

# Aragon School Newsletter

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**Friday 6th October 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you are all well and first of all I must thank you all for your incredible generosity at our Macmillan coffee morning/afternoon last Friday. Not only did you donate hundreds of cakes but you raised £851.36. We can't thank you enough for your support of this wonderful charity.

Thanks for bringing your children into school! - it has been a great term for attendance so far and currently we are at 96.7% which is really good.

We've had another week of Bikeability for Year 5 and Years 6 and Year 1 have been on Geography field trips to Joseph Hood Park and King Georges. Year 6 were also lucky to have an anti-racism workshop 'Show Racism the Red Card' which they said they got so much out of!

It's been a busy time for Reception, they had tennis lessons from the Tim Henman Foundation this week and this morning their parents came in to 'share a story' and have a coffee. It was a great turn out. Year 1, yours is next Friday, the 13th.

Keep safe and well,

Mrs Ryder

Check out our social media!



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



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## **Diary Dates**

### October

- 6th - National Poetry Day
- Wb 9<sup>th</sup> - Black History Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Y5 Wimbledon Book Fest
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Wimbledon Book Fest
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Kandace Chimburi Talk
- 10<sup>th</sup> - World Mental Health Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Y1 Parent Story & Coffee
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Wimbledon Book Fest
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Wimbledon Book Fest
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Parent's Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent's Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Wimbledon Book Fest
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Mufti Day (wear red)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Y5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Parent Story & Coffee
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - Half Term
- 30<sup>th</sup> - School Council Competition
- Wb 30<sup>th</sup> - Y5 Swimming

### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fireworks Night
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Y3 Parent Story & Coffee
- Wb 6<sup>th</sup> - 5L Swimming
- Wb 13<sup>th</sup> - Anti-Bullying Week
- Wb 13<sup>th</sup> - 5L Swimming
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Upton Court Trip
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Mufti (Children in Need)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Coffee & Story
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Y2 Hampton Court Palace
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Phileas Fogg Drama Workshop

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## **National Teaching Assistant Day**



National Teaching Assistants' Day is an awareness day taking place on 29 September for 2023. Teaching assistants work long hours in classrooms across the UK. Their vital work to support children's education has always deserved greater recognition. This is a way to show them our thanks. Here at Aragon, we held a big assembly so the children could thank their TAs and each one was presented with a certificate and a badge that they could proudly wear on their lanyard.

## **Share a Story and Coffee Morning - Reception**

We kicked off our Read a Story and Coffee Morning in Reception this week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended! Year 1's turn next week!



## **Reception Tennis Lessons**

We have been very lucky in Reception and have had a coach from the Tim Henman Foundation teach us basic ball skills and control. Every Monday, Coach Lucy, will come in to school, to teach us some more tennis skills. Thank you to Raynes Park High School for organising this opportunity!



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### Share a Story and Coffee Morning

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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



