

Our value for May is Wisdom

Newsletter

Summer Term

26th May 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

We reach the end of another action packed half term! I hope that you agree that your child has been challenged and has enjoyed really interesting learning this half term.

I am sure that you are looking forward to spending some quality time with your children and have something exciting planned for next week. We are lucky in London that we are surrounded by so many **free** family friendly opportunities. How long is it since you took your children along the Thames embankment or fed the flamingos in St James' Park? Have your children ever joined the tourists to watch the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace? Is there a museum that you have always meant to visit? It looks as though the weather will be nice so why not pack a pic-nic and go on a new adventure?

Whatever you do, thank you for your support this half term -have a great break. **Jemima Wade, Headteacher**

Pupil Voice Initiative - Success!

Our Year 5 pupils entered their pitch to secure funding from The Green Dragons Den, an initiative set up by Camden Learning, Camden 'Think & Do' and the Camden Climate Alliance. Pupils in year 4 and 5 across Camden were given the opportunity to come up with an idea for a sustainability project in their school. Our pupils in Year 5 created a video presentation on two problems in our school: maintaining our garden and reducing food waste. In their video they presented the idea of creating a gardening club that will take care of our school's garden and greenhouse, cleaning it up and preparing it for new seedlings and plants in return for being able to eat outside in the garden or on the roof garden. **And they won £500! Well done 5 Quartz for providing an excellent example of taking responsibility and making a positive contribution to the school.**

After half term:

- 1) There will be a lunchtime gardening club.
- 2) Children who work hard in the garden can eat outside!
- 3) Club will take place on Wednesday and Thursday.

What will they spend the money on:

£250
PICNIC RUGS, MATERIALS
FOR A GAZEBO, EXTRA
SEATING

£100
PLANTS, BULBS AND
SEEDS

£150
GARDENING EQUIPMENT, TROWELS,
HOSE, WATER CRYSTALS, COMPOST,
TRELLIS FOR GREEN WALL



Pupil Voice Initiative - Success!...continued

We found the students in the video to be lively and passionate and the pitch was comprehensive and achievable. The panel especially liked the designs for the really cool picnic area to enjoy eating the fruits of the squad's labour. One thing to note, that weeds aren't always a bad thing and can be easy and cheap ways to attract the important pollinators for food growing. - **The judges feedback.**



The children are now busy putting their plans into action. This week their film was shown in assembly and on Thursday Year 5 began registering the interest of pupils wanting to be a part of the project. The response from pupils was overwhelming. We are happy to see so many pupils wanting to help.

Year 1

London Zoo trip

Last week Thursday and Friday Year 1 pupils visited London Zoo. Children took part in a 'hands on' workshop where they had to categorise the animals by exploring their skin. Most of these were endangered species and were given to the zoo by the police. The children used tape measures and magnifiers to investigate further. Finally, they matched words and pictures to each animal.



Visit to a Gallery

On Tuesday 1 Ruby visited The October Gallery and 1 Jade visited on Thursday. Golnaz Fathi is the current artist who is being exhibited at the gallery. The children first matched a close up of different art pieces and then found one they liked the most and gave reasons for why they thought it was the best. Then the children looked at the world map and named the seven continents, went climbing a mountain using a rope, on a boat ride through a storm and finally into the dark tunnel. Eventually the children created three different art pieces inspired by Golnaz Fathi.



Year 4 explore Bonsall village and camp under the stars!

On Tuesday 23rd May, 30 excited children and 10 excited adults travelled to the village of Bonsall in Derbyshire to visit our partner primary school. But, in the afternoon, only 17 of the children returned as 13 members of 4 Onyx were camping overnight in very smart tents which the lovely parents of Bonsall had lent them.

It was a fantastic day for all concerned. All through our journey, the view got more and more rural until the farm animals easily outnumbered the people!

The children had a wonderful day- playing with their new friends, exploring the village and finding out how living in a rural area differs from living in an urban one. We're looking forward to July 7th, as that is when our friends from Bonsall will visit us in King's Cross.



We had a lot of fun! On our train ride- which was about three hours long, we had a sheet about birds so we were looking for them. It was really interesting to meet our penpals and play with them. - **Safia**



In King's Cross, we see about 60 cars per minute but in Bonsall it's more like three per minute. - **Tayyabah**



I liked when we were camping and we had a campfire. We toasted marshmallows- mine got burnt and was all sticky! - **Sorayah**



My favourite part was when we ran up a volcano. We also found volcanic rocks and brought them home. - **Aaliyah**



Bonsall is very different to London! For example, Argyle Primary School has more than 300 people but Bonsall only has sixty-four! - **Surayya J**



In Bonsall, we had a lovely evening walk with our torches on. We saw cows in the dark and birds and bats were sleeping! - **Faaduma**



At the end of the day, we got to ring the bells. One of the bells was heavier than a car! - **Maryam**



Year 5's Class Assembly

Yesterday, Year 5 took to the stage during their class assembly with a performance by the famous playwright William Shakespeare. The class immersed the audience into a Midsummer Night's Dream as they re-enacted the famous comedy. We started with a song to welcome the audience into the world of Athens and the palace of Theseus (Ridi) and Hippolyta (Jemimah). We were lead astray by the mischievous Puck (Hussain) who did not follow his master's (Yahiya) instructions as he worked his magic to restore harmony between lovers (Hermia and Lysander) and friends (Helena and Demetrius). Consequently, Titania (Yara) fell in love with a donkey (Amaan) and this was something Years 1 & 2 were thoroughly amused by! After chaos settled everyone lived happily ever after.

