

Aragon School Newsletter

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Hi Everyone!

I hope you are all well. I know so many of you have been ill recently so I hope you are starting to feel better.

Year 6 have been really busy in the last two weeks, they went to Glenthorne to see their production of 'High School Musical', then went to a Junior

Citizenship Event where they learnt how to prepare for the challenges they may face as young adults travelling around London and then 29 of them had a day at the Sandown Racetrack which Miss Ballantine said was the best trip ever. It had a maths theme and the children learnt all about probability, worked out the area of the racetrack and even got up close to some racehorses and wore jockey's silks! Many thanks to Mr Ashby for organising it.

It's been storytelling week here and all the children have been learning to tell a story out loud which they'll perform in an assembly today - can't wait! Thank you to the hundreds of you who came into share a story on Thursday. It was fabulous to see so many of you and I know the children loved it.

I'd like to put out a plea for OPAL donations! Anything you might think is now unloved and taking up space in a cupboard - we'd love. Whether it's old toys or dressing-up clothes or even old sheets, we'd love them here. We're particularly keen to get some musical instruments or old suitcases. Please just drop them at our OPAL drop-off area to the left of the front door or pop them into the office. Thank you SO much!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all next week at Parent's Evening. As usual the Book Fair will be here as will The Pantry with their teas, coffees and cakes! See you then,

Best Wishes,

Mrs Ryder

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Diary Dates

February

WB 5th - Children's Mental Health Week

6th - Safer Internet Day

6th - Y5 Museum(s) Trip

8th - 4AB Class Assembly

7th/8th - Progress Consultation Evening and Book Fair

9th - Mufti Day for CMHW

WB 12th - Half Term

20th - Y2 Trip Wisley Gardens

22nd - 4H Class Assembly

22nd - Artist Visit

23rd - Reception Share a Story and Coffee

29th - 3G Class Assembly

29th - School Council Break the Rules Day

March

7th - World Book Day

WB 11th - STEM Week

13th - Y5 Harry Potter Studio Tour

14th - 3M Class Assembly

18th - Imperial War Museum

21st - 3B Class Assembly

21st - RockSteady Concert

22nd - Y1 Share a Story and Coffee

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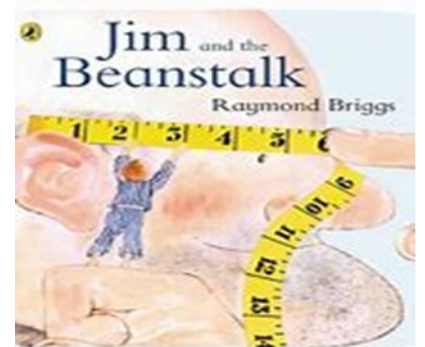
Year 2 Spotlight

Spotlight Year 2

English

Over the past week, we have been looking at fairy tales in English. The children have had the opportunity to listen to a traditional fairy tale (Jack and the Beanstalk) and look at an alternative fairy tale (Jim and the Beanstalk). The children have had lots of fun acting out parts of the story, retelling the story and thinking of alternative endings or adaptations. One of the pieces of work that we were extremely proud of was this recount from David (2A).

Please scan the QR code to hear their fantastic recount of Jack and the Beanstalk. What a treat!



Mathematics

We have been enhancing our understanding of measuring. Our big focus this week has been looking at mass. The children have had a lot of enjoyment from estimating which objects from around the room have the same mass. Children have also been using words such as lighter and heavier to explain their understanding. Reading scales is also an important skill that we have been focusing on. Please see the photos below of the children in 2A accurately measuring items from around the classroom and comparing the mass of each item to a 500g weight.

Art:

Despite the freezing weather, the children went on a nature hunt this week to look for objects that they could use to create different textures. To paint with the children found sticks and leaves to create different textures and we also provided them with items such as cotton buds and bubble wrap. The children loved this activity as it allowed them to experiment with different materials and try to make different textures. The children will be using the skills they have acquired to make a collage over the next few weeks. Watch out Banksy (whoever you are) because we have some impressive artists in our year group. Please look at the experimental work from 2R.



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Arriving late can affect your child's attendance!

We all hate to be late to meetings, jobs and events and we can miss important things when we arrive after the start time. This is the same for school. The first bell goes at 8:45am and we are ready and registered by 8.50am. Once we are in our class, we are straight into early morning work. We are doing catch-up work from yesterday's learning, arithmetic, daily reading and lots more! Every minute counts in school, we only have 190 days to complete an entire year's curriculum.

Year Group	Minutes Late over the last 2 weeks	In Hours	School Days Lost
Reception	291 minutes	4 hours and 51 minutes	0.75 days
Year 1	297 minutes	4 hours and 57 minutes	0.76 days
Year 2	432 minutes	7 hours and 12 minutes	1.11 days
Year 3	204 minutes	3 hours and 24 minutes	0.52 days
Year 4	278 minutes	4 hours and 38 minutes	0.71 days
Year 5	242 minutes	4 hours and 2 minutes	0.62 days
Year 6	145 minutes	2 hours and 25 minutes	0.37 days

Don't let your child miss out!

