

# Aragon School Newsletter

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**Friday 20th October 2023**



Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the half-term break.

It's been so busy here in the last two weeks; so much extra-curricular activity! All year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 have been to the Wimbledon Bookfest, thank you so much to Mr

Gilbert for organising all those visits - the children always come back buzzing from meeting a 'real' author.

Last week we celebrated Black History and had lots of events including virtual workshops about Malorie Blackman and the Windrush, lessons on a variety of renown artists and visits from Axel and Shilo's parents and Omari, Anaya and Sophia's auntie - thank you so much!!

A group of Year 6 mathematicians have been to Raynes Park High School to pit their knowledge against four other schools and came first! Huge congratulations to them! Some of our Year 3 and 4 girls went to a football tournament and some Year 5 and 6 children attended a Tag Rugby tournament, they all had a great time and made us so proud with their wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship.

Thank you Year 1 and 2 parents for coming in to 'share a story' with your children. We love these events so much and hope you do too. Thanks too for such a great turn out to our Progress Consultation Evenings - we all really value these opportunities to share the children's learning.

Have a great week and see you all on October 30th.

Clare Ryder

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## **Diary Dates**

### **October**

23rd-27th - Half Term

30th - School Council Competition

Wb 30th - Y5 Swimming

### **November**

2nd - Fireworks Night

3rd - Y3 Parent Story & Coffee

Wb 6th - 5L Swimming

Wb 13th - Anti-Bullying Week

13th - Odd Socks Day

Wb 13th - 5L Swimming

13th - Y4 Upton Court Trip

16th - KS2 Girls' Football Festival

17th - Mufti (Children in Need)

17th - Y4 Coffee & Story

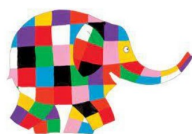
22nd - Y2 Hampton Court Palace

24th - Phileas Fogg Drama Workshop

27th/28th - School Photo Day

27th - Y3 Kent Life Centre Trip

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## In the Spotlight: Reception

### Welcome to the Reception Team!

Miss Pearce (Peter Rabbit Class) - Miss Atkins (Paddington Bear Class) - Miss Smith (Elmer Class)

We are extremely lucky to have lots of members of staff who support the children across the week in all three classes and have helped us to settle them in to Reception life.

Mrs Roberts - Mrs Sutton - Mrs Kent - Mrs Bassey - Miss Coton - Mrs Vick - Mrs Salvador

### What have we been up to this half term?

This half term, our topic has been Magical Me and we have spent lots of time playing and getting to know the children in Reception. We have had learnt lots about each other and ourselves including - our families, bodies, exploring our senses and bones! We have been busy exploring our new environment and building new friendships with our peers. Everyone in Reception has drawn their own family portrait to add to create their own family gallery in their classroom - it looks lovely!



Every morning, we have impressed our teachers with our fantastic phonics! "Phonics helps us to read and to write!" This half term we have learnt; 20 new phonemes, 3 tricky words, and are now beginning to blend for reading and segment for spelling. In more recent weeks, we have been doing our 'Let's Read' sessions and have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the books and talking about the pictures. There is a real buzz in the classroom seeing all the children engaged and their love for reading!



In maths, we have spent time singing lots of number rhymes and becoming confident with counting to and from 10. Whilst following our ReknReks scheme, we have become familiar with the different Numberblocks and are now beginning to subitise numbers to 5.

This half term, we have been really lucky to have Coach Lucy come in every Monday for our own tennis session, and we have loved it! We have been practising our ball skills and ensuring we have control over our racket through different games. In our PE lessons, we have been developing our gross motor skills by completing different challenges; obstacle course, jumping through hoops, throwing, and catching and balancing on stilts!



*"I like learning phonics and making my teachers proud!" - Rosa*

*"I enjoyed reading 'we're going on a bear hunt!'" - Jax*

*"I love making new friends here!" - Evie*

*"I love maths, it is my favourite and counting all the numberblocks!" - Sebastian*

*"I like playing outside and doing all my writing!" - Caleb*



We have had a fantastic start to our school journey at Aragon and our teachers are incredibly proud of all our hard work. We cannot wait to continue all our wonderful adventures that are ahead of us next half term!

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## **Black History Week**

This year's focus is on the significant contributions of Black females in the UK who have been catalysts for change in various domains, including politics, the arts, technology, science, and literature. Throughout the week, the children immersed themselves in the stories and achievements of extraordinary women. They explored the legacies of Black artists such as Alma Thomas and Betye Starr, finding inspiration to create their own artwork. Additionally, the children paid tribute to the Windrush Generation, learning about the brave individuals who crossed the Atlantic to help rebuild the U.K. in its time of need. We looked at the lasting impact that incredible nurses had upon the formation of the NHS and considered the stories of children who came to England.

Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a special online meeting with Kandace Chimburi, the author of 'Windrush Child.' Chimburi shared her insights and motivations behind writing Black history narratives for children, leaving a lasting impact on the young minds. Year 3 and 4 students had a fantastic time in a Malorie Blackman workshop, learning about the renowned author's life and her literary contributions. Years 1 and 2 were so excited to welcome a visit from Aragon parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maunganidze, who inspired the young learners to become their own heroes.

## **Wimbledon BookFest**

Year 1 to Year 6 have been attending Wimbledon BookFest events over the last two weeks, meeting an author and receiving copies of their books.



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## Spotlight on Year 3

What an incredible start to Year 3 the children have had! They have settled into the new routines and have been learning lots of wonderful things.

In maths, we have been working hard to solve subtraction and addition number sentences with 3-digit numbers with renaming.

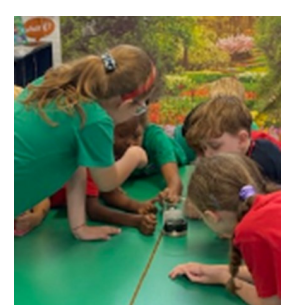
In English, we have been using our imaginations to design a new creature based on our story focus of 'The Black Hat', writing detailed descriptions using expanded noun phrases, similes, and personification. We have been super impressed with the children's word choices to make their writing interesting to the reader.

Our science learning this term has been about Rocks. We are all amazing scientists and loved carrying out lots of exciting experiments. We have made predictions, recorded our results into tables and explained our findings. Our favourite part was finding out about fossils and then creating our own made from salt dough. The children have worked hard to learn new vocabulary and are fantastic at explaining. I am sure you will be impressed!

We had a wonderful time at Bookfest meeting the author 'Olaf Falafel'. We couldn't wait to start reading 'Trixie Pickle Art Avenger'.

As part of Black History Month, year 3 participated in a workshop based on Malorie Blackman. The children enjoyed the drama-based activities and learning all about her.

We are tremendously proud of how hard all the children have been working and they are all superstars!



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### 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:

Y3 - 3/11/23

Y4 - 17/11/23

Y5 - 19/1/24

Whole School -  
1/2/24



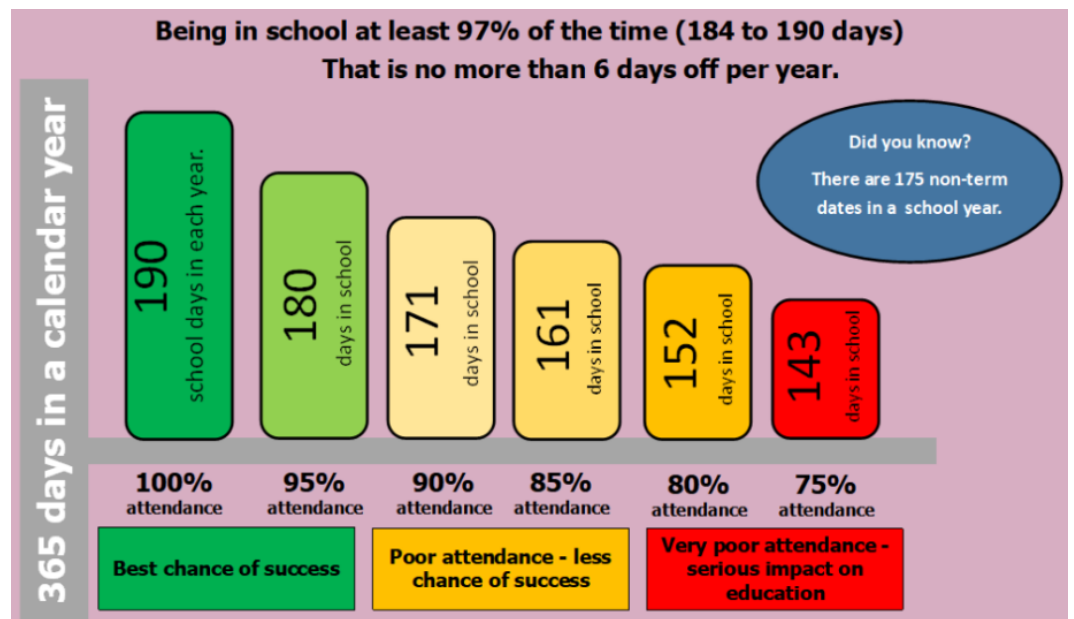
### Spotlight on Mrs Ingram

Hello, Mrs Ingram here! I've been working at Aragon for 6 years now and have worked in many different year groups. I am married with one daughter and I have a dog called Clyde - he is a Shih Tzu. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the cinema and having lots of family get togethers. I was born in Canterbury, Kent and I'm that old that I was born in a prefab! If you can tell me what a prefab is, I will give you some house tokens, so do some searches and come and find me!



### 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 9/10/23-20/10/23

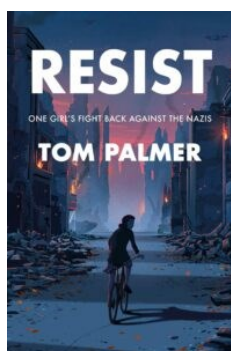
Congratulations to all the classes who achieved an attendance of 96% or more!

