

Aragon School Newsletter

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Friday 9th September 2022



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to Aragon! I hope you all had a great summer despite the weather. It does seem unfair that we are now having a heatwave!!

We've had a quiet week here, all the children getting to know their new teachers and teaching assistants, getting used to their new routines and finding their way to their new rooms. We've also changed our lunchtime routines so that all the children in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 can play together - it's been lovely to see children of all ages involved in the same games.

We had 4 of our classrooms painted this summer (1H, 1B, 3G and 3M) they are looking great and the front of the school has had a facelift too! The trim trail has been completely refitted and the outside gym equipment has had its annual health and safety check.

Thank you to everyone who dropped off scooters, buggies and toys for OPAL over the holiday, it's so kind of you. We're now on the look out for large sheets/tarpaulin, suitcases and even more scooters!! If anyone has any table tennis bats and balls they don't want, we'd love those too.

I have no more updates on the RAAC situation but will email when we have the results after the survey next week.

Regards,

Clare Ryder

Check out our social media!



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



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



Diary Dates

September

WB 18th - Y5 Bikeability

22nd - Jeans for Genes Day

WB 25th - Y5 Bikeability

29th - National Teaching Assistant Day

29th - Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

6th - National Poetry Day

6th - Y6 Show Racism the Red Card

6th - R Share a Story/Coffee Morning

10th - World Mental Health Day

10th - Y5 Wimbledon BookFest

10th - Y4 Wimbledon BookFest

13th - Y1 Share a Story/Coffee Morning

16th - Y3 Wimbledon BookFest

17th - Y2 Wimbledon BookFest

18th - Parent's Evening & Book Fair

19th - Y6 Wimbledon BookFest

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20th - Y5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop

20th - Y1 Wimbledon BookFest

20th - Y2 Share a Story/Coffee Morning

23rd-27th - Half Term

WB 30th - Y5 Swimming (2 weeks)

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Turn on the Subtitles!

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **double the chances of a child becoming good at reading**†. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy so much that we want to shout it from the rooftops!

†Based on an academic study of 2,350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone. But when exposed to 30 minutes a week of subtitled film songs, that proportion more than doubled to 70%. There are lots of studies about the benefits of subtitles. This is just one! Check out our [research page](#) to find out more.



Year 6 Parents

The application process for children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 starts on 1 September 2023. The closing date is 31 October 2023. If you have recently moved or your circumstances have changed an on-time application can be accepted up until 12 December 2023 with supporting evidence. Applications received without an explanation or evidence will be processed as late applications and will not be considered until after all on-time applications. We would urge all parents to read through the website. <https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/dates>



Parking



We would like to remind all parents/carers to park considerately when collecting or dropping off children from school at any time, in Aragon Road and Tudor Drive. Aragon Road is not accessible to vehicles from 8.00-9.15 and 14.45-16.00 and is monitored by CCTV Cameras. The police will be patrolling and will continue to monitor drivers with covert and visible CCTV.

Get well soon!

We wanted to give you an update on Miss Amy Blake, who was not here at the end of last term.

Miss Blake is currently undergoing treatment at The Royal Marsden for a curable cancer. She wanted us to send you all a message to say 'Hi' and that she misses you all. She hopes that all the children have a great year and hopes to see them soon.



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

We are hosting a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on **Friday 29th September, 9:00am – 10:00am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm** in the bottom Hall as part of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning/Afternoon'.

This is an opportunity for you to catch up with other parents and carers over a cuppa and enjoy some tasty treats – whilst raising money to help us make sure no one must face cancer alone.

We are asking for cake donations for this event too - if you can help, then please let us know and sending your delicious donations into the school office on Thursday 28th September. By giving a donation, your child will also earn themselves 20 house points!

We will also be having a **MUFTI-DAY** where the theme is 'Odd Dress'. Be as creative as you can as we would love to see a mash-up of different styles, colours, and clothes. We would also kindly request a donation of £1 with all donations given to Macmillan cancer support.

Cancer has directly affected the lives of our pupils, their families and staff in school and it is important that we make this a successful event.

We hope to see you there and please invite family and friends to join us.

Thank you.