What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.

If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could effect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.



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Year 6 Spotlight

Trips galore in Year 6!



Last week was a very busy week for Year 6 as there were 3 excellent trips which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Before and after school booster sessions started to help prepare the children for their SATs in May.

We're soaring, flying!

Last Tuesday, Year 6 were invited to watch Glenthorne's dress rehearsal of High School Musical! The children loved watching all the excellent singing, dancing and acting and has inspired lots of the children to audition for the Year 6 production in July. The pupils and staff enjoyed pointing out the familiar faces of lots of our ex-Aragon students who performed wonderfully!

Citizenship Day

As our pupils grow up, we believe it's important to begin preparing the children for the wider-world. Last Thursday, the pupils participated in an engaging workshop led by different groups of the people teaching them how to stay safe in the community and what to do in emergency scenarios. The children got to meet the police, paramedics, Neighbourhood Watch Team, TFL, cycling safety team, fire brigade and the clean air pollution team.

Sandown Races:



Thank you to Racing to School for an incredible school trip to Sandown Park Racecourse last Friday for one of our Year 6 Maths groups. Many of the children experienced a race day for the first time with lots of engaging maths activities planned throughout the day, some of which included: working out the area of the parade ring, converting between metric and imperial measurements, learning how to read a race card and understanding probability. One of the children said 'This was the best school trip of my whole time at Aragon' while another said 'I've learnt so much, I can't wait to come back here!'

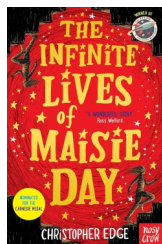
The children got to wear jockey silks for the first time and come up close to the horses that raced!



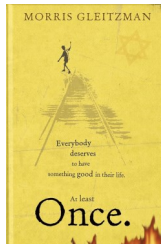
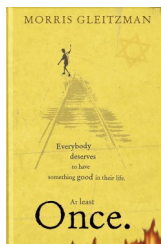
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Whole Class Reading Texts

Take a look at the books your child will be reading in their Whole Class Reading sessions. Feel free to buy a copy for them - reading a school book at home can have many benefits!



6F - Current text and next text



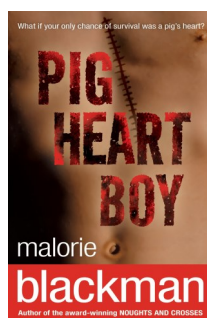
6EB - Current text



6MB - Current text



5E - Current text for all of Spring



5L - Current text for all of Spring



5K - Current text for all of Spring



4AB - Current text and next text



4LB - Current text and next text



4H - Current text and next text



3B - Current text and next text



3G - Current text for all of Spring



3M - Current text and next text



2W - Current text and next text



2R - Current text and next text



2A - Current text and next text

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OPAL Play Highlights

Take a look at our amazing OPAL play. Happy and engaged children, developing their teamwork skills, resilience, risk-taking and physical strength:



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What?

Preet Chandi (also known as Polar Preet) has broken two records on her expedition to the South Pole, Antarctica.

The polar explorer completed her mission of skiing 868 miles to the South Pole alone in an impressive 70 days and 16 hours.

Preet now holds records for the longest solo unsupported one-way polar ski for a woman, and the longest unsupported one-way polar ski journey overall.

She was the first woman of colour to complete a solo expedition in Antarctica.



Source: @PreetChandi10, X.



Why?



Speaking in a recent interview, Preet explains she was motivated to complete her polar mission to push herself, break expectations and inspire others.

Her mission to the South Pole was fuelled by her belief that “nothing is impossible”.

Preet says, “Hopefully doing something that pushed me so far out of my comfort zone will inspire others to believe in themselves and push their boundaries”.

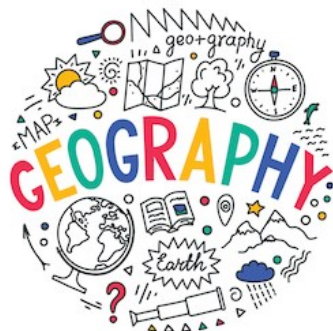
Mrs Roach's
Geography Quiz



The first child to tell Mrs Roach the answers on Monday lunch time at 12:10pm will win 30 Class Chart points and a special Geography badge to wear proudly at school!

This week...

1. Where did Preet ski to?
2. What are some of the reasons Preet wanted to complete her mission?



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Progress Consultation Evening

Please login to Arbor's parent portal to ensure that you book a progress consultation with your child's teachers. We will also be holding a book fair. A portion of the money raised will go towards the school's budget to buy new books for your children!