Well done to everyone in Year 5 for a spirited performance. We are very proud of you all!



Did you know?

Over Shakespeare's lifetime he wrote:

39 plays, 17 comedies, 10 historical plays, 4 poems and 154 sonnets.

Royal Academy of Dance visit Argyle

On Monday Years 3 and 5 each had a workshop with the London Children's Ballet. They started by watching a film to learn a bit more about the performers and also the basic steps of ballet. The film was all in French! This was followed by a simple lesson in ballet technique, including the starting positions of arms and legs. After that they learned some small sections from Snow White, which they had watched the previous Thursday. They learned how ballet dancers tell the story through dance steps, gesture and mime. They applied that learning to different emotions and when playing the Raven, the sidekick of the Evil Queen and the Dove who looked after Snow White throughout the story.

Finally, the children were delighted to have the opportunity to try on some of the costumes from the show.

For the rest of the week, they could be seen practising their dance steps where ever they went!

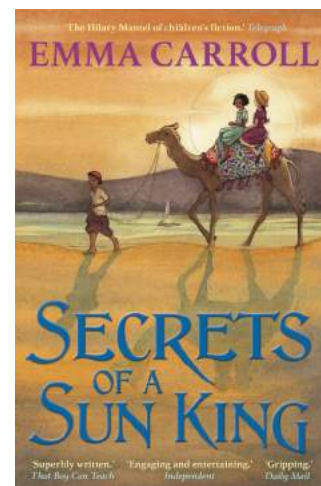


Argyle Love Reading! - Year 6 Book Club favourites

On Wednesday, Key Stage 2 children discussed their Book Club reading. Some Year 6 children picked their favourites and explained why they liked them.



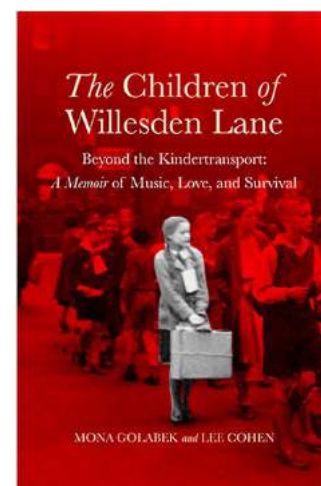
We liked 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll because it was full of suspense and we found out about the discoveries of ancient Egypt in 1922/23. – **Yasin & Ayan**



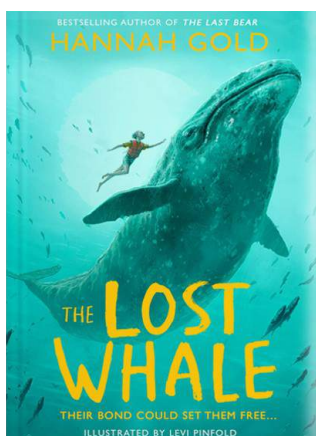
We liked 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio because August (the main character) has lots of loving people around him. It is also about friendship and friends who support August when he is bullied. You also want to keep reading and finding out more about the characters. – **Tanisha & Zunairah**



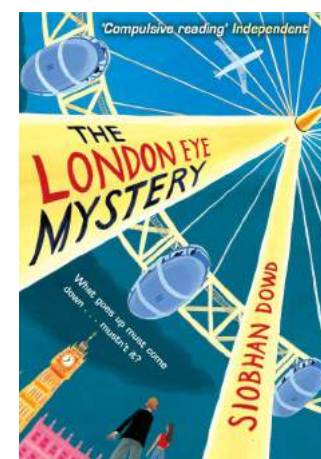
I enjoyed 'The Children of Willesden Lane' because it made me have a winder opinion on how people were treated in World War Two. I recommend people to read this book as it is really interesting and the chapters keep you wanting to know what happens next. – **Yahya**



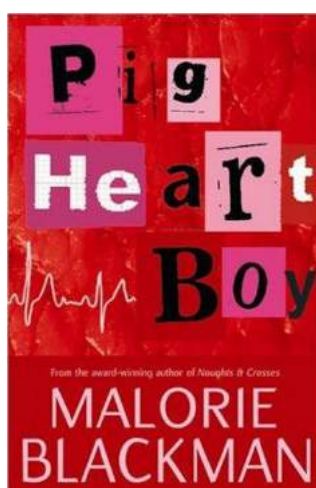
We like 'The Lost Whale' by Hannah Gold because the main character is about our age and it is easy to understand his point of view. We also like the ocean setting, Rio's friendship with Marina, and we are learning a lot about whales! – **Jahida & Yusra**



We chose 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd because the mystery is interesting and you wonder what's going to happen next in the story. – **Zikra & Tanjina**



We liked 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman because it highlights the life of a debilitated boy. We also liked 'The Boy in Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne as it is set in World War Two and describes the life of a boy whose father is involved in the war. – **Ibrahim & Mahi**



Want to share your reading experience with everyone?

