

Aragon School Newsletter

Aragon Road
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Friday 11th November 2022



Hello everybody,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and we now start one of our favourite half-terms where we start to prepare for Christmas!

Since we've been back there has been a lot going on. We had our annual bonfire night complete with fun fair, burgers, hot chocolate, light-ups and amazing fireworks.

Thank you to everyone who helped out, especially Mrs Kennett and Ms Granelli. Good job everyone. (Please see p4)

Our Year 1 classes have been on a super autumn walk looking at the lovely colour changes in nature at the moment. (p6) and our Year 3s have been to the Science Museum and taken part in a workshop on forces. 5L gave us our first class assembly of the year, show-casing their learning with a great performance of 'Livin' on a Prayer'!— well done 5L, you were great!

Congratulations go to our Year 4 Boys football team who came first in a borough tournament with one of the coaches telling us that their 'behaviour was excellent as well as sportsmanship on and off the pitch.' Well done boys, we are very proud of you.

Our aspirational mufti day was fun too, we had vets, astronauts, fashion designers, bankers, coders, youtubers, teachers and footballers to name a few. I hope you've seen our FB with a little video of how Mrs Allan, Mr Myers and Mr Lillie were dressed!

The whole school observed two minutes silence today to remember those who died for us in battle and our older School Council members actually went to St Saviour's to lay a wreath at their war memorial.

There's another busy two weeks coming up especially for 5B who are starting their swimming lessons.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ryder

Check out our social media!



[@aragonprimary](https://www.instagram.com/aragonprimary)



[@AragonPrimary](https://www.facebook.com/AragonPrimary)



Diary Dates

November

- 14th - Odd Socks Day
- 14/15th - Y2 Church Trip
- 14th - 5B Swimming starts
- 17th - 5E Class Assembly
- 18th - Children In Need Day
- 24th - 5B Class Assembly
- Wb 28th - Humanities Week

December

- 1st - 4B Class Assembly
- 2nd - PTA Movie Night
- 5th - Y4/Y6 Emmanuel Church Concert
- 6th - Y3/Y5 Morden Baptist Concert
- 7th/8th - Nursery Nativity
- 8th - Y5 Loudmouth Theatre Company
- 9th - Xmas Jumper Day
- 9th - Friends of Aragon Xmas Fair
- 12th/13th - Reception Nativity
- 12th/13th - Y1 Nativity
- 13th - School Pantomime
- 14th - Christmas Dinner Day

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Achievement Awards **7.11.22**

6B - Elliot for much improved writing in English lessons- you wrote an excellent pledge!

6F - Prithiksha for an excellent improvement in her participation in lessons- keep it up!

5B - Hei Nam for exceptional work in maths.

5E - Cheyuran for MUCH better presentation in his books.

5L - Megan for excellent effort and resilience in Maths.

4B - Rae for excellent tennis skills in P.E.

4H - Erica for an excellent setting description in English and always trying her best!

4J - Oscar for fantastic descriptive writing.

3A - Paige for beautifully presented work in Maths!

3AB - Blu for excellent effort in English!

3LB - Iva for a fantastic poetry piece!

2G - Sophia for her amazing subtraction work with renaming. Well done!

2R - Max for his excellent effort and progress last week

when learning how to subtract with renaming.

2W - Oscar for improving his writing and always working hard!

IB - Amelie for always following the golden rules and being helpful in the classroom

IDV - Alex for excellent class discussion and going above and beyond in her learning.

IM - Amelie for determination for understanding subtraction in Maths.

RC - Fallon for always following the Golden Rules and for being a super role model

RP - Niamh for being really kind and helpful to all of the adults in your class. Well done Niamh!

RT - Harvey for settling back in so well after half term and working so hard to follow our golden rules!



Did you know...?

You may be able to get free school meals, food vouchers in school holidays, free holiday schemes and extra funding for your child's school through the 'Pupil Premium'. Check your eligibility and save hundreds of pounds whilst helping raise money for your child's school. <https://www.merton.gov.uk/>

Winter Weather

Clothing: As we move into a colder, wetter season, please remind your children that regardless of the weather in the mornings, they must now be bringing a coat into school every day, preferably with a hood.



