

Our value for March is Patience

Newsletter

Spring Term
24th March 23



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been reviewing the data from Spring term assessments and thinking about the actions that we can take now to make the biggest difference to children's attainment this year. Teachers have met with most of you this week in our parents' evenings and they will have discussed what your child has achieved and what their next steps are. They will also have asked you to help. One of the biggest differences parents can make is establishing solid routines around home learning and reading so that they are just a part of everyday life rather than a battleground.

This week the Holy month of Ramadan has begun and this does impact on daily life for most of our pupils. Whilst children are thinking about trying to be their best selves, why not use the opportunity to tighten up your expectation that they take full responsibility to complete all home learning and daily reading to a very high standard?

Jemima Wade, Headteacher



World Poetry Day at Argyle

On Tuesday, each class recited a poem in front of an audience of parents. The children confidently performed their chosen poems with much enthusiasm.

We are very proud of you all!

Year 6 Diamond recited 'Fam' by Caleb Femi

Year 6 Sapphire recited 'Don't Be Scared' by Carol Ann Duffy

Year 5 Quartz recited 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes

Year 4 Onyx recited 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' by Roald Dahl

Year 3 Garnet recited 'The Boneyard Rap' By Wes Magee

Year 3 Pearl recited 'Walking with my Iguana' By Brian Moses

Year 2 Amber recited 'The Morning Rush' by John Foster

Year 2 Opal recited 'I don't want to go school' by Colin McNaughton

Year 1 Jade recited 'Don't' by Michael Rosen

Year 1 Ruby recited 'Rhythm of Life' by Michael Rosen

Reception recited 'Mr Moon' by Bliss Carmen

Thank you parents for attending
and making the event
special.



1 Ruby's Class Assembly

On Thursday, 1 Ruby performed their class assembly to parents and the whole school. They read their own stories based on 'Traction Man' and showcased their knowledge of the UK. They sang a song about doubling numbers and even recited their chosen poem from world poetry day. Well done Ruby class!



Irish Drumming

Years 2 and 3 were treated to an Irish drumming workshop on Monday when they had an opportunity to learn about traditional Irish drum 'the Bodhrán' (pronounced bow rawn) a frame drum consisting of a circular wooden frame covered with a goatskin head on one side. It is played by striking the skin with a small wooden stick known as a tipper. After a quick lesson in how to hold the drum to get the best sound, the pupils were soon

able to pick up a simple Irish reel. The children were all very proud of what they had learned. Zainab from Year 2 Opal was so inspired by the workshop that she has decided to write her quest story about a girl travelling to Ireland to play the bodhran.



A snippet of Zainab's Quest Story

'Adventurous Zaney is going to Ireland to play the Bodhrán. She got in her car and drove as fast as a cheetah but then she ran out of gas.'
We'll have to wait to find out how the story continues.



1 Jade's learning journey

This week the children continued to learn about map skills and drew a map of the KS2 playground.

Musa - I drew the two semi circles for the football pitch.

Dua - My two squares are the two trampolines next to the big slide.



Using newspaper children built a structure in teams to see who could build the highest structure. First single sheets of newspaper were rolled up and taped to make cylinders. Next as a group we decided on a shape, and built together. We found out that the triangle base is the best at holding the structure stable.



Year 3 Visit to Holy Cross - to learn about the symbol of the cross

Year 3 visited Holy Cross Church to help in their learning this half term all about symbols, in particular the importance of the cross in the Christian religion. On the visit, Father Chris explained a little about the Easter story and the different kinds of crosses that may be seen in a Christian Church:

The Palm Cross: used on Palm Sunday to recall the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem on a donkey, when crowds came out to celebrate his arrival and laid palms at his feet.

The Crucifix: this reminds Christians that Jesus died on a cross.

The simple cross or the one with Christ lifting his arms to heaven: this shows the Christian belief that Jesus came back to life (was resurrected) and rose up to heaven.



Finally the Children walked around the Stations of the Cross in the church, a series of pictures around the church that show the Easter story.

On their return the children also learned about how the people of El Salvador, who had to leave their country in a time of war, made beautiful crosses with images from Christian stories and village scenes of their beloved home country. They made some beautiful Salvadoran crosses of their own.



Year 5 welcome their Swedish Visitors from Skolstaskolan

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Year 5 welcomed their Swedish Pen Pals who travelled all the way from Sweden to visit Argyle. They were greeted with a presentation about our school and then we started the day by playing classical board games to get to know each other more.

