

# Aragon School Newsletter

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**Friday 7th October 2022**



Hello everyone!

I hope you have all been well over the last two weeks.

School life has settled back into its regular rhythm; We have elected our new School Council representatives (see page 4), they have had their first meeting already and elected roles and have some very exciting plans for

the year. Our House Captains have until today to apply for their roles, so there will be news of that in the next newsletter.

Lots of children in Key Stage 2 visited Wimbledon Bookfest and loved it! They behaved beautifully and made us all very proud. Year 3 and 4 loved their author, Maddie Aderin-Pocock, who 'took them to space and back'! Year 5 wrote a mystery story while they were there and Year 6 were excited to meet David Almond whose book 'Skellig' they read in Whole Class Reading!

Year 6 have had more going on with a workshop from 'Show Racism the Red Card' which they all enjoyed and some children had Bikability (pg. 4) training too.

We are busy creating 'reading nooks' around the school for the children to enjoy a bit of quiet reading – they have lots of posters around them with recommendations from staff as well.

Please do come and join me next Friday (14th) for our 'Friends of Aragon' meeting at 9 in the top hall and also don't forget to buy tickets for our annual fireworks display on November 3rd. There will be some fairground rides and our new caterers 'The Pantry' will be providing some hot food too.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Ryder



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## Diary Dates

### October

- 10th - World Mental Health Day
- 14th - Friends of Aragon Coffee Morning
- 17th - Y3/Y5 Diwali Workshop
- Wb 17th—Book Fair in School Office
- 18th - Parent's Evening
- 19th - Parent's Evening
- 19th - School Photo Day
- 20th - Y2 West End Workshop
- 21st - Wear Red Day
- 24th - 28th - Half Term
- 31st - INSET Day

### November

- 1st - INSET Day
- 3rd - Fireworks Night
- 9th - Flu Immunisation Day
- 10th - Y3 Science Museum Trip
- 11th - School Council Mufti Day
- 14th - Y2 Church Trip
- 18th - Children In Need Day

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# Achievement Awards 26.9.22/3.10.22

6B -

6F - Blake for working incredibly hard in all lessons!

5B - Joshan for excellent effort and improvement in maths.

5E - Hope for incredible effort and sportsmanship during Sports Day.

5L - Somor for excellent effort in PE lessons.

4B - Ruby for great effort with her English work.

4H - Sianna for excellent work in maths and taking care in her presentation.

4J - Julia for fantastic work in rounding during our math's lessons.

3A - Elsie for working super hard in Maths.

3AB - Khaveli for great effort and concentration

3LB - Alessia for working hard and staying on task!

2G - Harley-Jay for amazing addition work in maths.

Well done!

2R - Ashwin for his polite manners.

2W - Arin for creating an incredible artwork.

1B - Ivy for settling in well and always being on task.

1DV - Molly for always following the Golden Rules

1M - Ayat for always following the golden rules.

RC - Anabelle for always being a good friend

RP - Mika for being such a kind friend to one of your friends when they were upset. Well done!

RT - Remi for an amazing start to Reception, always following the golden rules and being a great role model!

6B - Timothy for settling in very well to Aragon.

6F - Wali for excellent retrieval skills in History!

5B - Sofia for writing an excellent non-chronological report on migration in English.

5E - Eddie for adapting to using a laptop everyday since being unable to write after fracturing his finger!

5L - Antoni for excellent effort in all subjects

4B - Jesse for challenging himself during English lessons.

4H - Eugenia for phenomenal presentation in Maths.

4J - Alice for great effort in her English lessons.

3A - Roman for excellent effort and progress in Maths.

3LB - Noah for excellent resilience and working hard in maths!

2G - Dixie for her fantastic non-fiction writing about animals. Well done!

2R - Mia for showing real resilience in the last few weeks.

2W - Charlie J for having impeccable manners and being an excellent role model.

1B - Ivy for settling in well, always on task and asks for help when she needs it.

1DV - Vinnie for excellent participation in group work.

1M - Dev for always trying his hardest in ALL subjects.

RC - Kiall for always following the Golden Rules and for always trying his very best!

