# Our value for June





## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very positive first week of term. Children have been working extremely hard and I have been impressed with their focus in lessons and assemblies. This is the time of the year where children have the opportunity to showcase all of their learning and progress as they sit a range of assessments and complete 'hot write' pieces of writing. It's also the time of year where teachers really reflect upon progress and achievement as they write children's reports. Finally, it's the time of year where we focus upon 'FUN' and remember to balance our hard work with planned 'fun' activities.

Today, for example, Year 6 had fun at Coram's Field, Year 3 are visiting the Zoo and years 1,2,4 and 5 had a fun filled visit from a very amusing poet. Thank you Neil Zetter for a really enjoyable end to the week.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

#### **Reading at Argyle - Have you got your free library card yet?**

As you know, we are determined that every child at Argyle makes excellent progress in reading.

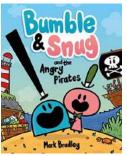
This will only happen if children read regularly at home as well as in school –particularly over the long summer holidays. We want every child to join their local library so they can visit regularly and will always have access to books. So far 106 of who have signed up and will soon be getting your special card. Well done to 2 Amber, 4 Onyx and 5 Quartz classes for taking an early lead. Who will be top of the leader board next week?

1 Jade	6/23	3 Pearl	6/21	
1 Ruby	7/27	4 Onyx	10/30	
2 Amber	10/28	5 Quartz	10/29	
2 Opal	8/27	6 Diamond	6/30	
3 Garnet	5/24	6 Sapphire	6/30	
Nursery	8/39	Rec: Jet	8/20	
		Rec: Topaz	7/19	

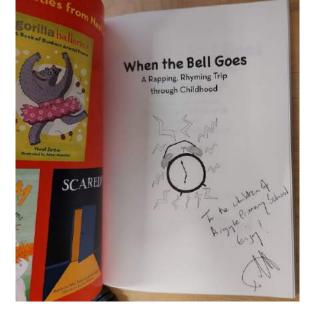
If your child already has a Camden Library card please let the office know., then we can tick your child off the list.



The Summer Reading Challenge starts on July 8th, so all the new members should aim to go to the library by then to get their first 'reward' for starting the programme.



## Neil Zetter, the Poet, visit to Argyle - see page 3



#### Year 6 visit London Zoo- to learn about classification

On the last day of Summer 1, Year 6 went to London Zoo. They had workshops on classification in which they found out more about how to identify different species and sort them into groups. Did you know that scientists believe we have only discovered 21% of the world's species? Leaving 79% to be discovered! Zoo staff told us that in 2015 alone, 381 new species were found. The children were set a challenge to sort a range of animals into groups by identifying common characteristics. They also learnt that the pangolin, the world's most endangered species, is unique in the animal kingdom - it is the only mammal which has scales. There was also time to revisit our favourite zoo animals.







#### Year 4 Half Term Homework—spectacular effort!

I had great fun in the holidays making a rural landscape . I used different shades of green because nature has many shades of green. I drew countryside houses because people live in larger houses in rural areas. - **Vanessa**  I made a King Cobra fact file . Did you know that when a cobra attacks its prey it changes colour so its prey can't see it. - **Ayaan** 





I made an urban landscape out of cardboard. It includes different buildings, streets, buses and cars. - **Imran** 

For my homework, I made a rural landscape with lots of land because in rural areas there is lots of space with trees and wildlife. - **Safia**  I made a rural landscape. I made a wind turbine and a house out of lolly sticks and used a hot glue gun to attach them. I also included an apple tree and a cherry tree. - **Yakub Y** 

#### **Football Tournament**

Well done to Ayub, Yakub, Ayaan, Taif, Rayyan and Ibrahim who represented Argyle at a football tournament final and came 3rd in the whole of Camden.

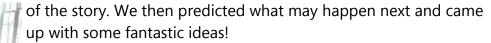
Good Job! We are all so proud of you!





## Year 1's exciting week of learning

This week year 1 have had an exciting launch of our new book 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. Children enjoyed watching their teachers perform and become the characters. They joined in with actions to help them to learn the words and structure



Yohanes thought 'maybe they could put a scarecrow in the basket to scare away the seagulls'.

Hidayatullah thought 'Maybe a crocodile!' Rayhan thought 'we could put metal or tin foil over the top to protect it.'

In Geography, we have been learning about the continents. This week we looked at where Africa is on the map and learnt some of the names of countries within Africa. Year one was introduced to the concept of North, East South and West, we made compasses to help us remember these terms. We also all learnt the mnemonic 'Never Eat Silly Worms' so we knew the placement on the compass.





In science we are continuing to learn about animals.

Year 1 have described and compared the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets). We then labelled different animals.

Nouran commented 'fish have scales.' Sarya added 'birds have wings.'

# Parent Cooking Course

Well done to these parents for enrolling onto our Cooking Course. This week they made 4 types of flavoursome cous-cous with our amazing tutor, Zoe. They looked at how to avoid food wastage and use up bits of foods left in the cupboard/fridge.

We have 3 spaces available so if you would like to join please email your name and number to Sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk

Day- Mondays Time- 9am-12pm Location– In the STEAM Lab



I joined so I can learn how to make foods I've never cooked before.



So good to know that I can still make something so tasty with the things sitting in my fridge that I thought no longer had any use - I'm going to be more mindful and not chuck things away.