Trips

If your child is in the following year groups, please login to Arbor to give your consent and pay any trip fees:

Year 2 - Wisley Gardens £17

Year 5 - Museums Trip - Free



RHS
Garden Wisley



N **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

▶ Train to Teach Webinar

Thursday 8th February

5pm - 6pm



How to apply for teacher training with Sutton SCITT

Check out the Events page on our website to register for your place
www.suttonscitt.org.uk



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THE PAGE BOYZ



EZRA

IZZY GIZMO, A GIRL WHO LOVED TO INVENT, CARRIED HER TOOL BAG WHEREVER SHE WENT IN CASE SHE DISCOVERED A THING TO BE MENDED, OR A GADGET TO TWEAK TO MAKE IT MORE SPLENDID.

IZABELLE GIZMO JUST LOVES TO INVENT, BUT HER INVENTIONS NEVER SEEM TO WORK THE WAY SHE WANTS THEM TO. AND THAT MAKES HER REALLY CROSS! WHEN SHE FINDS A CROW WITH A BROKEN WING SHE JUST HAS TO HELP. BUT WILL SHE BE ABLE TO PUT HER FRUSTRATIONS TO ONE SIDE AND HELP HER NEW FRIEND TO FLY AGAIN?



CULLEN

FANTASTIC MR. FOX IS ON THE RUN! THE THREE MEANEST FARMERS AROUND ARE OUT TO GET HIM. FAT BOGGIS, SQUAT BUNCE, AND SKINNY BEAN HAVE JOINED FORCES, AND THEY HAVE MR. FOX AND HIS FAMILY SURROUNDED. WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW IS THAT THEY'RE NOT DEALING WITH JUST ANY FOX-MR. FOX WOULD NEVER SURRENDER. BUT ONLY THE MOST FANTASTIC PLAN EVER CAN SAVE HIM NOW.



DAVID

SUNNY THE MEERKAT LIVES WITH HIS ENORMOUS FAMILY IN THE KALAHARI DESERT. THEY ARE ALL VERY CLOSE . . . SO CLOSE, IN FACT, THAT ONE DAY SUNNY DECIDES IT'S JUST TOO CROWDED AND PACKS HIS BAGS. HE'S OFF TO VISIT HIS MONGOOSE COUSINS. BUT FROM THE WATERY WORLD OF THE MARSH MONGOOSE TO THE NOCTURNAL LIFESTYLE OF THE MALAGASY MONGOOSE, SUNNY JUST DOESN'T FIT IN. AND WHO'S THAT SHADOWY FIGURE WHO SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWING HIM AROUND?



EYFS - People Who Help Us

Our children in Early Years had such an exciting day last week, when they got to meet 3 Police Officers from our local Police Station. The children loved hearing all about what they do to help people in our community and were very excited to be able to sit in a real life police car, try on a variety of different police hats and have their finger print taken! It was such an exciting afternoon! A big thank you to them!

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

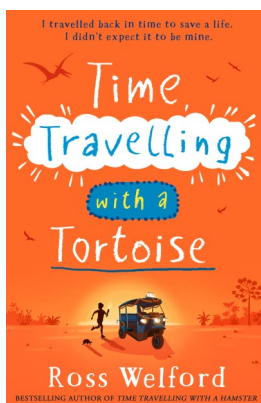


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donation spot
outside the
office.

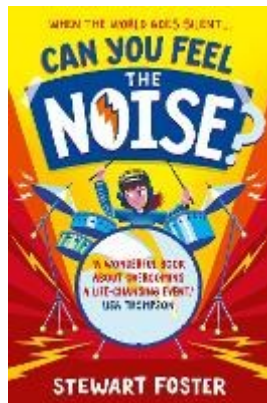


Reading Matters - Poetry: Click on the book to take you to a description!

Y5/6



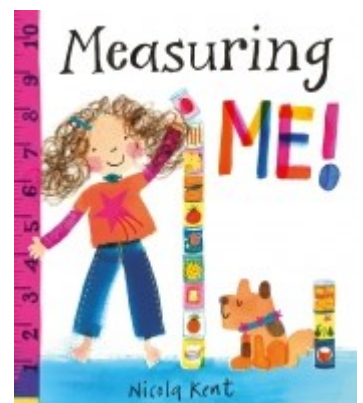
Y3/4



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

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**“THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A
RUNNY NOSE...
BUT LOOK AT
HIM NOW!”**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.



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Attendance over the last 2 weeks!

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

6EB	83.4%	2A	91.6%
6F	86%	2R	94.2%
6MB	88.3%	2W	97.7%
5E	92%	1B	91.8%
5K	95.1%	1C	95.1%
5L	92.6%	1H	90%
4AB	91.8%	RA	85%
4H	88.9%	RP	85.6%
4LB	90.6%	RS	80.2%
3B	75.9%	School	89.8%
3G	94.5%		
3M	93.3%		

House Point Leaderboard

Griffin



6050

Phoenix



5685

Unicorn



5647

Dragon



5383

Spelling Shed



Class Winners

- 3B
- 4H
- 2R

Top Spellers

- Dhruvan 4AB
- Shey 4LB
- Ian 4H

Times Table Rockstars



Class Winners

- 2A
- 2W
- 2R

Rock Legends

- Shey 4LB
- Rafael 6F
- 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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