RP - Arthur for your amazing participation in phonics this week. You are on fire! Well done Arthur!

RT - Freya for always being so kind!

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## Spotlight on Year 5

Hello from Year 5! We are having a wonderful start to the year and Mr Lillie, Miss Barnes and Miss Ellerby have been blown away by the hard work and effort the children have been putting in.



In Maths, we've been learning all about place value and using these skills to complete complex addition and subtraction sums. We've spent thousands of minutes perfecting these techniques and our test scores have been in the hundreds! In English we have been reading the book 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird. It is a tale based during the civil war in Lebanon. We have been discussing what it must be like to go through war and the feelings refugees must feel. This has allowed us to explore empathy, something we have found particularly important considering in the current climate.

But it doesn't stop there! In History, we have been looking at 'The Golden Age of Baghdad' and the huge learning and teachings from this era. We've penned numbers in Arabic and learnt that numerals and algebra are from this time - something we still use today!

Pushing on with Science, we have been exploring 'Forces'. We have pulled off multiple experiments and investigations into air resistance and water resistance, as well as testing friction. Luckily, there is no resistance when it comes to Music and the great fun we have been having learning to play the glockenspiels!



Watch out Brisbane Olympics 2032 because Aragon is creating some superstar Basketball players in P.E. If they keep progressing at this rate, they'll be sure to bring home gold! Finally,



we have been channelling our inner artists and recreating some of Monet's most iconic landscapes. We have been studying 'Impressionism' and applying the skills and techniques that were used by the famous French painter. If we sold ours, I'm sure they would make lots of 'Monet' for the school!



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## **Bikeability!**

24 children from Year 6 have partaken in cycling proficiency level 2 this week. Bikeability Level 2 teaches the children to: Start and stop with more confidence; pass stationary vehicles parked on a road; understand the road: signals, signs and road markings; negotiate the road: including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts; share the road with other vehicles.



## **School Council—Mrs Jones**

Over the past few weeks, children from Year 2-6 have been busy writing their application forms for school council, presenting their ideas to their class and voting has taken place. We have an excellent bunch of children elected to our school council! Each member of year 5 and 6 have taken on extra important roles. I would like to say congratulations to: Mollie, Beau, Yasmin, Blake, Dulcie, Ruby, Elsie and Isabel who have taken on the roles of chairperson, vice chair, a treasurer, secretary and, brand new roles of, governor liaison officers and public liaison officers. So, watch this space as we have many awesome ideas for school improvement and fundraising that we can't wait to start rolling out.

I'm very much looking forward to working along side these children, who have already shown amazing ideas and super commitment to their roles! Here's to a great year!



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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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## Sports Days

So much fun was had at September's sports days. There was so much fantastic sportsmanship shown throughout and lots of great sporting talent! Well done to all who participated and thanks to all of our spectators for the support they gave the children. Well done to Griffin who won the Respect Award and Phoenix who had the most overall points, winning lots of points for their house team.



## Room 13

Here at Aragon, we are so proud of our wonderful Room 13- a studio where our pupils in Years 3-6 can visit and enjoy lots of arts and craft activities with Louise, our resident artist.

Currently, Tuesday lunch times are available for any KS2 pupils (free of charge) to drop in, explore and 'have a go' for fun! No sign up is needed for this session.

On Thursday lunchtimes, we have more specialised sessions for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 (also free of charge) where the children will be supported and advised on how to improve their artistic skills. If you believe your child may be interested in this, please encourage them to add their name to the sign up sheet outside Room 13 and bring a packed lunch on Thursdays. Take a look at Room 13 in action!



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## Phase Leaders

The below staff are our Phase Leaders. They are responsible for all of the children and staff within their phase, and support Mrs Ryder and Mr Gilbert in securing the best possible outcomes for the school. As parents, you are invited to contact the phase leader, who oversees your child's year group with any positive comments or queries.

