

# Aragon School Newsletter

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**Thursday 21st December 2023**



Dear all,

Well, our action-packed autumn term is now over and what a great term it's been! I've had a look at the school calendar and quickly added up that we have had:

- 13 sporting fixtures
- 13 different school trips

- 9 author visits
- 8 celebrations days
- 7 share a story sessions
- 4 workshops
- 1 theme week (and a partridge in Pear Tree!!)

Wow! that's such a lot and I really would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have organised these fantastic extra-curricular opportunities for the children.

We finished off our term with our Governors Awards this morning and always it was great to see so many of our Governors in to celebrate with us as well as the Chair of the Willow Learning Trust, Simon Brown. Huge congratulations to everyone who received an award this morning - you are all wonderful role models.

I would just like to end the term by thanking all of you for your support and kindness as always - it is so appreciated.

On behalf of everyone at Aragon and the School Governing Body, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you again in 2024!

Best Wishes,

Clare Ryder

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## **Diary Dates**

### **January**

9th - Children back to school

18th - Dentist in EYFS

19th - Y5 Story and Coffee Morning

25th - 4LB Class Assembly

WB 29th - National Storytelling Week

### **February**

WB 5th - Children's Mental Health Week

6th - Safer Internet Day

6th - Y5 Museum trip

8th - 4AB Class Assembly

7th/8th - Progress Consultation Evening

9th - Mufti Day for CMHW

WB 12th - Half Term

22nd - 4H Class Assembly

23rd - Reception Share a Story and Coffee

29th - 3G Class Assembly

### **March**

7th - World Book Day

WB 11th - STEM Week

13th - Y5 Harry Potter Studio Tour

14th - 3M Class Assembly

21st - 3B Class Assembly

22nd - Y1 Share a Story and Coffee

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## Governor Award Winners

Congratulations to all our Governor Award winners - it is a huge achievement to receive this coveted award,



**Have you ever thought about teacher training?  
Sutton SCITT have now started recruiting for our  
2024/25 cohort!**

**We are an Ofsted outstanding, post-graduate teacher training provider based at Aragon Primary School.**

**We offer a one-year teaching training programme which puts experience in school at the heart of the teacher training process.**

**If you want to make a difference to young lives and are passionate about learning, then 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.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:LBA@glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk) to arrange a phone call or visit.

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## KS2 Carol Concerts

The festive season began last week at our school! Years 3-6 students delivered superb performances in our Christmas Carol concerts, leaving parents and staff feeling filled with the spirit of Christmas.



A big thank you to David at Emmanuel Church and Ken at Morden Park Baptist Church for graciously hosting and delivering a wonderful sermon, adding to the joyful atmosphere of the event.

## Festivities in Reception

Reception thoroughly enjoyed performing in their Nativity shows this week for their grown ups. All of the teachers were so proud of all of the children for their amazing singing, acting and dancing in their Nativity performance of 'Hey Ewe!' Well done Reception!

Our Reception children have been busy writing their letters to Father Christmas and then taking a walk along to our local post box to post them to Lapland. All of the children were so well behaved and made their teachers really proud. We had so much fun spotting all of the different Christmas decorations we could see on the way and we would like to say a big thank you to all of the adults that gave up their time to join us! It was so much fun!



## RAD Music Tuition

**\*\* NEW STUDENT OFFER -** Message us on [support@totallyradmusic.co.uk](mailto:support@totallyradmusic.co.uk) with the code 'RADMAS10' for 10% off your entire first block **\*\*** RAD believe that whatever the skill level or budget, all children deserve access to exceptional music tuition. Our highly skilled network of professional musicians provide next-level tuition for the next generation of talent, no matter the location, budget or capability. Provided on-site, within school hours and at a highly-competitive rate; with RAD, students can experience expert music tuition that helps them sharpen skills, express creativity, and dream BIG, with no disruption or stress – all from the very best in the business. For more information, and to sign-up your child to RAD lessons, just use the following link; we'll do the rest. [SIGN ME UP](#)

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We're delighted to announce that our Christmas dinner day was a tremendous success! Over 500 delicious Roast Turkey meals with all the trimmings (among other options) were served, and it was wonderful to see all the children thoroughly enjoying their festive feast.