Year 4 Trip

Year 4 will be going to Ufton Court to partake in a Roman day!

Please login to Parentpay to pay for your child to go and give permission for this exciting trip!



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Spotlight on Year 3

What an amazing start to the year the children have made! Even though the children have had to adapt to more homework and increased independence being expected of them, they are all thriving.

In our English unit, the children have been reading a book called 'The Day I Swapped My Dad For Two Goldfish'. Throughout the unit, they have been able to predict what the main protagonist will offer for Nathan's goldfish. Successfully, the children have been able to adapt a narrative and change it into a playscript.



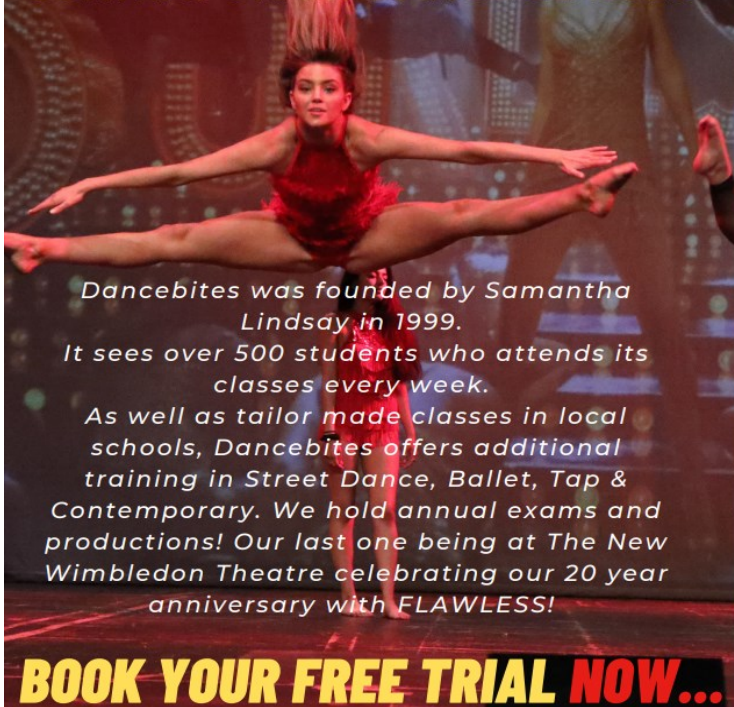
In Mathematics, the children have developed their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We have all been working incredibly hard to convey our understanding of the mathematics through using bar models and number discs.

To understand how fossils are made, the children made their very own fossils. The children enjoyed this activity and were thrilled when they could take these home.

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Dancebites was founded by Samantha Lindsay in 1999.

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MONDAYS

4.00-4.30 - Pre Primary Ballet (ages 4-6)

4.30-5.00 - Pre Primary Tap (ages 4-6)

5.00-5.45 - Senior Tap (ages 10+)

5.45-6.30 - Senior Street Dance (ages 10+)

6.30-7.15 - Senior Contemporary (ages 10+)

The Old Ruts Club
Poplar Road
SW19 3JS

Starts: Monday 9th January 2023

BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL HERE!

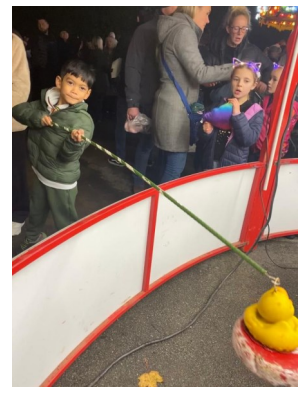
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Fireworks Night

Here are a few photo highlights of our own Firework celebration that we held last Thursday- what a fantastic evening it was! Thank you so much to everybody who bought tickets and came along to support the school. A huge thank you must also go to all the organisers, Mrs Kennett and Miss Granelli who made the evening so successful.



Spotlight on Miss Barnes

My name is Miss Barnes and I am the lovely 5B'S class teacher! I am brand new to Aragon and new to teaching in the UK as I have recently qualified through Sutton SCITT. Before joining the SCITT, I lived abroad for 5 years as an English Teacher in Thailand and was lucky enough to visit lots of different countries along the way! The best thing about my time away, besides from the beautiful scenery was the amazing food I was able to try across South East Asia (I did have to get used to spicy foods!).

