

# Aragon School Newsletter

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**Friday 8th March 2024**



Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all well.

We've had a busy couple of weeks at Aragon...as always!!

The School Council impressed everyone with their organisation of 'Break the Rules' Day which not only was really fun but also raised a staggering £726 for our OPAL play. Mr Gilbert has already been very busy planning what equipment to buy that will enhance the children's lunchtimes the most.

The School Council also went to the Houses of Parliament and met with our MP Siobhain McDonagh who gave them a guided tour of both chambers. They had a fantastic day! Thank you to Mrs Jones for organising it.

Year 2, who are learning about 'Animals including Humans' in science, were excited on Monday when duckling eggs arrived. Three have hatched already and look so unbelievably cute taking their first steps! One more to go.

The Year 5 and 6 boys footballers have had three matches this week with two very impressive wins against Abbey and Morden and a nail biting draw against Hatfield. They played so well and were perfect sportsmen too. The girls team also played Abbey and won convincingly! Well done all of you. (please see page 3)

World Book Day was great fun- we started off with the whole school in the MUGA parading around, showing our costumes and then had lots of fun activities throughout the day - you can read more about it on page 4. Thank you to Miss Brown and Miss Garcia who planned it all.

With only two weeks until the Easter break, we are gearing up for Easter with lots more fun planned.

Check out our social media!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Ryder



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## **Diary Dates**

### **March**

- WB 11th - STEM Week
- 13th - Y5 Harry Potter Studio Tour
- 14th - 3M Class Assembly
- 15th - Y1 Coffee and Story Morning
- 18th - Y6 Imperial War Museum
- 18th - 5L/5K St Martin's Church
- 19th - St Martin's Church
- 21st - 3B Class Assembly
- 21st - Rocksteady Concert
- 22nd - Easter Egg Decoration Competition#
- 26th - Y3 VR Workshop
- 27th - Mufti Day - Wear House Colours
- 28th - Last day 1.15pm pick up
- 29th - 12th - Easter Holiday

### **April**

- 15th - Children back
- WB 15th - 5E swimming
- 19th - Y2 Coffee and Story Morning

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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	Minutes late since 15/1/24	In Hours	School Days Lost
Reception	130 minutes	679 minutes	11 hrs 19 mins	1.74 days
Year 1	31 minutes	454 minutes	7 hrs 34 min	1.16 days
Year 2	169 minutes	944 minutes	15 hrs 44 min	2.42 days
Year 3	173 minutes	448 minutes	7 hrs 28 min	1.14 days
Year 4	72 minutes	597 minutes	9 hrs 57 min	1.53 days
Year 5	79 minutes	737 minutes	12 hrs 17 min	1.88 days
Year 6	28 minutes	377 minutes	6 hrs 17 min	0.96 days

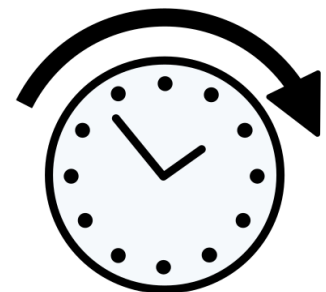
**Don't let your child miss out!**

**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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### Houses of Parliament



Mrs Jones would like to thank our amazing School Council for being so excellent on our recent trip to the Houses of Parliament with our local MP Siobhain McDonagh. It was a brilliant day and the children learnt so much about the origin and reasons behind certain parliamentary traditions. If you see any members of our School Council, ask them about the 'black rod', what Queen Victoria thought of the House of Lords the first time she saw it or why the colours red and green were chosen to the different houses. I'm sure they would be happy to share with you, all that they learnt. We even had our own School Council meeting over lunch in the parliamentary building itself, where we voted on this month's Teacher of the Month! How official is that?

Throughout the day, they showed themselves to be enthusiastic, attentive, sensible and well-mannered. I was so proud of them and they should be so proud of themselves. Well Done School Council! Thank you to Siobhain for inviting us.

### Football - Aragon vs Abbey



Huge congratulations to our talented boys and girls football teams for their outstanding performance today against Abbey Primary School!

Our girls team secured a fantastic 5-0 victory, showcasing incredible teamwork and skill on the pitch. Well done, girls!

