

Our value for March is Patience

Newsletter

Spring Term
31th March 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the start of the Spring Term, the learning of children at Argyle has been enhanced by 35 educational visits, 13 educational workshops, a dance festival and the attendance of 15 volunteers.

Every activity is used as an opportunity to extend knowledge, broaden vocabulary and stimulate collaboration and discussion. We hope that you agree that your child has had fun and is making good progress.

This week we welcomed our Camden Professional Partner to carry out a 'deep dive' of our early years and of our provision for disadvantaged pupils across the school. She observed that our phonics scheme and interventions are having a strong impact on pupils' ability to keep up with the teaching in whole class sessions and that adults were skilled at checking pupils' understanding. Additionally that the culture of reading is well established and pupils showed strong behaviour and attitudes towards reading, sustaining concentration without adult intervention for a significant period of time. In the early years she noted that the quality of continuous provision was high, and the environment effective as the 'third teacher'. She acknowledged that our SIP is focussed upon the correct areas for improvement and that we are making good progress towards achieved our targets.

Thank you for your support this term Enjoy a good holiday and ensure that you are re-energised for what promises to be a very busy summer term.

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

Year 2 visit The Florence Nightingale Museum

On Monday and Tuesday our year 2 classes each visited the Florence Nightingale Museum. This trip was to support their learning about significant people who've made a difference in history. They had a brilliant time learning interesting facts about Florence Nightingale. It was truly a fantastic and memorable experience for the children.



Did you know that Florence Nightingale opened the first training school for nurses? – **Muaz**

Did you know that Florence Nightingale wasn't allowed to go to school, she had to be home schooled because in Victorian times girls were not allowed to go to school? – **LeAnna**

I thought it was funny when we all pretended we were Florence's family and said, "No!", when she asked permission to become a nurse. – **Ibrahim**

Did you know that Florence Nightingale caught Crimean Fever and she was stuck in bed for 11 years?! But she wrote so many books that changed the hospitals forever! – **Noara**

I liked the actor who played Florence Nightingale and told her story. – **Tayyibah**



4 Onyx visit The Garden Classroom in Kent

On Tuesday 28th March, 4 Onyx travelled to Shoreham in Kent for a Countryside Day. We met Millie, Annabelle and Iain- who work for The Garden Classroom and took part in so many country activities.

We learnt how to use steels to make fire, how to use a small saw to chop up sticks safely, how to make wooden decorations and how to make apple crumble. In the woods, we climbed trees, swung in a camping hammock and built an impressive den. At the end of the day, we had our dinner around the camp-fire and enjoyed the apple crumble as our pudding! Although it rained a little, we were Doggedly Determined to enjoy our time outdoors and had a wonderful day!

Thank you to the parents who came with us to help and to all those who had extra washing to do when we got back covered in mud!

Sorayah E: I loved making fire because it was a little challenging just because it was raining and we had to work really hard to get the cotton wool to light.

Vanessa: I loved making wooden things. We had to collect lots of sticks and then connect them together with string. I used three pieces of wood to make a tripod.

Aayan: I enjoyed making my wooden star because it was challenging. We had to put the string around and tie knots- with cold hands!



Aleena: It was fun to make the den as we had to use teamwork. We also had to cut the wood with a saw so that we could add more details to it.

Faaduma: I liked making fire because we had to scrape the steels and push hard. If you didn't push hard, you didn't get a spark.

Safia: At lunchtime, we had lemon tea and ginger tea-. It tasted really different- I've never tried these things before.

Liyana: It was fun to make the apple crumble. After we'd eaten dinner, we had apple crumble around the fire!

Maryam: The hot chocolate was lovely- it warmed us up!

Aseel: I liked the whole day- we played a new game called 'Greatest Fan'.



Year 3's Incredible Argyle Adventure

On Friday 24th March, Year 3 went to London Zoo to find out all about animal bones, muscles and movement.

Each class followed a movement trail, observing how the structure of different animals has adapted to their needs. In 3 Pearl we started by visiting the Lemurs with their long curly tails that help them to balance and climb, the Meerkats which stand on two feet to keep lookout for their mob and the Gorillas which walk on their knuckles.



We then stopped off in the Education Centre for a fascinating workshop. We looked carefully at a number of real skeletons and then built some specially made puzzles that helped us to compare and contrast animal structures.



The turtle has a triangle shape skull, that helps it cut through the water. – **Saifan**

The snake has a flexible spine made up of many vertebrae. – **Arsema**

The frog has really long toes to help it to jump and really short ribs that mean it can crouch down very low. – **Nusaybah**

The bat has very long fingers inside its wings. – **Mao**

Later in the day we went into the bug house and found many different words to describe the movement of spiders with their tough outer 'exoskeletons and their four legs, such as 'scuttle', 'creep' or 'crawl'. This was in contrast to the smooth, fluid movements of the jellyfish, with its hydroskeleton, in which the water in its body helps it to move.