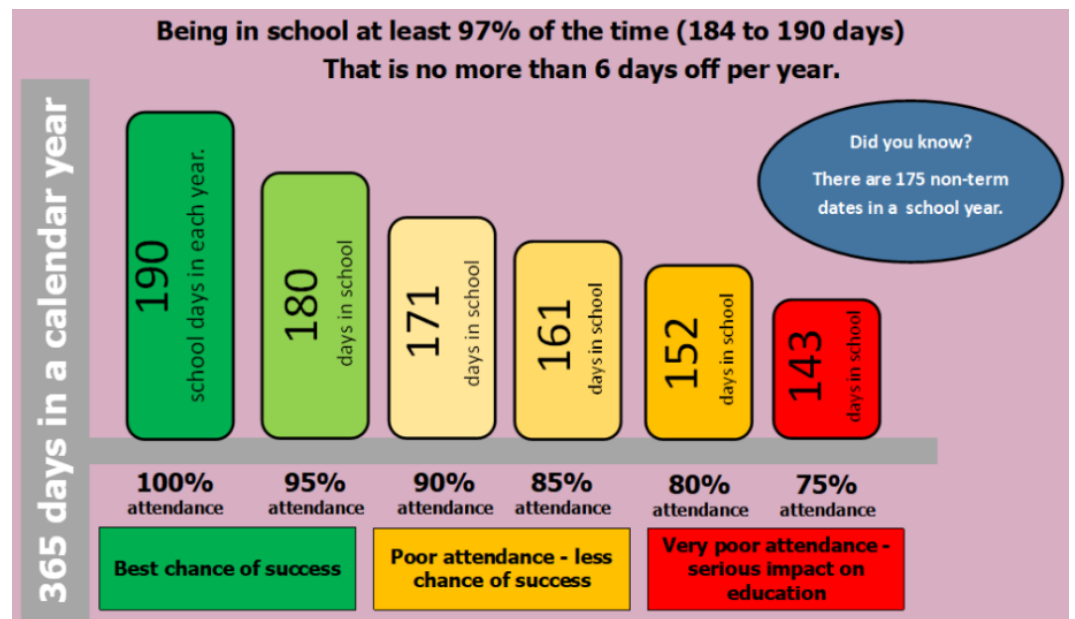
### Spotlight on Miss Hall

My name is Miss Hall and I am a Year 1 teacher. I joined Aragon Primary in September and I am loving it! Before I trained to become a teacher, I worked as a teaching assistant and I was also a gymnastics coach. In my free time I love walking my dogs (Fred and Ginger) and spending time with my friends. I am a big animal lover so if you see me around school, please tell me your favourite animal! My two favourites are a dog and an otter.



### 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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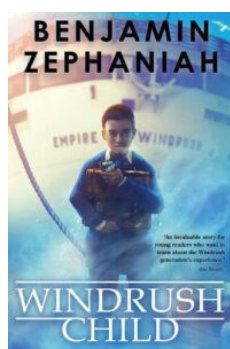
# Attendance 1/9/23-6/10/23

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

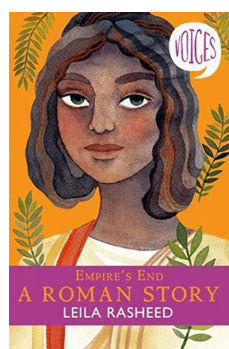
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5L	99%	1H	97.5
4AB	94.9%	RA	100%
4H	92.2%	RP	100%
4LB	92.2%	RS	92.4%
3B	87.5%	School	96.7%
3G	100%		
3M	100%		

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

Y5/6



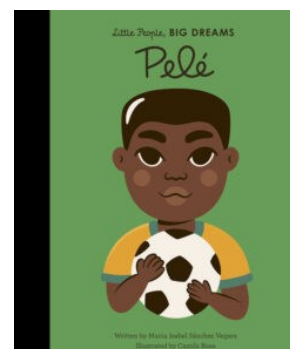
Y3/4



Y1/2



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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](mailto:kaldis@aragon.merton.sch.uk)

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## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Parenting Children with Characteristics of ADHD\*

**A webinar for primary school parents**

**\*Open to all parents and carers of children with characteristics of ADHD, whether they have a diagnosis or not.**

**NHS**  
South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
NHS Trust

Education  
Wellbeing  
Service



#### DATE / TIME

Monday 9th October 7:30-9pm

Wednesday 11th October 12.30-2pm

#### LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by following the link in the description

[wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk)

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# Bathroom Safety

Whether they're bathing in the sink or splashing around in the bathtub, children love to be in the water. Unfortunately, we have had an increased number of incidents where children of Aragon have unfortunately had accidents in the bathroom. To help keep your child safe, here are some safety tips:

## Light Pull Cords

Similar to the guidance on blind cords, light pull cords can become tangled if they are too long. Please ensure they are short enough for adults and children to use but not too long that may cause a choking hazard.



## Supervision

Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water. The golden rule is don't leave them alone even for a second. Before you run the bath be prepared with towels, shampoo and so on to hand. Never leave bath water in the bath when it is not in use (easily done when you have finally managed to bathe a wriggly baby!). If you need to answer the door or phone always take the baby with you, bath seats and bath aides are not suitable for a child to be left in unattended.



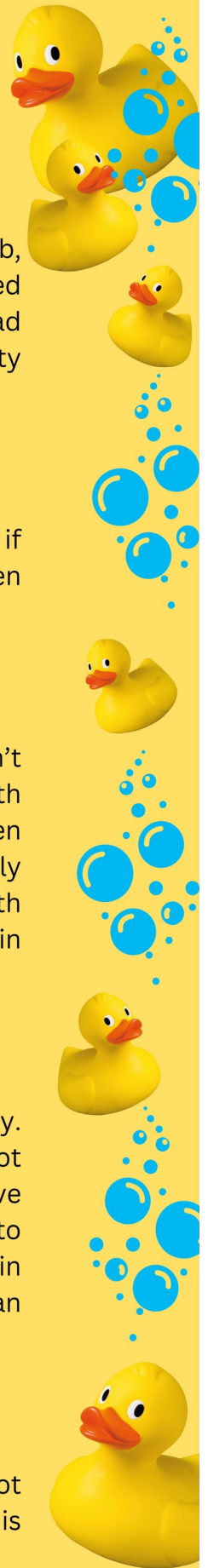
## Slips

Make sure you have non slip stickers in the bottom of the bath permanently. These are better than bath mats because they are always in place and are not a trip hazard. You can get padded tap covers if you have particularly intrusive taps and are worried about bumps to the head. It's also worth remembering to close the toilet lid to minimise the temptation of curious toddlers to play in the water. You can buy lid locks on Amazon if the toilet is proving to be an issue.