6EB	96.3%	2A	92.2%
6F	93.76%	2R	98.07%
6MB	96.15%	2W	97.64%
5E	98.44%	1B	95.83%
5K	97.98%	1C	92.98%
5L	94.94%	1H	96.84%
4AB	95.82%	RA	95.55%
4H	96.55%	RP	94.93%
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3B	95.17%	School	95.66%
3G	96.7%		
3M	95.16%		

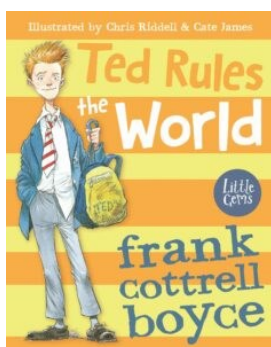
## Reading Matters: Click on the book to take you to a description!

A selection of dyslexic friendly texts for everybody:

Y5/6



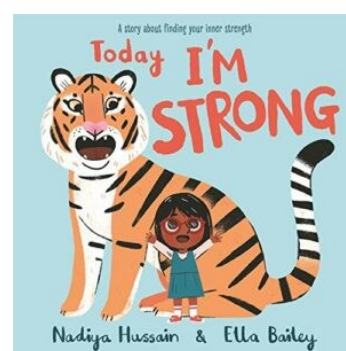
Y3/4



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

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## Year 1 Share a Story and Coffee Morning



### A message from the Vicar

Light House at Emmanuel: From 5.30 to 7.30pm on Tuesday 31st October, Emmanuel Church will be holding a special Light House event outside the church building on Dudley Drive. There'll be craft activities, games, music and refreshments for all ages. Aragon families are invited to join in any time - just turn up!



### House Point Leaderboard

Unicorn



12606

Griffin



12059

Phoenix



10942

Dragon



10435

### Spelling Shed



#### Class Winners

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

#### Top Spellers

1. Shajana 3B
2. Brooklyn 4LB
3. Kara 4AB

### Times Table Rockstars



#### Class Winners

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

#### Rock Legends

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

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# Primary Open Morning



**Wednesday 8th November 2023**

**9am - 11am**

**A great opportunity to come along and talk to us about how you can train to teach with an Ofsted outstanding provider.**



**Have you thought about training to be a teacher?**

**Applications are now open for September 2024!**

Sutton SCITT are an Ofsted outstanding teacher training provider based at Aragon Primary School. We offer a one-year, post-graduate teaching training programme which puts experience in school at the heart of the teacher training process.



Applications are now open for our September 2024 cohort and we want to hear from you.

If you are interested in teacher training, or want to hear more about our programme, email Lynn Batt, our primary administrator, at [LBA@glenthorne.suttonsch.uk](mailto:LBA@glenthorne.suttonsch.uk) to arrange a phone call or visit.

Check out our website and social media for more information.





# SUPPORTING LITERACY DIFFICULTIES PARENT WORKSHOP

Monday 27th November @ 7pm

UNDERSTANDING  
LITERACY  
CHALLENGES

EFFECTIVE READING  
STRATEGIES

BOOSTING  
CONFIDENCE AND  
SELF-ESTEEM

SUPPORTING  
HOMEWORK  
POSITIVELY

RESOURCES TO  
SUPPORT READING



Delivered by  
Melanie Smith  
Specialist Dyslexia  
Teacher

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# **Dealing with Separation Anxiety**

A workshop for parents and carers of EYFS and KS1 children.

*This interactive session invites parents and carers to explore the strong feelings that can arise when leaving children in the care of others as well as offering a host of evidence-based, practical tips.*

***Join us on Tuesday 31st October 2023***

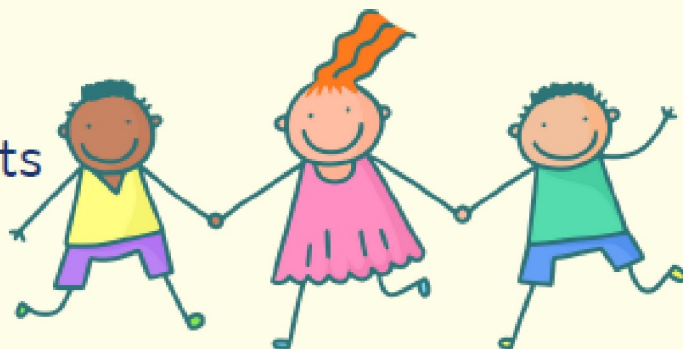
***From 9am until 10am***

***Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available***

***Please sign in via front office***

***We look forward to welcoming you to this session.***

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# Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Sutton & Merton 2023

School aged children from  
Reception to Year 11



Clinic Date- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Time-10:30- 15:00

Address- Sutton life centre  
24 Alcorn Cl, Sutton SM3 9PX

- Walk in flu clinic for children who missed vaccine at school
- No appointment needed
- Call 02039033371/ 02039033373 for any questions

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