We ended the day with the penguins, which have wings but don't fly. Their wings are like flippers that propel them through the water with the help of their webbed feet.



On Tuesday 28th February, year 3 performed with 4 other schools in front of a large audience at The Place Theatre.

They were very excited to show the results of their work over the last ten week, in which they worked with a dance artist to create their own dances.

3 Garnet performed a piece about Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes.



Year 3's Incredible Argyle Adventure

3 Pearl's piece focused on Animal Bones, Structure and Movement.



My favourite part was when we all created a giant spiral like an ammonite. – **Asila**

It was really exciting to go on stage with all the lights and our costumes. – **Asfia**

It was just really exciting to perform on a real stage!
– **Mahbuba**

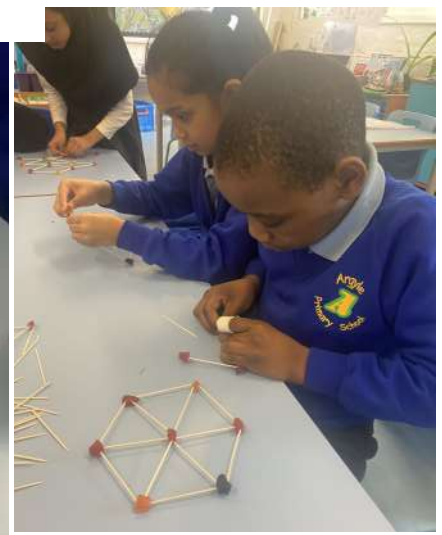
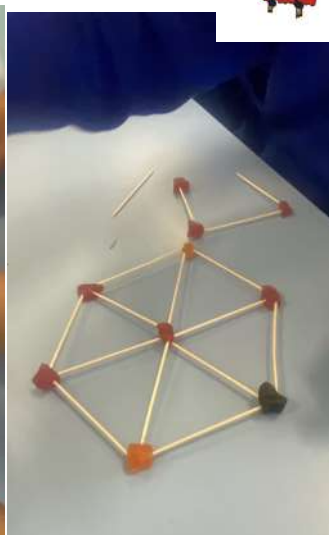
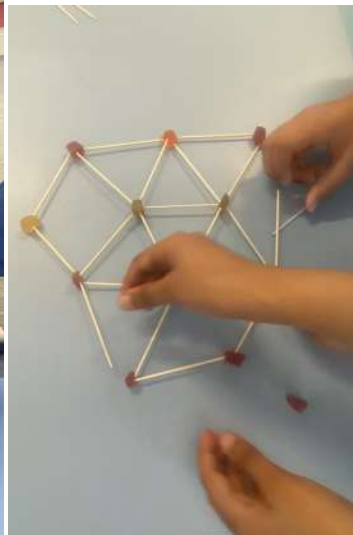
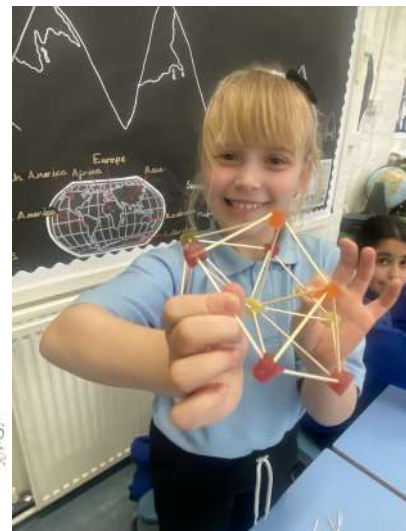
We all worked really well as a team. – **Tasmiyah**

Geography /STEAM

This week we have also been doing lots of work all about earthquakes. The children looked at how we can build structures that are stronger to withstand the earth's movement.

They discovered that a triangle structure will spread the force around the shape, while a square structure will bend and twist. They had great fun joining triangles together to begin to construct their buildings.

The best shape is in which all triangles join together to create a geodesic dome.



Year 6 visit London Zoo

This week, Year 6 visited the London Zoo. The children were doggedly determined and did not let the rain dampen the mood. The aim of the visit was for the children to gather inspiration for their upcoming writing unit, in which they will write a non-chronological report about an animal. Part of the writing will include information about the animal's habitat, how they have adapted to their environment and where they sit on the food chain.



Year 2 Story Maps - A collaborative effort

This week, Year 2 planned and drew up their story maps for their Story Quest and pupils from Year 5 helped their younger peers to improve their work.