## Scalds

Run your bath with cold water before hot, to prevent scalding. Adjust your hot water heater so that the hot water is no more than 49 degrees centigrade. This will prevent boiling hot water coming out of the taps.



## Education Wellbeing Service

### Parent Webinars

#### Autumn Term SCHEDULE 2023

11TH or 12TH SEPTEMBER

##### **Finding your Feet: Emotional Wellbeing and Starting School or Nursery**

For early years primary school  
parents & carers

25TH or 26TH SEPTEMBER

##### **Through the School Gates- Overcoming Daily Challenges Getting into School**

For all primary school parents &  
carers

28TH SEPTEMBER or 2ND OCTOBER

##### **Understanding ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder)**

For all primary school parents &  
carers

9TH or 11TH OCTOBER

##### **Parenting Children With Characteristics of ADHD**

For all primary school parents &  
carers

14TH or 16 NOVEMBER

##### **Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School- The Zones of Regulation**

For all primary school parents &  
carers

13TH or 21ST NOVEMBER

##### **Understanding And Supporting Your Child With Autism Spectrum Condition**

For primary school parents of children  
with an ASC diagnosis (any age)

We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents of primary  
aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or support  
children's tricky or challenging behaviours, speak to your school to find out more

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## Education Wellbeing Service

### Parent Webinars

#### Spring & Summer Term SCHEDULE 2024

16TH or 17TH January

##### **Understanding And Supporting Your Child's Sleep**

For all primary school parents &  
carers

27TH or 29TH February

##### **Supporting Common Child Anxieties and Worries- Including Around Exams**

For KS2 parents & carers

Various Dates Across Summer Term

##### **Understanding ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder)**

For Year 6 parents & carers

TBC

##### **Supporting The Development of Healthy Body Image in Children**

For all primary school parents &  
carers

##### **instructions**

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## Merton's Big Sports Day

Two weeks ago, Rocco in 2A was picked for a very important job at Merton's Big Sports day - he had to hold the ribbon for the mayor of Merton to cut, and officially open the event. Rocco was very brave and spoke to the radio presenter from Riverside Radio, and then the programme

Maddox (Nursery) got to meet the Mayor too, as he was Star of the Week at nursery, the class mascot Piglet got to meet the mayor as well. They had a fantastic day.



### House Point Leaderboard

Unicorn



8727

Griffin



8157

Phoenix



7537

Dragon



6912

### Spelling Shed



#### Class Winners

1. 4H
2. 4AB
3. 4LB

#### Top Spellers

1. Elliot 4LB
2. Cin 6MB
3. Ian 4H

### Times Table Rockstars




#### Class Winners

1. 4H
2. 3M
3. 6B

#### Rock Legends

1. Albie 5L
2. Hei Nam 6F
3. Yakub 5K

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# Thank you for making our Coffee Morning special

Whether you joined us for the cause,  
the chatter or the tasty treats,  
your generosity helped raise a fabulous

# £841.36

to help support people living  
with cancer.



Simply scan this QR code  
with your phone  
to donate to your host's  
Coffee Morning.

It's easy, quick and secure.

Thank you.



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**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC1998\_THANK YOU POSTER

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# THANK YOU

WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you all for donating cakes and money to our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon.

Your generosity has been overwhelming, and this is reflected in the staggering total we have raised as a school community.

Thank you, thankyou!



If you provided a homemade cake, your child will receive 5 house points each. Our school council could not decide an overall winner which means, you are ALL winners! Thank you.



Congratulations to Tyler in Year 6 who has won a Colin the Caterpillar cake for guessing the nearest number of caterpillar faces. He guessed 116 and there were 123 in total. Well done – don't eat it all at once!

## How does the money from our Coffee Morning help Macmillan?

Through your generous donations, the money we have raised has helped by...

**£71** could help run our Online Community forum for over 3 hours. Typically, that would give nearly 198 people affected by cancer both emotional and practical support by providing a safe environment to share their experiences and emotions.

**£100** could pay for a person affected by cancer to attend a health and wellbeing event, providing them with skills to improve the management of these areas in their lives.

**£350** could pay for a Macmillan grant that helps a family affected by cancer take a holiday and enjoy precious time together. This can relieve financial pressure on a family that has been affected by cancer.

**£646** could pay for a Macmillan Support Worker for a week, helping patients, family members and carers manage the social and practical problems of living with cancer.