I really enjoy talking about all the amazing places our students here at Aragon are connected to or have visited. My favourite thing to when I am not teaching is to walk my dog, Rocco. Rocco came all the way from Thailand with me and is still trying to get used to the weather!

I am so excited to get to know all our brilliant students so if you see me around school, stop for a chit chat!



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WELLBEING AT ARAGON PRIMARY



We recognise the **IMPORTANT** role school plays in supporting your child's **MENTAL HEALTH** and **WELLBEING** and endeavour to ensure that all of our pupils feel **HAPPY, SAFE** and **SECURE**. In recognition of this, we have recently appointed a team of **WELLBEING SPECIALISTS** from across the school who are looking at the provision and support we provide our children with. We would like you to meet this team:



Miss A Blake: PSHE Lead



Miss O'Sullivan: Inclusion Co-Ordinator



Mr Myers: Assistant Head Teacher



Mrs Wingate: Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead



Miss Ellerby: Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Lead



Mrs Kent and Mrs Aldis: Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

If you have any questions about the support we can provide and offer your child please feel free to ask a member of this team, or speak your child's class teacher who will be able to assist you.

Also, this section of the newsletter will keep you updated with activities that are taking place in school, helpful links and resources and ideas on how you can support wellbeing at home.

We hope enjoy it and find it useful!

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Reception have kickstarted their Celebrations topic with Bonfire Night. They've been busy making their own firework pictures and sparklers. They had much fun using the glitter and paint to explore their creative side!



Year 1 went on an Autumn walk this week looking at different aspects of nature and seasons. The children loved discussing the weather and how it changed as we were walking. They collected natural objects such as stones, sticks and leaves then made some art relating this to their knowledge of Andy Goldsworthy. They had a fantastic time!



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Ofsted 'outstanding' in all categories 2021

'Trainees receive first-class support' - Ofsted 2021

Exceptionally high employment rates
in local schools

Are you looking for a rewarding, exciting career?
Perhaps you are looking for a career change?
Do you know someone interested in teaching?

Upcoming Events

Open Mornings

Come and visit one of our schools; observe a lesson, have a tour, speak with the team and past and current trainees:

Secondary: Thursday 17th
November 9-11am

Primary: Thursday 17th
November 9-11am

Webinar

Thursday 1st December 5 - 6pm

School Experience

You can spend a day at one of our schools to get a flavour of a day in the life of a teacher.

Sign up via this weblink.

<https://schoolexperience.education.gov.uk/>

Current Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for trainee teachers in **Primary** and the following **Secondary subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Maths, MFL, History, Geography, Drama, Design Technology, Physical Education, Physical Education with EBacc and Music.**

Significant bursaries are available for some subjects. For more info visit getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support/scholarships-and-bursaries



get in touch!

To book onto one of our events or have a chat about our vacancies, contact our SCITT Manager, Rachel Fagan on **020 8410 0006** or rfa@glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk



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Curriculum maps

Updated curriculum maps are now on the website.

These maps give an overview of your child's learning in all subjects for the half term.

[Year 6 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 5 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 4 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 3 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 2 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 1 Curriculum Map](#)

[Reception Curriculum Map](#)

Aragon Primary School Curriculum Map

Year 4

English

We will be studying a wide range of genres and creating pieces of writing based on the following stimuli:

[Macbeth](#): Suspense writing

[My Teacher](#): Biographies

[The Drowsy Menace](#): Seasonal Poetry

Maths

Order and compare numbers beyond 1000. Recognise the place value of each digit in a 4-digit number. Order and compare numbers beyond 1000. Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

Add/subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of column addition where appropriate. Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.

Reading

The Boy Who Biked

The World

Overheard in a Tower

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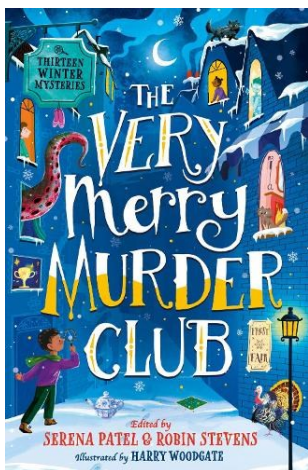
Attendance 2/11/22-9/11/22

We know that sometimes illness can't be avoided but now we are fully re-open and trying to close all the gaps in the children's learning from the national lockdowns, we really would appreciate you getting your children into school everyday and on time.