Year 1's exciting week

Local walk to St George's Garden

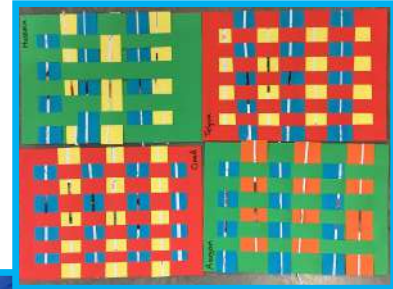
Year 1 returned to St George's Garden to look at the trees in Spring and how they have changed since the last time. In Autumn the children named the different deciduous trees by a leaf identification key. Unfortunately most of the trees at St Georges Garden have not bloomed yet however on our walk there and back we saw some cherry blossoms. Children have taken the leaf identification key home so please use during the Easter holiday and try to name different local British trees. How many can you find?



Learning about Smell - In science this week we explored our sense of smell. we closed our eyes and smelt chocolate, mint, strawberry, lemon, coffee and soup. We made a prediction and then found out if we were right or wrong.



Scottish tartan weaving - In Geography we have been learning about the four different countries that make the UK. For Scotland we made a tartan weaving.



Term Dates for Summer & Autumn 2023

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May (28 days)

Pupils return to school on **Monday 17th April 2023**

Half Term Holiday

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July (34 days)

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September – Friday 20th October 2023 (33 days)

Pupils return to school on **6th September 2023**

Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December (39 days)

Community Notices



SUPPORTED BY
THE HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES &
FOOD
PROGRAMME

CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

EASTER (WEEK 2)

VENUE: SOMERS TOWN COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE
134 CHALTON STREET
SOMERS TOWN
NW1 1RX

TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm
WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm
THURSDAY 13th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm
FRIDAY 14th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm



PLATFORM

Supporting young people to progress
through and in cricket



IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 4 to 7.

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

DETAILS

- **COST:** These courses are Free of Charge
- **PLACES:** Allocated to the first 30 respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- **AGES:** 8-12 Years Old
- **LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT:** Parents of children entitled to a Free School Meal will be provided with a hot lunch (Please highlight any dietary requirements when signing-up)
- **CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles); Personal protective equipment preferred, although we can supply if a child does not have their own

THE COACHES

LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmed is a former Essex seam bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket. He is one of an exclusive group of Level 3 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Golding (current Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Rodda (Club Youth Lead; Level 2 Coach), Matt Stiddard (London Schools U14 Lead; Level 2 Coach), Soyfur Rahman (Middlesex Youth; Level 3 Coach).

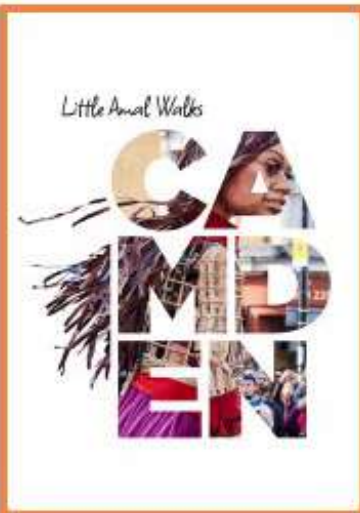


TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE
PLEASE CONTACT:

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Little Amal

is the 3.5m puppet of a 10 year old Syrian refugee girl, who has travelled over 9,000km to 13 countries with her message of hope and solidarity for displaced people everywhere.

Between **29 March and 2 April 2023**, Little Amal visits **London** and **Brighton** for a festival of welcome, celebration and friendship. Explore our listings to find out how to get involved on the day, at home and in the community.

<https://www.walkwithamal.org/events/>

**Family Station: Explore and Play
sessions
at the British Library
Monday 10th April- Sunday 16th
April
11:00-5:00 every day.
They're free and there's no need to
book.**



Dinner Money Update

From the beginning of the Summer Term on Monday 17th April 2023, school dinner money prices for pupils will increase. The new charge for pupil meals will be **£2.52p** a meal **or £ 12.60** per week.

Adult meal prices will increase to **£2.65** per meal.

Thought an increase, the price has been kept down by Camden Council subsidising each meal by 13p.



Apply for Free School Meals. We encourage all parents to apply even if you are working, think you may not be entitled or your child is in a year group that receives the Universal Free School Meal. Once registered, if your situation changes, Camden will be notified automatically and your entitlement will begin. Click the link to apply <https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

In February the Mayor of London announced a temporary provision of free school meals for all primary school pupils in London for a year. This is due to come into effect in September 2023 but we will let you know more as details are confirmed.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals our school will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. This extra money is used to improve educational provision and resources in school.

