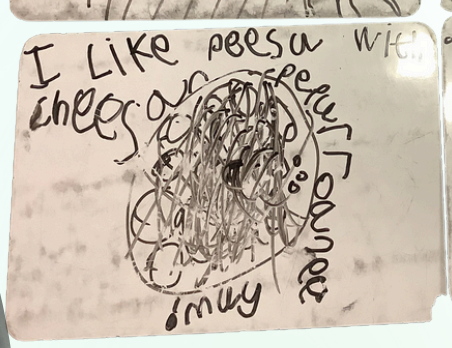
'My bean plant and Zelle's bean plant are not ready to be planted, only the root has started to grow.' - Amina

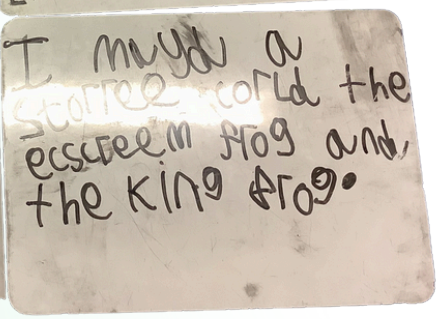
# RECEPTION

This week in Reception, the children have been innovating the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by thinking of their own characters, settings and objects. They began by covering up key aspects of the story map and replacing them with their own ideas. After that, they had a go at telling their new stories orally using their new story maps to help them. When working in their guided writing groups, the children practised using their knowledge of phonics to help them write their stories. At this point in the year, children in Reception should be able to write simple sentences. You can help your child at home by providing them with plenty of opportunities to write (e.g. writing a shopping list together) and helping them to form their letters correctly.



# NURSERY

This week we travelled to the continent of Antarctica and read the book 'Lost & Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We learnt that Antarctica is the coldest place on earth and that only really penguins can live there. In our book, a boy found a sad-looking penguin at his door and he thought that the penguin would be happy again if he took it to Antarctica (where penguins come from). The penguin wasn't happy to be back there, however, because the penguin wasn't lost - he was lonely! He had wanted the boy to be his friend. We talked about the importance of using our words to say how we feel, otherwise other people won't know what we want and need.

We thought about what it might feel like to visit Antarctica by looking at and touching some big chunks of ice this week. The children observed that the ice felt cold, wet, slippery, hard and heavy! Nihal put his hand on the ice for a while and then said "owch!", and then we talked about how ice feels so cold that it feels like it is burning us! The children learnt that ice is made from frozen water and then we observed what happens when ice heats back up again (it melts and turns back into water).

During Stay and Play this week the children worked with their parents to cut and stick clothing and other items into suitcases to take on a trip to Antarctica! They practised writing their own lists of what they would need, making sure that they chose the right things for cold weather, and then they found the items to stick them into the suitcases. Arza said, "We are going to Antarctica and we need warm clothes because it is very cold there". Izyaan said, "I'll use goggles for skiing".

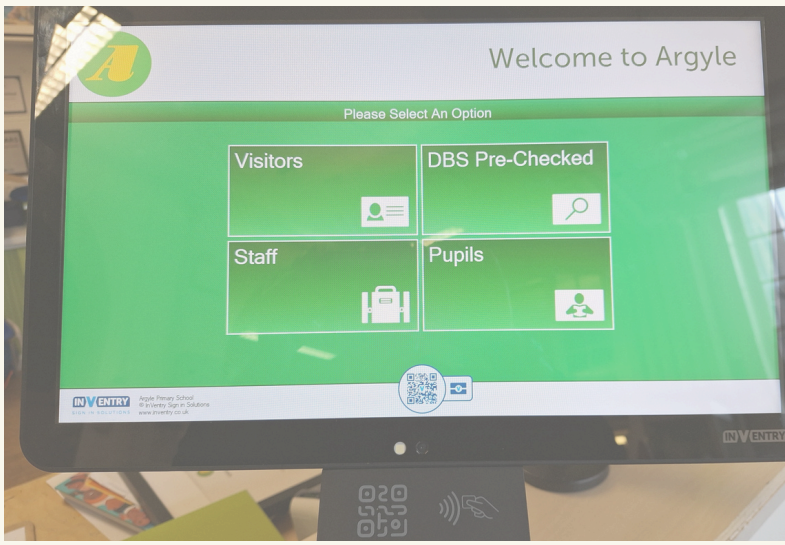
In phonics and writing this week the children learnt about the 'y' sound/letter Y. We found out that Yousef has this sound at the beginning of his name and lots of the other children have the 'y' sound in the middle or at the end of their name. They all did brilliant work writing the letter Y.