- Miss Nicola Pearce is our Phase Leader overseeing Reception and Nursery
- Ms Anna Garcia is our Phase Leader overseeing Y1, Y2 and Y3
- Miss Ellie Ballantine is our Phase Leader overseeing Y4, Y5 and Y6

Ms Pearce

Ms Garcia

Ms Ballantine



You can contact them via email on [aragon@aragon.merton.sch.uk](mailto:aragon@aragon.merton.sch.uk) stating who you wish to contact or via the school number on 020 8337 0505.

## 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](#)

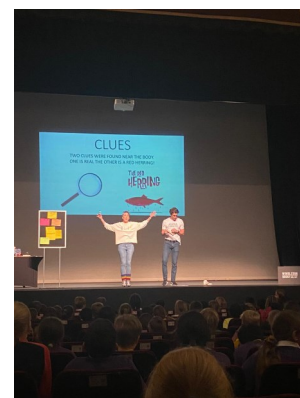
### Aragon Primary School Curriculum Map

Year 4			
<b>English</b> We will be studying a wide range of genres and creating pieces of writing based on the following stimuli: <i>Marshmallow</i> , Suspense writing My Teacher: Biographies <i>The Dandelion Menace</i> , Seasonal Poetry	<b>Maths</b> 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 columnar addition where appropriate. Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.	<b>Science: Living things and their habitats</b> recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.	<b>PE: Netball</b> - Children develop movement and ball handling skills. They learn simple attacking tactics as part of a small team, and start to think about how to organise themselves to defend their goal. Play with a basic court set-up.
<b>Reading</b> The Boy Who Bled The World Overhead in a Tower Book Stitch Head	<b>Music: Mamma Mia!</b> As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well known song Mamma Mia, children will learn and appreciate more ABBA hits.	<b>Art: Pop Art</b> explore what constitutes art and why people's opinions on what art is differ before delving into the Pop art movement, investigating a variety of works by Warhol and other Pop art artists and producing their own.	<b>Computing: General IT</b> Review using the missing tool. Review using a document and making a folder. Formatting text: using bold, italics, underlining and changing the colour font.
<b>RE: Buddhism</b> I can start to show an understanding of why people think it is difficult to be happy all the time. I can tell you some of the things Siddhartha did to try to be happy and explain why I think they didn't work for him. I can begin to show an understanding of what being 'happy' means to Buddhists.	<b>RE: Christianity</b> I can explain why being blessed to and listening to others is important in my school community. I can explain why being democratic is important and can help me and others feel valued.	<b>RE: Judaism</b> I can explain why being blessed to and listening to others is important in my school community. I can explain why being democratic is important and can help me and others feel valued.	<b>RE: Islam</b> I can explain why being blessed to and listening to others is important in my school community. I can explain why being democratic is important and can help me and others feel valued.

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## Wimbledon BookFest

Check out these fantastic pictures from Wimbledon BookFest!



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# **FIREWORKS**

*Extravaganza  
2022*

**THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**TICKETS £7 PP AGES 3 & UNDER FREE BUT STILL NEED A TKT**

**GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM, CLOSE AT 6.45PM  
DISPLAY STARTS AT 7PM**

**FOOD | DRINKS | RIDES | SWEETS & SNACKS**

**[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/ARAGON](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/ARAGON)**



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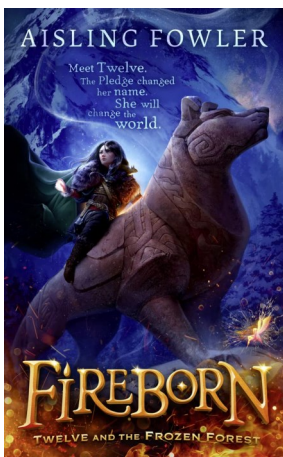
# Attendance 5/9/22-8/9/22

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.

