

Our value for January is Self-Belief

Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Do you enjoy maths? Or do numbers scare you? Do you believe that all children can learn to be good mathematicians or do you feel that some people are good at maths and others are simply not mathematical? Many parents who did not enjoy maths themselves might tend towards the view that you are either good at maths or not. At school we know that, though some children might naturally enjoy maths more than others and feel more confident, **all** children can, with practise and support, become skilled mathematicians. Did you know that at Argyle we plan for daily, structured teaching of arithmetic and of mathematical reasoning? We know that children need to develop confidence and fluency with numbers but that they also need opportunities to apply these skills to problem solving. During this week's 'Maths Week', children took part in a range of maths games, challenges and puzzles and even attended a maths 'escape room' event. They had opportunities to collaborate and apply a range of problem solving approaches in a race against the clock! Children from across KS2 also competed in a Times Table Rockstar Battle - well done to 5Q, 3P and 4O who came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! Top scorers from all classes are today battling it out to be overall individual winner. Read on to find out more about our marvellous week of mathematics!

Jemima Wade, Headteacher

Our newly elected School Council

Last week each class held an election to select the new school council. The results of the election makes the pupils below our new school council. Well done to you all and we look forward to learning what your priorities will be for the coming year.

1 Jade	Yacqub & Alanoud
1 Ruby	Musa & Yusra
2 Amber	Noara & Muaz
2 Opal	Tayyibah & Abdulrahman
3 Garnet	Lura & Rayyan



3 Pearl	Olha & Ijaaz
4 Onyx	Yasin & Safia
5 Quartz	Rayyan & Aisha
6 Diamond	Adil & Fartun
6 Sapphire	Manal & Ishaq

Maths Week at Argyle

This week, Argyle Primary school has celebrated Maths Week. Mathematics teaches children how to make sense of the world around them through developing their ability to calculate, reason and solve problems. It enables children to understand relationships and patterns in both number and space in their everyday lives. The tools of mathematics are also vital components of many other subjects including science, geography, history and design and technology. But, most importantly, **Maths is fun!**

Over the week, there have been a number of mathematical activities, the first of which was a special workshop called '**The Dark Codes**'. During this workshop the children had to work in teams in order to solve a range of puzzles.

Maths Week at Argyle...continued

Also this week, the children in KS2 took part in a Times Tables Rockstar Competition where they competed to see which class was the best at their times tables. The winning class was 5 Quartz closely followed by 3 Pearl and then 4 Onyx. Following on from this, the top three performing children have been taking part in a competition in order to find the best TTRS Mathematician in the school. The children who are competition are as follows:

3 Pearl - Olha, Mohammad (Ahmedy) and Mahbuba.

3 Garnet - Tala, Fatema and Summer.

4 Onyx - Tayyibah, Faaduma and Aleena

5 Quartz - Hamim, Moaz and Yahiya

6 Sapphire - Reyah, Ayan and Fatima

6 Diamond - Tyler, Ryan and William



The winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.



I liked how even if you were good at puzzle solving, you could still get it wrong! It was fun! - **Ibrahim**

I liked the farm where we had to find numbers on eggs to unlock the padlock on the shed. - **Manal**



When asked what maths skills they used to solve the puzzle they said: BIDMAS, division, empty box problems, 4 operations!
Good job Year 6



I liked when we had to go to the weighing scale and find the equivalent weight to balance to find the code. At the end we had to push to find the secret password. — **Tawsiyah**

I really enjoyed being able to work as a team and to have my team win the competition! It really stumbles your brain and I wish I can experience it again. Pushing the button and blustering the alien ship was so satisfying!" - **Sabrina**

Year 5

It was fun but also a little challenging but all of us worked together to crack the code. - **Fatiha**

We had to solve challenges to find the code to defeat the aliens. For one of them we had to do a puzzle to reveal the codes at the end and then we had to match the codes to find the co-ordinates of the password! We had so much fun doing it! - **Rayyan**



Maths Week at Argyle...continued



My favourite one was the broken train because of the wires. It was like engineering and I like engineering. There was also a twist because you couldn't cross the line. – **Yakub**

Year 4

When you'd attached the wires to the batteries, the light turned green and you could see what the code was. – **Aayan**



First I went to the hospital and we had to balance 1? 68 and the ? was 3 because $8+1$ is 9 so that means $6 + 3 = 9$. – **Arsema**

Year 3



I loved fixing the radio. We made it light up! – **Mao**

I had to work with my team to win. We all had a different name on our sticker. In the farm we tried to figure out the code for the lock using division. – **Asila**

We were problem solvers. We did fun stuff from room to room to save the school from an invasion. – **Nusaybah**

I loved the house puzzle because I was in charge! The answer was A3! – **Manha**



Group colour was grey and the activity I liked most was the train station sorting, where we had to work out where each wire went. – **Mahbuba**



Maths Week at Argyle...continued



The escape room was best because we had to solve lots of Maths equations to earn a certificate. Mathopoly was great fun, its like the Maths version of Monopoly. - **LeAnna**



Year 2

Year one had lots of different maths related challenges to complete, working in groups. We used our maths skills including; addition and subtraction, our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, making and copying patterns and looking at differences is weight.



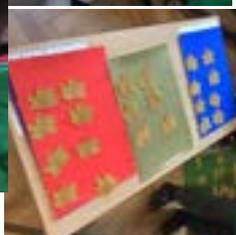
Is this real? - **Telycia**



Circle goes with the cylinder. - **Rayhan**



We have to make 10 with the leaves. - **Erhan**



I liked all of the games! - **Yamin**

$2+3$ is 5, we have to put it on the 5. - **Faatimah**



Reception pupils were Shape Hunters this week.