# New school website

## LOADING ...

We are happy to announce that the new school website will 'go live' on Friday 24th May 2024.
The website will be available on all media devices.
We will encourage all parents to get familiar with it  as it will have a wealth of knowledge on it for your information.

# Our new interactive screen




This week you may have noticed a new interactive screen in the school office. This screen has been purchased to help ensure that the office staff always know who is in the school during office hours. Parents you will have to use this screen for the following reasons:

- If you are signing your child into breakfast club. You must be here before it ends at 8.40am.
- If your child is late to school (past 9am) so please be prepared to bring your child into the school office.
- If you are late to collect your child from school (after 3.20pm) and they have been left with the office.

# Attendance & Punctuality

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

Well done to 3 Pearl, 4 Onyx, 4 Quartz and 6 Sapphire for attaining the target of 96% attendance this week.

This week **122** 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 your forget to open the app, it will email you all the messages you've missed.

## MAY 2024

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| Monday 20th | **Event:** Year 2 SATs Meeting for parents at 8.45am<br>**Event**: Year 6 begin Bikeability |
| Wednesday 22nd | **Trip:** Year 4 Bonsall Camping Trip leaving at 9am returning next day at 4.45pm |
| Thursday 23rd | **Trip:** Selected pupils from Years 3 & 4 attend La Liga Football Tournament from 9am - 1pm |
| Friday 24th | **Launch of the new school website** |

**Half Term Holiday**
**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

## JUNE 2024

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| Monday 3rd | **Pupils return to school** for Summer Term 2 at 8.40am<br>Year 4 Multiplication Check begins |
| Tuesday 4th | **Trip:** Opal Class visit The British Library from 9.10am - 10.45am<br>**Trip:** 4 Quartz visit The October Gallery from 9.30am - 12.30pm |
| Thursday 6th | **Trip:** 5 Amethyst visit The Globe Theatre from 10am - 2.30pm |
| Monday 10th | **Class Photographs** |
| Tuesday 11th | **Workshop:** London Children's Ballet visit Year 4 |

# THE ARGYLE POP-UP READING HUT

FREE

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

## WHERE?

SMALL PLAYGROUND

## WHEN?

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.

EACH YEAR GROUP WILL GET A WEEK TO CHOOSE

**Year 5 & 6**- Week beginning 20th May

# Tripple P

## COMES TO ARGYLE

camden kids talk

Family Hubs Camden

Tripple P offers strategies to help parents manage **children's behaviour**, **motivate** them to **perform better**, and enable them to **learn more effectively**.

It equips parents with skills to raise **confident** and **healthy children**, while building **strong family relationships.**

The programme is specifically designed for families with children **aged 3 to 4 years old**.

# 5 Weekly sessions

**Outcomes for families**:

- Developing a good routine
- Reducing stress and building confidence
- Learn about praise and rewards for children
- Encouraging children's development
- Raise happy, confident children
- Managing misbaheviour and encouraging positive behaviour
- Learn to take care of oneself as a parent

If you would like to join email **Sharmina.Khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk** or reply to the message on Parenthub **'Chats'**

**In the Steam Lab Every Friday from 9am-11am beginning Friday 3rd May**

# LEARN ENGLISH FAST

EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
FROM 9AM –11AM

THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL ADULT STUDENTS OF ALL LEVELS. YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ENGLISH FAST AT ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH OTHER STUDENTS.
WE WILL GO ON TRIPS TO LOCAL SITES AND LEARN EVERYDAY VOCABULARY.
WE WILL CONCENTRATE ON SPOKEN ENGLISH, ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION, READING AND WRITING.
WE WILL COVER WHAT STUDENTS WANT TO LEARN!

Come and see Belinda in the Family Learning Centre
at Argyle Primary School to register

Argyle Primary School

wkc Westminster Kingsway College

BELINDA DRAKE IS A LECTURER EMPLOYED BY WESTMINSTER KINGSWAY COLLEGE

# PARENTS ESOL TRIP

Parents had a fantastic learning trip to the National History Museum on Wednesday 15th May. The parent students were asked what they liked best of all about the trip.
Mina said 'Dinosaurs'
Maryam said 'everything ....there was so much to see..'
Farhat 'I experienced the simulation of the earthquake the volcano. That was very educational'
Thank you Belinda for organising this trip.

# Community Notices

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## Regents Park Centre

**Longford Street**
**London**
**NW1 3HB**

## Open Day on

May 21st 2024
10am-2pm

**01** Visit the Centre and find out about our ESOL and Childcare courses.

**02** Meet the Staff and Students and have a chat about the next step on your learning journey.

**03** Speak to our Careers team and local employers about career opportunities. All welcome!