Share a Story and Coffee Morning

Last year, we introduced our share a story and coffee morning where parents were invited to come into school and read with their child, see their classroom and stay for a coffee and chat! They were so popular that we would love to invite you in again. Please see the dates below:

Reception - 6/10/23

Y4 - 17/11/23

Y1 - 13/10/23

Y5 - 19/1/24

Y2 - 20/10/23

Whole School -

Y3 - 3/11/23

1/2/24



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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 stating who you wish to contact or via the school number on 020 8337 0505.

Spotlight on Mr Kennedy

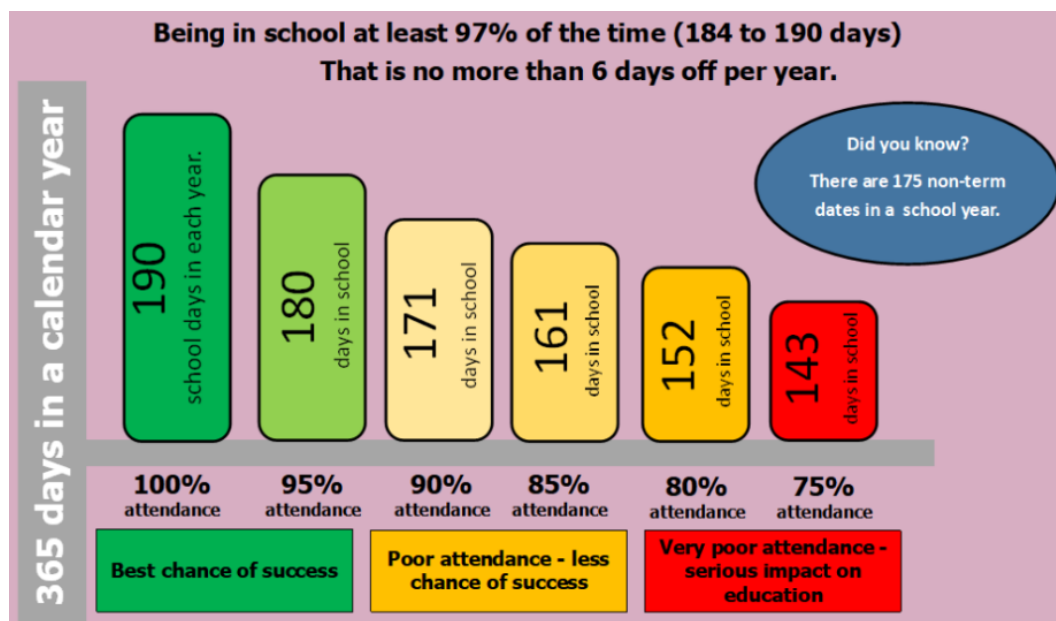
Hello! My name is Mr Kennedy, and I am a brand-new teacher here at Aragon! Firstly, thank you to all the wonderful children and staff in year 5 and throughout the school that have made me feel so welcome upon arrival!



I am coming into my second year as a teacher now and cannot wait to continue to master my craft while teaching some amazing children at Aragon. In my spare time I love being in the outdoors and enjoy biking or walking (especially in the countryside) whenever I get the chance. On the weekends I also love watching football, although as a Tottenham fan it's not always enjoyable. I hope that's helped you to get to know me a bit more and if you ever see me around the school be sure to say a big hello – I will always make time for a good chit chat!

Holiday Requests

We have had a large number of requests for taking holiday in term time. Any requests, except those in exceptional circumstances, will be unauthorised and could result in you being fined.



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Attendance 5/9/23-8/9/23

Congratulations to all the classes who achieved an attendance of 96% or more!