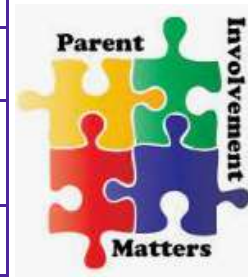
If you are entitled to Free School Meals you can get discounted trip, music lesson prices and after school clubs.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 get a 'Universal Free School Meal' this does **not** make you entitled to Free School Meals. You must apply and be eligible to receive Free School Meals.

Workshops for Parents at Argyle

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

Workshop	Date	Time	Where?
Learn English Fast (ESOL)	Monday 17th April	9-11am	In the FLC
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
Learn English Fast (ESOL)	Wednesday 26th April	9-11am	In the FLC
Managing our own stress and wellbeing	Wednesday 3rd May	9-10am	In the FLC
Learn English Fast (ESOL)	Wednesday 3rd May	9-11am	In the STEAM lab
Managing Screen Time and Social Media	Tuesday 9th May	12.30-1.30pm	Online
Learn English Fast (ESOL)	Monday 15th May	9-11am	In the FLC



EYFS at Argyle Primary School

On Tuesday, the Early Years had a visit from Abi Misselbrook-Lovejoy, our School Improvement Partner. One aim of the visit was to evaluate the strength of provision in our Nursery and Reception classes. After spending some time in both settings, she was really impressed with the teaching and the set up of continuous provision. Both enable pupils to make good progress in their learning. The school works hard to ensure that our curriculum meets the needs of our pupils, developing oracy and language and well as clear teaching of knowledge and skills, and this really came across. Well done to the Early Years team for all their hard work!

EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Reception

In the final week of the Spring term, the children in Reception have been completing their exploration of the sea. They have learnt about different animals that live in the sea and have read a range of stories linked to the theme. This week however, the children looked further at world maps and learnt about the seven different continents. They then followed the journey of Jessica Watson, a sailor and explorer, and were able to follow her route on an atlas. Learning about Jessica, helped the children learn about perseverance and determination as she was determined to achieve her goal of sailing around the world at the age of 16.



EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children completed their unit of Fantasy Stories by listening to the story of 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. After reading the story the children learnt that a dragon is a mythical reptile. They then learnt about different types of reptiles and how reptiles are different from other animal groups such as birds, and amphibians.



Also this week, as part of their mathematical development the children have continued to explore repeating patterns and even got a chance to create their own repeating patterns with their parents during the stay and play session on Friday.



Attendance & Punctuality

	WK7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12
Rec: Jet	83%	89%	86%	87%	94%	76%
Rec: Topaz	90%	88%	90%	97%	94%	78%
1 Jade	95%	97%	95%	91%	91%	89%
1 Ruby	96%	90%	89%	94%	91%	89%
2 Amber	90%	93%	88%	96%	97%	92%
2 Opal	93%	93%	99%	94%	96%	91%
3 Garnet	86%	92%	94%	89%	94%	92%
3 Pearl	91%	94%	96%	93%	95%	93%
4 Onyx	97%	97%	96%	95%	94%	94%
5 Quartz	87%	94%	100%	96%	98%	97%
6 Diamond	95%	91%	94%	94%	94%	97%
6 Sapphire	97%	91%	87%	94%	93%	89%
Total	92%	93%	93%	94%	93%	90%
Camden					93%	

Well done to **5 Quartz & 6 Diamond** who have achieved at least **96%** this week.

Attendance Cup Winners

A huge well done to our attendance cup winners **2 Opal** (94.71%) and **5 Quartz (95.32%)** for achieving the best attendance over the Spring term. They were awarded with the key stage attendance cups.



Dates for your diary

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

April 2023

Easter Holiday - Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Monday 17th Summer Term begins - **Pupils return to school**
Event: Year 6 National Dental Screening

Tuesday 18th **Trip:** 1 Ruby visit The Science Museum

Wednesday 19th **Trip:** 1 Jade visit The Science Museum

Thursday 20th **Trip:** 4 Onyx visit St Paul's Cathedral

Friday 21st - School closed - INSET Day / EID

Monday 24th **After School Clubs begin**
Event: Camden Music Festival at Royal Albert Hall

Tuesday 25th **Year 3 begin Swimming lessons begin**
Trip: 4 Onyx visiting the amphitheatre at Guildhall

Thursday 27th **Event:** 3 Garnet class assembly at 8.55am
Event: Bonsall trip meeting at 2.45pm

Friday 28th **Trip:** 4 Onyx visit London Zoo
Trip: 5 Quartz visit Lord's Cricket Ground