Not to be outdone, our boys team fought hard and emerged victorious with a solid 2-0 win. What a great display of determination and sportsmanship! ⚽

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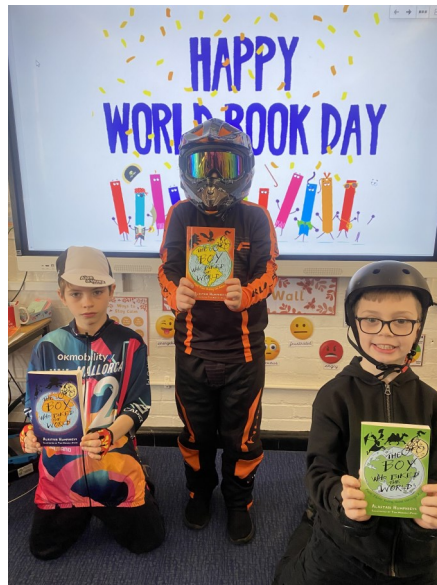




## World Book Day

We all had a wonderful World Book Day yesterday. A big thank you to everybody for making such an effort to dress up as their favourite book characters! The children participated in many activities as part of World Book Day, including a costume parade around the MUGA! Congratulations to our costume winners: Evie, Niamh, Elliot and Freddie.

Here at Aragon we have a love of reading all year round but World Book Day just makes it that extra bit special! More details to follow on the Aragon website!



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## Guess the location!

Where in the world do you think this week's story is taking place?



1.

The capital city of this country is New Delhi.

2.

The currency used here is the rupee.



4.

Sri Lanka is situated to the southeast of this country.

3.

Some people here speak Hindi.



## What?

## Why?

**India** has announced its crew of astronauts, who will take part in the country's first ever flight to space with people.

The mission has been named Gaganyaan, which translates to 'sky craft' in Hindi.

India's three chosen astronauts will be sent to an orbit of 400km in space, and will return after three days.

The mission will look to demonstrate India's capabilities and contribution to space exploration.

If they are successful, India will be the fourth country to send humans to space, following the Soviet Union, the USA and China.



Source: @spacedoer, X.



## 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. What is the name of the mission?

2. To date, how many other countries have sent humans to space?

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# Morden Little League presents



## The Big Easter Art Hunt

Morden Little League needs your help ... can you design an animal poster for one of the animals below on an A4 sheet, use any art mediums, pencil, felt pens, oil pastels or even paint. Add lots of colour and detail and **you could see your poster at the Morden Little League Easter Egg hunt.**



Animals needed: Tiger,



Hyena,

Panda,

Narwhal,



Eagle,

Octopus,

Whale,

Iguana,

Impala,



Newt,

Elephant,



Orangutan and the Hare  
and the tortoise

**Please send in all entries to Mrs Curl  
by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 |**



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

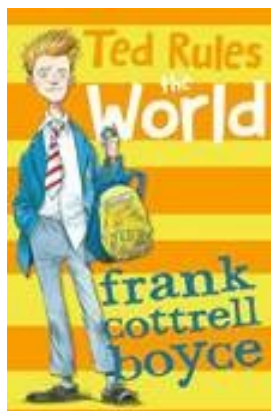


## Reading Matters - Dyslexia-Friendly Click on the book to take you to a description!

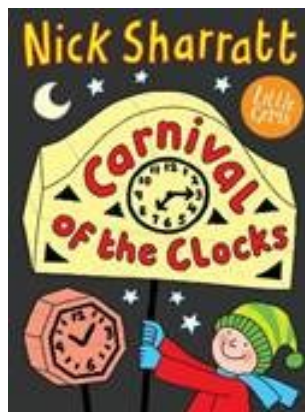
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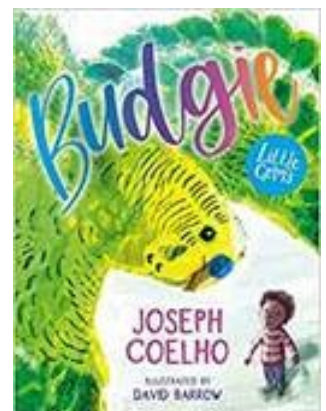
**Y3/4**



**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	93.7%	2A	94.8%
6F	95.6%	2R	96.7%
6MB	96.3%	2W	97.2%
5E	97.7%	1B	94.8%
5K	97.7%	1C	96.3%
5L	96.1%	1H	95.8%
4AB	91.9%	RA	96.1%
4H	98.3%	RP	95.2%
4LB	92.9%	RS	92.7%
3B	95%	School	95%
3G	97.5%		
3M	94.4%		

## House Point Leaderboard

**Griffin**  **4728**

**Unicorn**  **4677**

**Dragon**  **4498**

**Phoenix**  **4261**

## House Point Averages

**Griffin**  **33 points per Griffin**

**Unicorn**  **32 points per Unicorn**

**Phoenix**  **32 points per Phoenix**

**Dragon**  **31 points per Dragon**

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