Our value for February is Kindness



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Have you been following the news story about Roald Dahl books being edited to make them more appropriate for today's audience? Whilst there have been some negative responses, we are pleased because we love reading great books with our pupils and only recently had noticed that many of Dahl's books were appearing dated and inappropriate due to his judgemental descriptions of characters. Whilst we want children to be exposed to a range of great stories and classic literature, we do notice that not all feel entirely appropriate today and we are constantly updating and refreshing our stock. Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day and as part of the celebrations, will be asking children to share their favourite books. If you know a great children's book which really works for today's young readers, we are happy to take recommendations from you.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

Argyle Welcomes a World Adventurer

Nick Carter, the explorer and adventurer, visited our school on Tuesday to talk about his amazing adventures, like climbing mount Everest, living with remote tribes, and swimming the English Channel (even though he wasn't very good at swimming).

Nick uses his amazing adventures to teach children how to take more courageous decisions in life; and how kindness, bravery and resilience can be used to make every day more meaningful.

Nick has just published his first children's book (£10) that tells the stories behind his biggest adventures to date (the Amazon, exploring the deepest caves, living without money, etc) and explains how to develop important adventure values yourself. The book also nudges children to go out and experience these values through age-appropriate missions.



If you would like a copy of Nick's book for your young adventurer, please let the office know before the end of the week.

World Book Day

Next week is World Book Day and in celebration, the whole school will be exploring fairy tales. Each class will be focusing on a different fairy tale and will end the week by producing their own book. Would your child like to dress up as a character from a fairy tale? On Friday 3rd March, children will be allowed to come into school dressed as a fairy tale character. We would love to see their costumes.



Bloomsbury Football Tournament

On Tuesday pupils from Year 2, 4 and 5 took part in a girls football tournament at Market Road.

They battled hard to score points, defending their goal and attacking to win possession.

After working hard, Year 2 managed to earn a place in the semi finals. They missed out on winning the trophy, however they were



resilient and ending up winning second place and BRINGING a silver plate back to school.

Well done to both teams for your great sportsmanship and positive attitudes during the day!

A special shout out goes to Raghad in Year 2 who won the player of the tournament. Fantastic player!

Here's to more wins for Argyle!











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Year 1

Traction Man toys

For Literacy, Year 1 have begun reading a new story 'Traction Man is here!' In order to bring this story to life, the children were asked to bring in their own favourite toy to show and tell.

My toy is evil but can be nice sometimes. He can fight.- **Yaqub** My toy is called Marsh-mellow and her special powers can give my brother a dummy.- **Nouran**

Number round up

Year 1 have been problem solvers in Maths, this week as they had to use their knowledge of addition and subtraction to make 9, 10, 11 and 12. However, they were only allowed to use numbers 1 to 6 and had to work out which numbers to use twice and which ones could only be used once. Ask your child to explain how they solved this problem and what pattern or rule they've learnt.



Well done to Nusrat, Youssef and Ruqayyah for completing their half term projects. Youssef made a travel brochure for his home country, Nusrat made a detailed book about road safety and Ruqayyah made a picture of the Kaaba - her special place. These are a few of the amazing Year 1 projects created over half term.

Year 2 learning

Year 2 have had a busy week designing bridges inspired by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, painting colourful circles inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky and learning how to count the value of a combination of coins.



It was hard to create the bridge, especially trying to get it to stand up but I really enjoyed it! **-Riyaad**









Year 3

On Wednesday, Year 3 spent the day at the Natural History Museum conducting research for both their Geography and Science topics.

They started the day by looking at the fossil collections and were very excited to find the Sea Dragons that they had read all about when finding out about Mary Anning's amazing discoveries. Just as it was described in Stone Girl Bone Girl, they really did have eyes as big as dinner plates!

Then they journeyed up into the centre of the Earth to find out all about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.



There are 3 types of volcano, Active: could erupt at any time Dormant: won't erupt any time soon. Extinct: will probably never erupt again. -Arsema

The magma can be hotter than 1,000 degrees. - **Dwin**



They put on the silver suits to go inside the volcanoes and collect samples to find out when it may erupt. –**Nusaybah**



This bit is the Inner Core, it is an extremely hot ball of iron. –**Mohammad**







After lunch, they visited the exhibits linked to our new science topic on Animal structures and movement. They looked carefully at the different joints and the way that these affect the way that the animal moves.

> Did you know that a giraffe has the same number of neckbones as we do? That is 7. They are ball and socket joints like our hips. -**Mahbuba**







Recruiting Buddy Squad Members (YEAR 3 ONLY)

Last term we started the Buddy Squad and it has been a great success so far! Thank you to Vanessa, Aaliyah, Faaduma, Sorayah, Samira, Safia, Yasin and Ridwaan who have done an amazing job with the starting up the Buddy Squad and being a friend to all!