Triangles are straight straight straight (making a shape in the air with his finger). - **Ibrahim F**



Squares have 4 sides. - **Harlie**



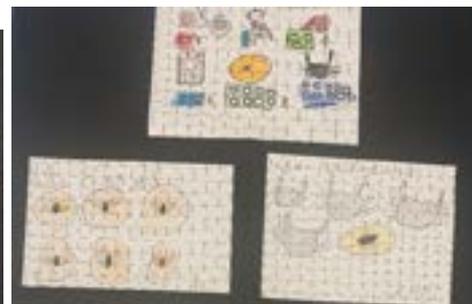
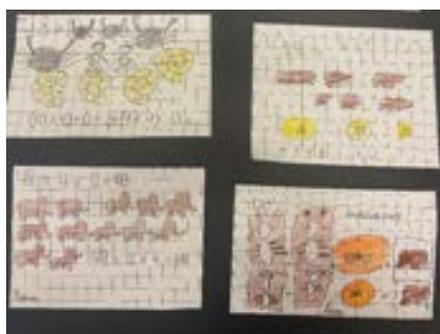
Rectangles have 4 sides the same as a square. - **Ibrahim Alam**

Year 3 Pearl Maths

Year 3 Pearl did a class investigation using fossils / prehistoric creatures to count by legs /feet.

The children used combinations of creatures, addition and multiplication to make target numbers 12, 24, 48 or 32.

They all found a different way to make their target number.



Year 1 visit Holy Cross Church

For RE (Religious Education) Year 1 are learning this half term about special places. What makes a place special for them and a church special for Christians? They will be asking the same questions when they go to the Mosque in a fortnight. After both the trips will the children will compare how these two places of worship are similar and different.

Father Christopher asked the children what they felt as they walked into the church?

Ahsan - It feels warm because I thought it would be cold.

Telycia - We are here to learn about Jesus.

Aron - It has old things but looks very modern inside.

Nouran - Doesn't look very comfortable with all the benches.

Alanoud - It is quite dark and there are little rooms.



Father Christopher then asked what does pray mean?

Ezana - It's only to god.

Arsh- we can pray for our mums.

Aron - To make wishes.

Zelle - To see the good.



Ask your child what is a special place for them? It doesn't have to be a place of worship it could be their bedroom, a grandparent's home, the library or a park.

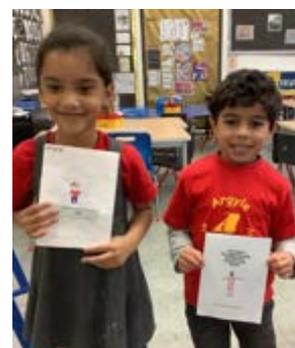
Great home learning

Lura of 3 Garnet built a volcano for her Geography homework project. She used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to replicate a volcano erupting with molten magma and lava.



Youssef and Nusrat have written some amazing books in their home learning.

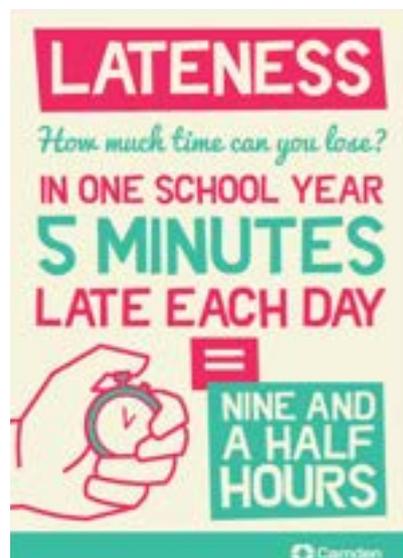
Well done all of you!



Attendance

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
Rec: Jet	86%	87%	95%	91%		
Rec: Topaz	88%	92%	91%	86%		
1 Jade	91%	91%	93%	88%		
1 Ruby	90%	94%	95%	97%		
2 Amber	91%	93%	92%	93%		
2 Opal	95%	92%	96%	93%		
3 Garnet	93%	99%	98%	97%		
3 Pearl	93%	100%	99%	94%		
4 Onyx	95%	99%	98%	94%		
5 Quartz	96%	95%	99%	96%		
6 Diamond	94%	97%	97%	98%		
6 Sapphire	93%	97%	99%	92%		
Total	92%	94%	96%	94%		
Camden	92%	93%	93%			

Well done to **1 Ruby, 3 Garnet, 5 Quartz & 6 Diamond** who have all achieved at least **96% attendance** this week.



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.

January 2023

Monday 30th **TRIP:** 1 Ruby visit The British Museum

February 2023

Wednesday 1st **EVENT:** NEU Strike—School closed for Reception to Year 6

Thursday 2nd **TRIP:** 4 Onyx visit Neasden Temple
TRIP: Topaz visit The Natural History Museum

Friday 3rd **EVENT:** Yoga Class in STEAM Lab 9-11am & Coffee Morning in FLC

Monday 6th **TRIP:** Jet visits The Natural History Museum

Tuesday 7th **TRIP:** Selected pupils from Year 5 & 6 visit Talacre for Gymnastics competition
TRIP: Selected pupils from Year 5 & 6 visit Talacre for Athletics competition

Thursday 9th **TRIP:** Nursery visits The Foundling Museum

Friday 10th **EVENT:** Yoga Class (women only) in STEAM Lab 9-11am & Coffee Morning in FLC

Half Term Monday 13th - 17th February

Monday 20th Pupils return to school