After this, we gave them a tour around our school showing off our amazing playground, roof garden and Discovery Zone. We then had playtime and they gave us a presentation about Sweden teaching us about some annual days where they celebrate eating different foods and dancing. We then got to try some treats from Sweden. These included scrumptious oreo chocolate and sweets. One special sweet (Djungelvra) tasted like swallowing sea water! This salty sweet was loved by our Swedish friends as we pulled sour faces eating them.

On Thursday, we divided into two groups and took a trip to Coram's Field where we played in the park and played a football match. It was safe to say that Miss Lota was a great defender for her team! After working

up a sweat, we made our way back to school for lunch where some of us ate together before they set off for their flight back home. We hope they had a lovely time with us and we wanted to say a special thank you to their amazing teachers: Camilla, Lota, Sandra and Matteus! HEJDA!



The salty sweets were soooo sour! - **Tyler**



They were so friendly and kind but really, really tall! - **Shirin**

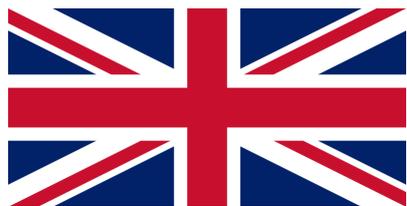
I didn't know that IKEA was a Swedish company. - **Aisha**



I learnt that they have similar celebrations to us like May Day Dance and Bonfire night. - **Yara**

There are so many Swedish athletes like Dejan Kulusevski who plays for Tottenham Hotspurs. -

They were really kind and playful. I liked when we went to Coram's field and played football with them and their teacher Lota. - **Amaan**



They were so friendly and when we were outside one of them mentioned we were kind to them. I wish we could visit them one day! - **Rayyan**



I really want to try Swedish meatballs, it looks delicious. - **Hamim**



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.

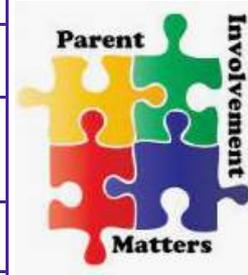
If you are entitled to Free School Meals you can get discounted trip, music lesson prices and after school clubs.

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 this term and 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 - Reception

Continuing the topic of Exploring the Sea, the children began the week by listening to the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson - a tale about a snail who travelled to visit far-away lands on the back of a whale. After hearing the story, the children created their own maps showing the different places that the snail visited. They then compared their maps to different types of maps such as tube maps, maps of the world and maps of different countries. They thought about what maps show us and why they are important. After making their own maps of the playground, they had a go at following maps created by other children. This was great for developing their positional language such as in front of, behind and between.



EYFS at Argyle Primary School - Nursery

The children in Nursery have been enjoying listening to different fantasy stories this half term and this week was no different. They began the week listening the story of Aladdin and then used the text as a stimulus for exploring a wide range of topics. To begin, the children talked about the Genie and how he granted three wishes. They explored the number three and tried to represent it in different ways—writing the number, making towers of three and doing actions of three.

Following this, the children learned more about lamps and then explored a range of items that provide light. They sorted images of the different items into those that provide light using electricity and those that provide light using fire. The children learnt that before electricity existed, people would have to use fire to help provide light.



Attendance & Punctuality

	WK7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12
Rec: Jet	83%	89%	86%	87%	94%	
Rec: Topaz	90%	88%	90%	97%	94%	
1 Jade	95%	97%	95%	91%	91%	
1 Ruby	96%	90%	89%	94%	91%	
2 Amber	90%	93%	88%	96%	97%	
2 Opal	93%	93%	99%	94%	96%	
3 Garnet	86%	92%	94%	89%	94%	
3 Pearl	91%	94%	96%	93%	95%	
4 Onyx	97%	97%	96%	95%	94%	
5 Quartz	87%	94%	100%	96%	98%	
6 Diamond	95%	91%	94%	94%	94%	
6 Sapphire	97%	91%	87%	94%	93%	
Total	92%	93%	93%	94%	93%	
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Well done to **2 Amber, 2 Opal & 5 Quartz** who have achieved at least **96%** this week.

There have been **91** sessions in the registers recorded as late this week.

Please ensure your child is in the playground at **8.40am**, ready to go 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 via ParentHub, please check for more information.

March 2023

Monday 27th **Trip:** 2 Amber visit The Florence Nightingale Museum

Tuesday 28th **Trip:** 4 Onyx visit The Garden Classroom (Kent), return at 6.30pm
Trip: Year 6 visit London Zoo
Trip: 2 Opal visit The Florence Nightingale Museum
Event: Year 3 perform at The Place Theatre

Thursday 30th **Trip:** 4 Onyx visit Holy Cross Church

Friday 31st Last Day of Term - school closes at normal time 3.15pm

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