### **Golden Letters**



Our first ever Golden Letters are ready to be sent in the post! Receiving a Golden Letter is an exceptional achievement; one child per year group per term will receive one through their door from their phase lead as a way of recognising exceptional academic success. To be the recipient of one of these is really a great achievement. The children are all eagerly awaiting to see who has one of these appear through their letterbox!

### **The Hive's Breakfast with Santa**

This morning was not your average breakfast at The Hive's Breakfast Club!

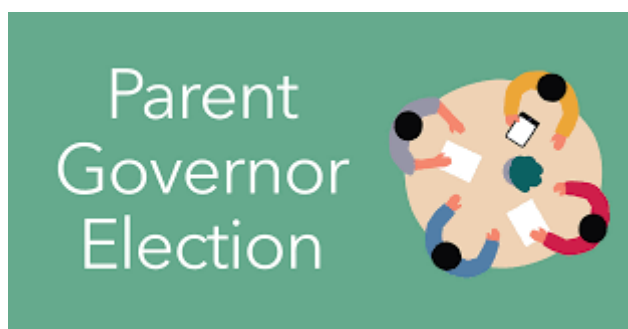
Our little ones had the most magical start to their day as they enjoyed a special breakfast with Santa himself!

We're incredibly grateful to Santa for taking the time out of his busy schedule to make our children's day extra special.

Let's all give a big cheer for the wonderful team at The Hive's Breakfast Club for organising this magical event!



### **Governor News**



The Governing Body are delighted to advise that Jerome Dussard - McFarlane has been appointed to the vacant Parent Governor position. Jerome has the necessary qualities required by our Governing Body and his financial background will also be an asset to the School, the Governing Body and the Willow Learning Trust.

Isabelle Paget - Chair of Governors

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# THE PAGE BOYZ



## EMIR

**WHEN 8-YEAR-OLD AGNES IS SIGNED UP FOR SPEARS (THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED AND AWESOMELY RARE SPECIES), SHE HAS NO IDEA OF THE ADVENTURES THAT LIE AHEAD WITH HER ELEPHANT-SHREW MENTOR ATTIE (SHORT FOR "ATTENBOROUGH"). OPERATION HONEYHUNT SENDS THEM TO THE BRAZILIAN RAINFOREST, ON A MISSION TO SAVE AN ENDANGERED, DANCE-LOVING BEE NAMED ELTON. WILL AGNES PASS THE TEST AND BECOME A FULL SPEARS AGENT? SPECIES IN DANGER? GIRL AND SHREW TO THE RESCUE!**



## BILLY

**A STORY OF PREJUDICE AND ACCEPTANCE, FUNNY LISTS AND SILLY WORDS, THIS NEW BOOK HAS ALL THE HALLMARKS OF DAVID S PREVIOUS BESTSELLERS. OUR HERO BEN IS BORED BEYOND BELIEF AFTER HE IS MADE TO STAY AT HIS GRANDMA S HOUSE. SHE S THE BORINGEST GRANDMA EVER: ALL SHE WANTS TO DO IS TO PLAY SCRABBLE, AND EAT CABBAGE SOUP. BUT THERE ARE TWO THINGS BEN DOESN T KNOW ABOUT HIS GRANDMA.**



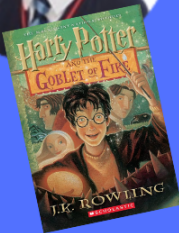
**1) SHE WAS ONCE AN INTERNATIONAL JEWEL THIEF.**

**2) ALL HER LIFE, SHE HAS BEEN PLOTTING TO STEAL THE CROWN JEWELS, AND NOW SHE NEEDS BEN S HELP**



## OSCAR

**HARRY POTTER IS MIDWAY THROUGH HIS TRAINING AS A WIZARD AND HIS COMING OF AGE. HARRY WANTS TO GET AWAY FROM THE PERNICIOUS DURSLEYS AND GO TO THE INTERNATIONAL QUIDDITCH CUP. HE WANTS TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS EVENT THAT'S SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE AT HOGWARTS THIS YEAR, AN EVENT INVOLVING TWO OTHER RIVAL SCHOOLS OF MAGIC, AND A COMPETITION THAT HASN'T HAPPENED FOR A HUNDRED YEARS. HE WANTS TO BE A NORMAL, FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD WIZARD. BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR HARRY POTTER, HE'S NOT NORMAL - EVEN BY WIZARDING STANDARDS. AND IN HIS CASE, DIFFERENT CAN BE DEADLY.**



