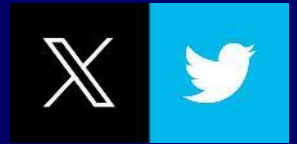




Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# Newsletter 435

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 6 SATS week

Next week is national SATS week when Year 6 children across the country take their grammar, spelling, reading and maths tests. Our year 6 children have been working very hard all year with their learning and are well prepared for the assessments. Year 6 parents please ensure your children have plenty of fun and rest this weekend, they will be much better prepared for next week if they relax! We wish all of our children the best of luck.



## Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 06/05/24
Reception	98.71%
Year 1	99.58%
Year 2	97.92%
Year 3	99.17%
Year 4	95.83%
Year 5	96.12%
Year 6	95.98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.62%</b>

Attendance Cup  
Winner  
Week Beginning  
06/05/24

**Year 1!**



## Lost property

We are building up lots of items of clothing. We will put them on display in the playground next Friday after school. If uncollected they will be used for used uniform sales or disposed of. Children can check for lost items throughout the week in the cloakrooms too.

## Year 2 Learning

This week Y2 took part in a sustainability workshop at Gillespie Park. They learned what it means for something to be sustainable and then went on a hunt to find the sustainability stations in the park to learn more about how it is sustainable. In the pond they learned about the importance of ponds and how to make their own. On the roof they spotted a growing garden and solar panels that powered a charger for an electric car. They found water butts that were gathering rain water. They played a 'sustainable or not sustainable' game in which they listened to different scenarios and had to decide if they were sustainable activities or not and why.



## Nursery Learning

The Nursery Class arrived excited and keen to get stuck in to their construction site this week.



## Year 5 Learning

Y5 have been working super hard to make prototype gazebos for star gazers following their space topic. They have learnt how to saw, hammer, glue, sand, mark-up and measure which are all great STEM skills that could be used later on in life! They are mini engineers in the making.



## Year 4 Learning

This week in science, Y4 have been working together to identify and classify vertebrates into five groups – mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish. The platypus was a challenge but we finally put it into the group mammals.



## Class Assemblies

Assemblies will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 2 2:30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 2:30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 2:30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 2:30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 2:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 10:00am

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	FoG Quiz Night
<b>WKBG 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half term</b>
WKBG 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Eating Week
WKBG 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6/5 Cardfields residential
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	4:00-6:00pm Solo concert
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term – school closes 2pm

Wishing families a wonderful, sunny weekend.  
Mark Owen, Headteacher



# FoG News

**FOG QUIZ NIGHT**

Bar open all evening

Maximum six per team

**Date:** Thursday 6th June 2024  
**Time:** Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7:30pm  
**Place:** Gillespie Bottom Hall  
**Price:** £12 Per Ticket  
**Food:** Cheese board and nibbles

To register your team email: [quiz@friendsofgillespie.org](mailto:quiz@friendsofgillespie.org)

Designed by Lyra Maresh Y8

**Date Change (Again!):** The decision has been taken to move the date of the quiz from Thursday 23rd May to **Thursday 6th June**, so be sure to mark it out in your diaries and let the babysitter know!

**Quiz Master Needed!!!** Any quiz is only as good as the questions and challenges set, and FoG is on the lookout for a budding Quiz Master to put together a top-draw edition to really test our quiz teams. The role will also involve reading out (and undoubtedly explaining) the questions on the night, as well as the crucial role of adding up scores and settling points disputes!

**Tech and General Set-up Support:** Fancy helping out without actually having to do any quiz-related activities? Want to have a front seat to witness the slow descent into chaos as teams feel the pressure? Then please get in touch to let us know how you might be able to help. Laptop/audio/PowerPoint experience welcomed!

For any enquiries or interest in volunteering, please email [quiz@friendsofgillespie.org](mailto:quiz@friendsofgillespie.org) in the first instance, or speak to your class rep/FoG team members when you see them!

## Reminder: KiDSiE Discount Offer



**KiDSiE**  
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Some of the discounts and deals you can find on KiDSiE

- Huffy Bikes**  
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- Scoot & Ride**  
30% off RRP
- Skate Hut**  
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## Year 1 Bake Sale - Huge thanks!

FoG wanted to say thank you to all those who planned, contributed and participated in the recent Year 1 Bake Sale. As a result of everyone's commitment to baking, purchasing (and of course eating) all the delicious items on offer the Year 1 team were able to break their personal best and raise £270 for the school. Special mention must go to **Temí Ogunyoku** for churning out 48 cupcakes(!) whilst also coordinating the sale, and the Year 1 volunteers for making it happen on the day. Next up is Reception!



### Diary Dates:

Summer Term			
Fri	17-May-2024	15:30 - 16:00	Year 2 Bake Sale
Thur	06-June-2024	19:00-21:30	Quiz Night
Fri	14-Jun-2024	15:30 - 16:00	Reception Class Mid-Summer Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Sat	6-Jul-24	12:00-15:00	Summer Fair

### ↓Donate to FoG here!



**FOG WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS BEEN ABLE DONATE (TIME, MONEY, IDEAS, MORAL SUPPORT) OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.**

We know and appreciate that not everyone is able to directly support charitable initiatives. However, if you feel like you can and would like to contribute, here are some example ways in which you can help:

- A monthly regular direct debit donation of as little as £5 [DONATE TO FOG HERE!](#)
- A donation of an item which we can put to one of our auctions (last year we raised almost £3k by auctioning Glastonbury tickets, golf tickets and a signed England shirt).
- Running a stall at an event, helping on the door or just acting as an extra pair of hands (for example at our **Quiz Night on the 6th June**).
- One off donations of any amount are always welcomed.

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# FAMILY ART CLUB

Arty fun for all the family! Materials are provided, or you can bring your own. Suitable for children of all ages.

Next meetings:

Saturday 18 May, 2-3pm

Saturday 29 June, 2-3pm

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26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW  
020 7527 7800

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OF THE MONTH

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FOR ALL  
AGES

SATURDAY 11TH MAY

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

SATURDAY 6TH JULY



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