Why not send us your pictures of your reading along with a short write up about what you enjoyed about the book, or your favourite character and why. Your entry may make it into the next newsletter!

What book will you read over the half term?

EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Reception

In the final week before the half term holiday, the children in Reception have been learning about food and where it comes from. They discussed farms and the types of animals that live there. They learnt that different items come from farms, such as milk, cheese, eggs, bread and even wool to make clothes.

Following this, the children read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and discussed the moral behind the tale. They used words such as unhelpful and selfish to describe the characters in the story that did not help the Little Red Hen, and then talked how it is important to be helpful.

Also this week, the children went on a school trip to London Zoo where they were able to see a range of farm animals such as goats, sheep and horses, as well as a range of animals from around the world.



EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Nursery

This week the children in Nursery travelled over to the continent of North America to learn about some of the animals that live there such as beavers, alligators, eagles, racoons and brown bears. After looking at images of these animals, the children listened to the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt.' This is a classic Early Years text as it encourages children to act out the story and join in with the repetitive language.



As a key character in the tale is a brown bear, the children spent time this week learning more about these predators; including describing their features and identifying similarities and differences between brown bears and other bears (like polar bears and panda bears).

On Friday, the children and their parents worked together to go on their very own bear hunt. They searched around the nursery setting for pictures of different bears

before sorting them onto a table and counting the number of each type that they had found. Our Friday morning 'Stay and Play' sessions are extremely beneficial as they allow parents to have a deeper understanding of the learning that the children do, as well as encouraging a dialogue between home and school. Please try to stay and play next term if possible nursery parents.



Coming up at Argyle - Summer Term

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 5th	Pupil return to school Multiplication checks begin for Year 4 pupils only
Wednesday 7th	Event: Reception Health Reviews
Thursday 8th	Event: Year 6 SRE meeting for Parents at 8.45am Trip: Lido Tournament Finals for selected pupils Year 3&4
Friday 9th	Event: Year 5 SRE meeting for Parents at 8.45am Trip: 3 Garnet & 3 Pearl visit London Zoo
Monday 12th	Year 1 Phonics Check begin Pupil Workshop: UCS Dance Project in school with Year 4 Trip: 3 Garnet & 3 Pearl visit Lincolns Inn Camdoninian
Tuesday 13th	Trip: 5 Quartz visit Regents High School
Wednesday 14th	Trip: Year 2 Amber and Opal visit London Zoo
Thursday 15th	Event: 3 Garnet class assembly at 8.55am
Friday 16th	Trip: 3 Garnet & 3 Pearl visit Camden Arts Centre Trip: Nursery visit London Zoo
Monday 19th	Trip: Year 2 Amber and Opal visit The October Gallery
Tuesday 20th	Event: KS1 Sports Day Trip: Year 5 visit London Zoo
Wednesday 21st	Event: KS2 Sports Day



Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Rec: Jet and 3 Garnet for achieving the best attendance this week.
Well done to all the classes to achieve at least 96% this week.

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
Rec: Jet	86%	94%	91%	87%	99%	98%
Rec: Topaz	86%	83%	84%	87%	95%	94%
1 Jade	91%	96%	92%	92%	100%	95%
1 Ruby	91%	90%	91%	91%	98%	94%
2 Amber	93%	92%	93%	93%	98%	92%
2 Opal	95%	94%	98%	95%	99%	87%
3 Garnet	93%	97%	91%	93%	98%	98%

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
3 Pearl	94%	97%	98%	95%	100%	95%
4 Onyx	95%	93%	92%	95%	99%	91%
5 Quartz	95%	100%	97%	96%	98%	97%
6 Diamond	94%	95%	98%	95%	96%	97%
6 Sapphire	93%	93%	99%	94%	97%	94%
Total	93%	94%	94%	93%	98%	94%
Camden	93%	-	93%	93%	93%	

Wild Camden Festival

at Camley Street Natural Park, N1C 4PW

Sunday 4th June 12 - 4pm

Camley Street Natural Park, N1C 4PW

Join us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UN's World Environment Day with a family friendly festival.

Come along and discover ways that you can get involved in helping wildlife, take action towards sustainable living and use your local green spaces to support wellbeing.

Activities on offer will include:

- wildlife-friendly craft activities
- storytelling with the British Library
- pot making on a pottery wheel
- gentle yoga & wellbeing walks
- guided walks sharing the history and ecology of the site
- pond dipping, minibeast hunting and more!

Open to all. We are especially looking forward to welcoming Camden residents & families.



Protecting
London's
wildlife for
the future

To find out more about this and other events please visit
www.wildlondon.org.uk/events