## JACK

**IT'S THE SECOND WORLD WAR AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE - DISCOVER THE HIDDEN STORIES OF INCREDIBLE HUMAN SPIRIT DURING THE WORLD'S DARKEST HOUR.**

**EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT ADOLF HITLER, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, AND WINSTON CHURCHILL WERE DOING DURING WORLD WAR II, BUT WHAT ABOUT ORDINARY PEOPLE? IN THIS BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED BOOK, WAR HISTORIAN HATTIE HEARN REVEALS SOME OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE TRUE TALES FROM THE WAR, INCLUDING:**

- THE CANADIAN CABIN BOY WHO AVOIDED GERMAN U-BOATS CROSSING THE ATLANTIC**
- THE NAVAJO SOLDIERS WHO DEVELOPED A SECRET CODE TO OUTFOX THEIR ENEMIES**
- THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN JAZZ SINGER WHO WORKED AS A SPY FOR THE FRENCH RESISTANCE**



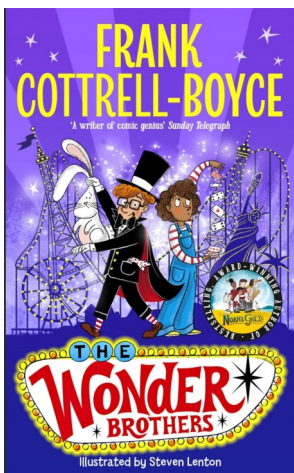
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## OPAL Donations - could you check any cupboards for...

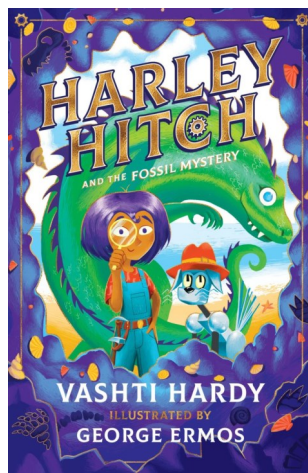


## Reading Matters: Click on the book to take you to a description!

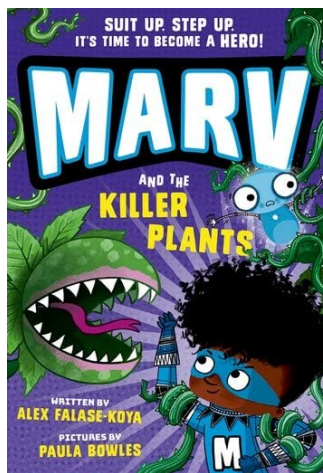
Y5/6



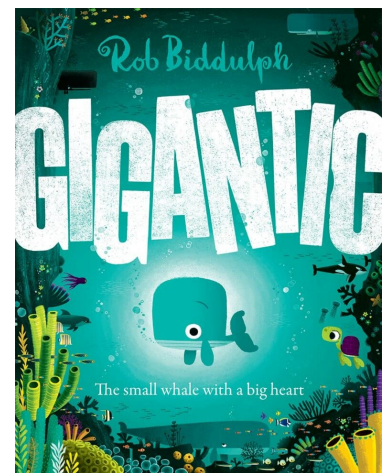
Y3/4



Y1/2



EYFS



## 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/education-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals>

## 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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# Attendance over the last 2 weeks!

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

6EB	95.4%	2A	91.9%
6F	95.5%	2R	96.9%
6MB	96.4%	2W	90.4%
5E	93.8%	1B	97.3%
5K	92.5%	1C	91.7%
5L	93.1%	1H	97.6%
4AB	96%	RA	97.6%
4H	98.3%	RP	92.4%
4LB	90.4%	RS	91.1%
3B	91.4%	School	94.4%
3G	96.1%		
3M	97.5%		

## House Point Leaderboard

**Griffin**  **13649**

**Unicorn**  **13056**

**Dragon**  **12470**

**Phoenix**  **11969**

## Spelling Shed



### Class Winners

1. 4AB
2. 4LB
3. 2R

### Top Spellers

1. Praveen 4LB
2. Brooklyn 4LB
3. Maryam 2R

## Times Table Rockstars



### Class Winners

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

### Rock Legends

1. Shey 4LB
2. Rafael 6F
3. Albie 5L

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## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

### Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

### Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

### COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either: have a high temperature, do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

### What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

### Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

### Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

### Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

### Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

### Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

### Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

### Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

### Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

### Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

### Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

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