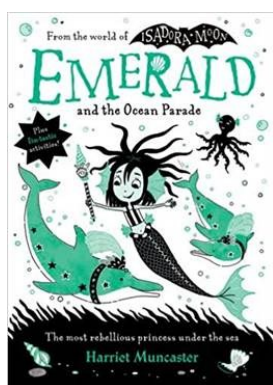
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6MB	98.9%	2W	99.5%
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5K	97.8%	1C	94.8%
5L	98.4%	1H	96.7%
4AB	94.2%	RA	100%
4H	92.1%	RP	100%
4LB	93.1%	RS	90.6%
3B	83.9%	School	96.3%
3G	99.4%		
3M	100%		

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

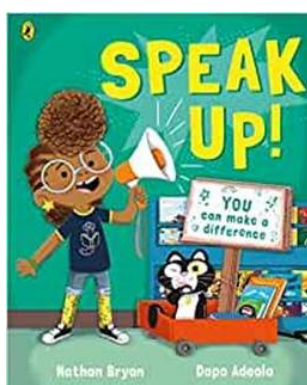
Y5/6



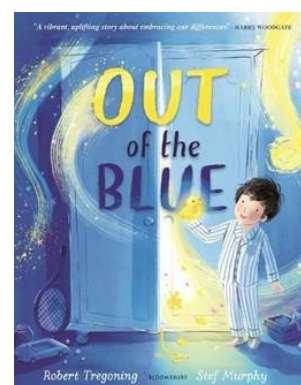
Y3/4



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

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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.

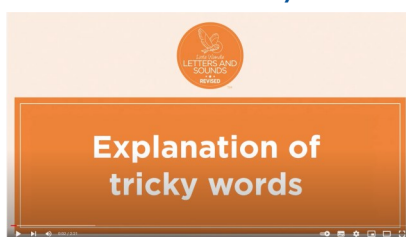


[Why not have a look at their 'Parent' page and see how to support your child at home with their reading. Click here.](#)

A quick guide to alien words



How we teach tricky words



How we teach blending



House Point Leaderboard

Unicorn



1489

Griffin



1264

Phoenix



1127

Dragon



1106

Spelling Shed



Class Winners

1. 6MB
2. 4LB
3. 6F

Top Spellers

1. Brooklyn 4LB
2. Dhruvan 4AB
3. Ennis 6F

Times Table Rockstars



Class Winners

1. 4H
2. 3M
3. 4LB

Rock Legends

1. Albie 5L
2. Yakub 5K
3. Hailey 5E

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Get Ready for 'Jeans for Genes' - Friday 22nd September

On Friday 17th September, we are inviting children to come into school wearing **their jeans, alongside their Aragon jumper and shirt**. We are asking for a £1 donation to support the Jeans for Genes charity.



We know 1 in every 25 children has a genetic disorder – roughly one child in every class. It might be known: it may be physical or an easily observed difference or it could be invisible, or a reason why someone can't join in as much as they'd like.



Together, this Friday 17th September, we can fire up our fundraising engines, slip into our jeans and join forces to raise monies to help fund projects and programmes across the UK.

It might be a service that makes sure that child can join in, or a family counselling service, or a specialist nurse to help them with their journey. Whatever they need, together we can make it happen. All we need are fundraisers & organisers like you!

Let the in-jeanious fundraising begin!

Your fundraising for Jeans for Genes helps transform the lives of millions of individuals in the UK, living with a genetic disorder. With the help of our wonderful charity partners, here's some of the incredible work we've done, together. For more examples of what you've helped achieve, visit jeansforgenes.org



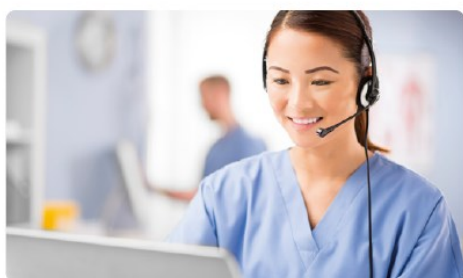
£125 helps children experience a holiday activity club

Staffed by specialist support workers, these clubs allow children with complex needs to learn and play in a safe environment when their special needs schools are closed.



£500 helps fund specialist equipment

Walking frames, specialist car seats, hoists and buggies allow those whose mobility is limited by their genetic disorder to participate more actively in family life.



£25 helps pay for trained helpline staff

Helplines for genetic disorders are run by nurses, counsellors and specialists in welfare and social care. They provide emotional and practical support when families are most in need.



£1,000 helps fund a specialist nurse

Genetic disorders are so rare that families have a very difficult challenge to identify the right medical support for their child. Nurses who are experts in a specific disorder can help families access the right medical care, when they need it.

**THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT**

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