#### Neil Zetter, the poet, visits Argyle

Neil Zetter entertained the children by performing his poems for and with the them. Lots of the poems had rhyming structures which made it fun for the children to predict the end of each couplet and join in with the recital. There were also poems with key phrases for the children to recite..."blah, blah, blah" and "My dad's chair" were particularly memorable! The children had the opportunity to ask questions and learnt that Neil wrote his first poem –a Limerick, when he was 6 years old and still remembers it! He talked about what inspires him – people and places and funny conversations he hears –and the writing/publishing process.

A lot of the children chose "Morning" about children answering the register as their favourite poem –it was certainly very funny.



#### Proper Shoes

Mum announced the awful news 'Today we're buying proper shoes' I try three pairs on in the shop My feet are yelling at me 'Stop!' They're squashing Squeezing Pinching Both the left one and the right Are definitely much too tight

Shop assistant number one says 'Perfect fit' Mum says 'Once you've worn them they will stretch a bit' Shop assistant number two says 'Wow! They're smart' I say 'Ouch! Uncomfortable! They really hurt!'

Ves, today we're buying proper shoes My toes and tootsies have the blues They're aching Numbing Painful Rubbing Mum says 'They're for best and school' I'm disagreeing 'Far too small!'

The solution though Mum is a no-brainer Don't buy me proper shoes please... Buy me trainers!

#### The Lost Leg

My Mum told me I once grew a foot in a single year. I couldn't understand why I didn't grow an extra leg to go with it. Do you know any poems and rhymes by heart? Can you teach your children any?

Good Morning

## **EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Reception**

As the final half term of this academic year begins, the children in Reception have been continuing to learn about farms. They began the week listening to the story of 'Farmer Duck' and using key reading strategies such as making predictions about what was going to happen in the story. The children then explored the key characters in more detail, using a range of adjectives to describe them. Following this, they read the story of 'Rosie's Walk' and made a map of her journey.

Also this week, the children have been tasting a range of



different breads and then asking their friends to choose their favourite type. They recorded their findings on a tally chart and used these to identify the most popular and least popular in the class.



Martin Waddell . Helen Oxenbury

# **EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Nursery**

Prior to the half term break, the children had been learning about North America. They began the week recapping their learning and rehearsing the key language that they had been using such as land, sea, ocean, continent. They then found the continent of South America on a world map and learnt that there are many rainforests there where the weather is hot and rainy. The key text for the week was 'Slowly, slowly said the sloth' which features an animal found in South American. After listening to the story, the children used sentences to describe the sloth's behaviour and appearance. They then moved on to learning about other animals that are native to South America such as toucans, jaguars and armadillos.



Also this week the children had a workshop with the Foundling Museum where they had the opportunity to explore a range of materials and textures. They described the different objects that they saw and created their own models using different techniques to assemble them.





All entries on the calendar have been sent via ParentHub, please check for more information.

School Closed -Half Term Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June								
June 2023								
Monday 12th	<ul> <li>Year 1 Phonics Check begin</li> <li>Pupil Workshop: UCS Dance Project in school with Year 4</li> <li>Trip: 3 Garnet &amp; 3 Pearl visit Lincolns Inn Camdoninian</li> <li>Parent Class: Learn English Fast! Esol classes for parents - Local Walk</li> </ul>							
Tuesday 13th	<b>Trip:</b> 5 Quartz visit Regents High School <b>Trip:</b> Selected Year 5&6 pupil at Outdoor Athletics at Parliament Hill <b>Parent Class:</b> Free Maths course in the FLC							
Wednesday 14th	<b>Trip:</b> Year 2 Amber and Opal visit London Zoo <b>Parent Class:</b> Learn English Fast! Esol classes for parents - In the STEAM Lab							
Thursday 15th	<b>Event:</b> 3 Garnet class assembly at 8.55am <b>Trip:</b> 5 Quartz visit Ashford Train Station							
Friday 16th	<ul> <li>Trip: 3 Garnet &amp; 3 Pearl visit Camden Arts Centre</li> <li>Trip: Nursery visit London Zoo (Group 1)</li> <li>FOA: Coffee Morning in the FLC at 8.55am - Come Along! Bring a friend!</li> </ul>							
Monday 19th	<b>Trip:</b> Year 2 Amber and Opal visit The October Gallery <b>Parent Class:</b> Learn English Fast! Esol classes for parents - In the FLC							
Tuesday 20th	Event: KS1 Sports Day Trip: Year 5 visit London Zoo							
Wednesday 21st	Event: KS2 Sports Day Parent Class: Learn English Fast! Esol classes for parents - In the FLC							
Thursday 22nd	<b>Event:</b> 2 Amber class assembly at 8.55am <b>Trip:</b> Nursery visit The Foundling Museum (Group 2)							

#### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Well done to 1 Jade, 2 Amber, 2 Opal, 3 Garnet, 3 Pearl, 4 Onyx, 5 Quartz and 6 Diamond for achieving at least 96% this week.

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6		WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	wк
Rec: Jet	<mark>92%</mark>						3 Pearl	<b>98%</b>					
Rec: Topaz	<mark>94</mark> %						4 Onyx	<b>98%</b>					
1 Jade	97%						5 Quartz	97%					
1 Ruby	95%						6 Diamond	<b>96%</b>					
2 Amber	97%						6 Sapphire	<b>94%</b>					
2 Opal	99%						Total	96%					
3 Garnet	97%						Camden	-					

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