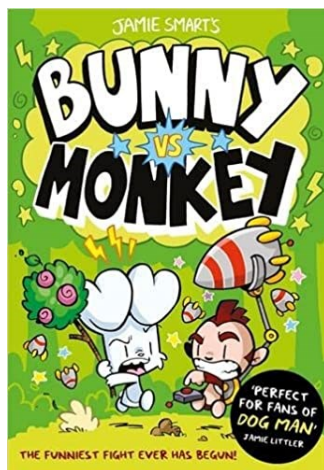
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| 5E | 94.1% | 1B | 98.3% |
| 5L | 97.9% | 1DV | 97.1% |
| 4B | 96.7% | 1M | 94.6% |
| 4H | 97.7% | RC | 92.5 |
| 4J | 95.0% | RP | 94.7% |
| 3A | 91.1% | RT | 90.8% |
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Reading Matters: Click on the book to take you to a description!

Y5/6



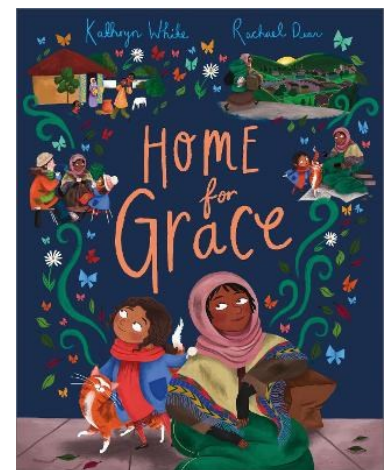
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Safeguarding

Children have a right to be cared for and protected; protecting them is everyone's responsibility. Here at Aragon Primary School, we have a duty of care to ensure that all users of the school are kept safe from harm.

We are committed to provide a secure and supportive environment in which children can develop and grow into mature and responsible people. Safeguarding children is an essential part of our holistic approach to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect and that every child reaches their full potential. To report a safeguarding concern or for any queries contact: kaldis@aragon.merton.sch.uk

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Little Wandle Letters and Sounds

At Aragon we value early reading and as such you may have noticed your Reception or Year 1 child talking about 'Phonics'! Aragon Primary School uses Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) developed for schools by schools.

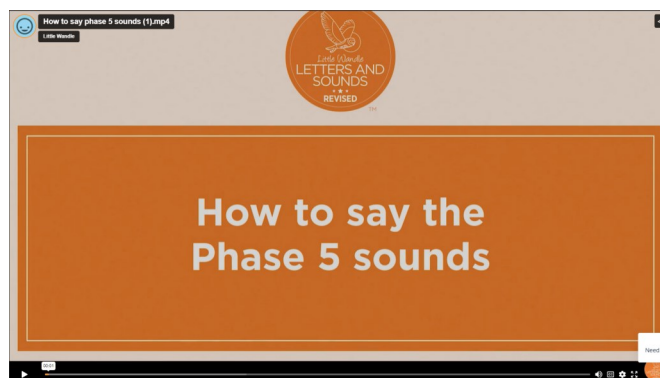


[Why not have a look at their 'Parent' page and see how to support your child at home with their reading. Click here.](#)



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2

Click the picture: Sounds taught in Reception this half-term



Click the picture: Sounds taught in Year 1

House Point Leaderboard

Phoenix



2033

Griffin



1988

Dragon



1684

Unicorn



1652

Spelling Shed



Class Winners

1. 6B
2. 6F
3. 4B

Top Spellers

1. Ella 4B
2. Kieran 6B
3. Evie 1M

Times Table Rockstars



Class Winners

1. 4H
2. 3LB
3. 5B

Rock Legends

1. Aananya 5A
2. Yakub 4B
3. Prathieha 5H

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COFFEE MORNING



PARENT MEET-UP

We would like to invite you to an informal coffee morning every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 starting after half term. Feel free to drop in if you can. Please come to the office where you will be collected. Everyone welcome. We hope to see lots of you there for an opportunity to meet new people and have a chat.

Any questions please contact Kelly Aldis.

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