<b>6B</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>2G</b>	<b>88.4%</b>
<b>6F</b>	<b>94.1%</b>	<b>2R</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>2W</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>5E</b>	<b>96.0%</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>93.4%</b>
<b>5L</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>1DV</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
<b>4B</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>1M</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>4H</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>RC</b>	<b>91.3%</b>
<b>4J</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	<b>RP</b>	<b>91.1%</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>RT</b>	<b>87.4%</b>
<b>3AB</b>	<b>97.5%</b>		
<b>3LB</b>	<b>97.1%</b>		

## Reading Matters: Click on the book to take you to a description!

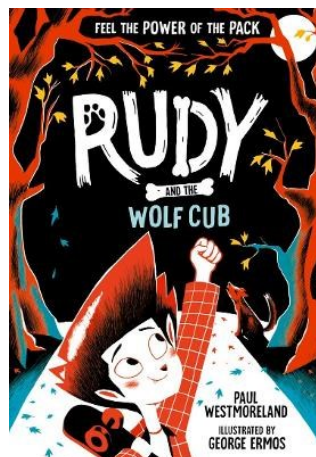
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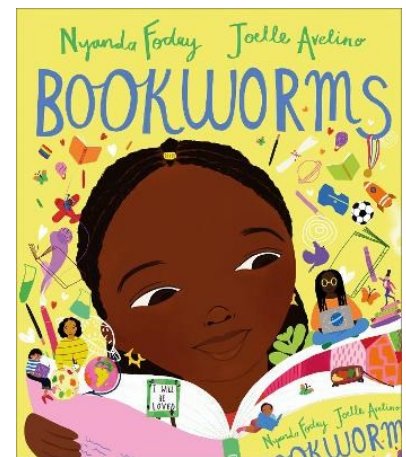
Y3/4



Y1/2



EYFS



### 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](mailto: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.](#)

The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home. Find their full Reception and Year 1 teaching programme overview [here](#) to see what your child will learn and when.

[Click here ----->](#)



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1

### House Point Leaderboard

Unicorn		5815
Phoenix		5457
Griffin		5290
Dragon		5231

### Spelling Shed



#### Class Winners

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

#### Top Spellers

1. Ella 4B
2. Kara 3A
3. Lilia 4B

### Times Table Rockstars



#### Class Winners

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

#### Rock Legends

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

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# National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022

## Poster Competition

**This National Hate Crime Awareness Week, Stop Hate UK is raising awareness of hate & creating hope for the future.**

*And we need your help to spread the message that hate is never acceptable & if you experience it or witness it, you should report it.*

### **Our Mission:**

- ✓ To combat prejudice & hate
- ✓ To support those affected
- ✓ To educate towards a Hate free society

### **Our Vision:**

*A world which is free from hate, harassment, and discrimination.*

**Submit your poster & win £30 voucher at Waterstones**

- Open to ages: 4-7yrs, 8-10yrs, & 11-14yrs
- Powerful designs, slogans & pictures all welcome
- Mayor of Merton judges winning entries from each group!

**Closing date: 30th October 2022**

**Entries can be submitted via [safer.merton@merton.gov.uk](mailto:safer.merton@merton.gov.uk)**



**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

Stop Hate UK's Helpline is a 24-hour reporting service for all monitored strands of a person's identity or perceived identity (Disability, Race, Faith, Sexual orientation, and Transgender identity, Age & Alternative subculture). You can read about our work here: <http://www.stophateuk.org>.

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Merton council

# Wonderdome - Planetarium Show



## Saturday 8 October, Wimbledon Library

Join us during Libraries Week for a fascinating, fun and interactive Planetarium Show which takes you on a journey through space.

Children will learn amazing facts about our solar system and beyond, including taking a flying visit to and learning information about our incredible neighbouring planets. Is it possible to live on them? And what makes Planet Earth so special that life thrives here?

There are 4 sessions available:

- 13:15-13:45 - show 1
- 14:00-14:30 - show 2
- 14:45-15:15 - show 3 - SEND session
- 15:30-16:00 - show 4

All parents and children need tickets to attend

Booking required, visit Eventbrite [www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk) or scan the QR code.



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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

## BAME VOICE PRESENTS



### "BRIDGING THE GAP"



What is available for young people in Merton?  
How can we bridge the existing gap of opportunity  
for all the young people in the borough?

Hear their  
stories, their  
hopes and  
wishes for the  
future.

Wimbledon Library  
35 Wimbledon Hill Road  
London SW19 7NB

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**11am – 4pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

*Food*

**PRIZES**

*Music*

**Youth Stalls**

**International Star Alim Kamara**

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