As there are many children in Year 3 showing an interest in wanting to be part of the buddy Squad, this term it will be their turn to become Buddy Squad Members.

If you would like to apply for the Buddy Squad then please write down your name, class and reason why you would like to become a buddy squad member. Please bring your application to Sharmina at playtime next week on Monday, Wednesday or Friday– she will be in the Family Learning Centre.

Changes to PE days

Parents please note the changes to PE days. Some lessons will take place in the playground, there green PE hoodies available in the school shop on SCOPAY to help stay warm when doing PE outside.

Year Group	PE Days
Year 6	Wednesday (Dance) & Friday (Football)
Year 5	Monday (Dance) & Tuesday (Swimming)
Year 4	Tuesday (Swimming) & Thursday (Dance)
Year 3	Tuesday (Dance) & Friday (Cricket)



Correct PE kit is

- An Argyle PE T-Shirt (Red) £4.50
- An optional Argyle PE Hoodie (Green) - £14.00
- Black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Black plimsols or trainers

Argyle branded products are available on SCOPAY for purchase.

Year Group	PE Days
Year 2	Monday (Invasion games) & Thursday (Dance)
Year 1	Wednesday (Dance) & Friday (Gymnastics)
Reception	Tuesday (Ball skills) & Friday (Gymnastics)
Nursery	Tuesday (Ball skills)

Workshops for Parents at Argyle

There are a number of workshops coming up in Spring Term 2 and the Summer Term. We will use this section to keep you informed as well as messages via Parenthub.

Workshop	Date	Time	Where?
Trauma- Informed Practice	Wednesday 19th April	9-10am	In the FLC
Promoting Positive Body Image and Self-esteem	Monday 24th April	9-10am	In the FLC
Managing our own stress and wellbeing	Wednesday 3rd May	9-10am	In the FLC
Managing Screen Time and Social Media	Tuesday 9 th May	12.30-1.30pm	Online



EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Reception

Pupils in Reception are on a year long journey of becoming explorers. The children began this half term by exploring the concept of space. Using the book 'Whatever Next' as a stimulus, they talked about their understanding of space. Many children were able to talk about stars and the moon. Building upon this, they learnt facts about space such as the phases of the moon (crescent moon, half moon, full moon).



As part of their mathematical development, the children have been learning different ways to make numbers to ten. You can help your child by using sentences such as " 5 is made of 4 and 1" or " 7 is made of 3 and 4." Understanding number bonds of numbers to 10 is a critical part of early mathematical understanding.



The children in Nursery began their new theme of 'Fantasy' stories. They began by discussing the differences between fantasy and reality and were able to identify aspects of both. Following this the children listened to the story of the 'Room on the Broom.' They counted the different characters in the story and even made their own magical potions.

Also this week, the children continued to develop their knowledge of blending and initial sounds. You can help your child at home by sounding out words for them and asking them to guess the word e.g. c-a-t is cat.









Attend	ance

	WK7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	
Rec: Jet	83%						1
Rec: Topaz	<mark>90%</mark>						
1 Jade	95%						1
1 Ruby	96%						1
2 Amber	<mark>90%</mark>						
2 Opal	93%						
3 Garnet	86%						
3 Pearl	91%						
4 Onyx	97%						1
5 Quartz	87%						
6 Diamond	95%						
6 Sapphire	97%						1
Total	92%						1
Camden							1

Well done to 1 Ruby, 4 Onyx & 6 Sapphire who have all achieved at least 96% attendance this week.

There have been **72** sessions in the registers recorded as late this week. Please ensure your child is in the playground at **8.40am**, ready to up stairs with their class at 8.45am. Children using the brown doors in the reception area will be recorded as late.

Reception and nursery pupils must be in class before 9am.



Dates for your diary

All entries on the calendar have been sent to the applicable parents via ParentHub, please check for more information. If you need any help with Parenthub, speak to the school office.

	February 2023
Monday 27th	Assessment Week all week EVENT: Year 5 parents Curriculum Meeting 8.45am - 9.15am EVENT: Year 2 GOSH Art Project - see letter on Parenthub class channel
Tuesday 28th	EVENT: Year 4 parents Curriculum Meeting 8.45am - 9.15am
	March 2023
Wednesday 1st	TRIP: Reception Topaz visit The Science Museum EVENT: Parent Gym 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 2nd	EVENT: NEU Strike - School open to Nursery and Year 4 only
Friday 3rd	TRIP: Reception Jet visit The Science Museum EVENT: World Book Day EVENT: Yoga Class (women only) in STEAM Lab 9-11am & Coffee Morning in FLC
Monday 6th	Science Season - Crick Week
	EVENT: National Child Measurement Programme - Reception & Year 6 pupils