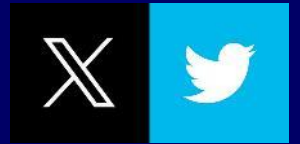




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Junior Travel Ambassadors

WINNER Student Achievement Award!

This week our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) got to attend the TFL finals in the Oval, Kennington. It is a chance to recognise creativity, impact and commitment to active travel by the 28 regional finalist schools. Our JTAs who went on the day were: Archie, Amalia, Maeve, Margaux and Emya.

Our JTAs have spent the last 2 years encouraging children in our school to actively travel (ensuring we use our arms and legs rather than other forms of transport). They have created puppet shows on road safety for EYFS, climate change assemblies for KS1/KS2, ensured each year group has either scootering or cycling lessons, evidencing public transport use on school trips, creating surveys on transport usage and making competitions involving naming our well-known mascot Rosa the Hedgehog. Florie documented this and nominated them for the Student Achievement award back in Autumn, this was what initially got us through to the final.

The Student Achievement award category was all about seeing the progression of the children's confidence, leadership and teamwork. This category was chosen for them to enter after seeing all the progression these individuals have made over the last 2 years where they organise and plan events weekly with minimal supervision from Florie.

On the day of the finals, they were able to take part in lots of different workshops including how to improve public speaking skills by watching videos of famous people such as Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough make impactful speeches around Climate change. Their favourite activity of the day by far was their opportunity to have a go at creating a TFL poster. This is where they got to have a go at choosing a topic they valued and used materials on their table to create a poster. They chose to focus on people spending too much time looking at phones instead of the world around them and here is the final product! This will be put up in the Transport Museum in London so please feel free to visit! As the day went on, awards were given out competing between all 4 corners of London.

We are really proud and happy to announce that Gillespie Primary School JTAs are the **WINNERS** of the TFL award Student Achievements!!!! We could not be more proud of what they have all achieved and are excited to see the news in the Islington newspaper as well. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Year 2 Learning

Year 2 went on a plant I.D. hunt, exploring different plants using all our senses. We observed closely, smelt them, felt them, listened to see if they made a sound and even ate them! We dug up weeds and cleaned the roots to observe them closely. We learned about the function of roots, stems, leaves and flowers. Finally we planted our own seed and took it home to watch it grow.



Year 4 Learning

Last week year 4 enjoyed visiting the British Museum. They looked at the artefacts from the Roman period. They were over 2,000 years old! We also had a talk about 'How Roman was Roman Britain'.



Year 5 Learning

This term Year 5 have been taking part in sessions at Arsenal Hub to improve their skills. As a reward for all their efforts, they were taken on a fabulous tour of Arsenal stadium this week - Gillespie Gunners all the way (well most of them anyway)!



Year 6 Learning

Today year 6 visited Lord's cricket ground.



Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 20/05/24
Reception	92.07%
Year 1	91.33%
Year 2	95.67%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	98.62%
Year 6	96.07%
Total	95.78%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
20/05/24

Year 3!



Diary Dates

Date	Event
WKBG 27th May	Half term
Thursday 6 th June	2:30pm Year 1 class assembly 7:00-9:30 FoG Quiz Night
WKBG 10 th June	Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 12 th June	2:30pm Year 4 class assembly
Thursday 20 th June	2:30pm Year 5 class assembly
WKBG 24 th June	Y6/5 Cardfields residential
Thursday 4 th July	2:30pm Year 3 class assembly
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 9 th July	4:00-6:00pm Solo concert
Wednesday 17 th July	Sports day
Friday 19 th July	10:00am Year 6 leavers show
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of term – school closes 2pm

Wishing families a wonderful half term break. See you all back on Monday 3rd June.
Mark Owen, Headteacher

Community page

N4Library
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HALF TERM CRAFT EVENT



Make a fun paper bird or butterfly with flapping wings to impress your friends!

Wednesday 29 May, 2-4pm

Suitable for families with children of all ages.

N4 Library
26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW
020 7527 7800



You are invited to Messy Church at St Thomas's Church, St Thomas's Road on Sunday 19 May from 4 – 6 pm where we will be celebrating Pentecost - when Jesus' disciples were filled dramatically with God's Holy Spirit. It's a jam-packed afternoon for all ages and stages, including themed crafts, fizzy explosion prayers and story-telling with a meal too, and it's all free!



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

Designed by Lyra Maresh.Y6.



 **Remember the Date:** 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 in your diaries and let the babysitter know!

 **Get your team registered ASAP!** Tickets are selling fast, with some year groups registering more than one team of 6, so if you want to avoid disappointment and ensure you get the chance to have a crack at taking the coveted Gillespie Quiz Crown then make sure you send through your registration to the email address below.

With a 'Fiendish Film' and 'Yr 6 Family Fortunes' rounds already taking shape, plus the usual cornucopia of delicious refreshments for each team, a vibrant bar area and prizes for the winning team (along with all the glory of course) this really will be one that you don't want to miss!

For any enquiries, **please email quiz@friendsofgillespie.org**

Year 2 Bake Sale - Huge thanks!

FoG wanted to say thank you to all those who planned, contributed and participated in the recent Year 2 Bake Sale. As a result of everyone's commitment to baking, purchasing (and of course eating) all the delicious items on offer the Year 2 team were able to raise a fantastic £240 for the school. Special mention must go to **Hafsa Sharif** for producing the usual elite-level cupcakes whilst also coordinating the sale, and the Year 2 volunteers for making it another success for the school community.



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- Scoot & Ride**
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- Skate Hut**
50% off RRP

Diary Dates:

Summer Term			
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.