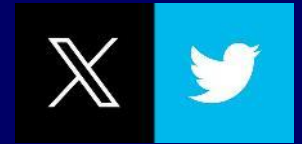




Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

# Newsletter 438

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day



Today's whole school assembly was led by Arielle our Y5 pupil who has taken a deep interest in the events to mark this important date in history and was keen to talk to the pupils about it. Thank you very much Arielle for your thoughtful presentation! We reflected on the bravery of the veterans now approaching 100 years old whom moved many at the events these last few days. Children particularly noticed how the veterans focussed on the desire for peace and the hope that the end of World War II was meant to mark peace in Europe. We thought about wars in Europe today and hoped we could find peace in the near future.

### FoG Quiz Night

A big shout out to all of the wonderful FoG parents who organised and ran a very fun and competitive quiz night! More from FoG on the event to follow next week.

### Children and smartphones

Parents will know that it is school policy not to have access to any kind of phones in primary school. We do allow a small number of children at parental request to look after phones at the school office for children walking to and from school by themselves. However, as educators in partnership with parents we are aware that increasingly younger children are having access to mobile phones. Many people across the country are discussing when and how children should be able to use smartphones.

I recently met with Year 1 parents Mary Hinks-Edwards and Victoria Handscombe to discuss this and we mutually felt that this might be an issue that the Gillespie community would like to discuss further. You can see the recent debate on this topic following the launch of the [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) campaign in the UK by clicking the link.

In the coming weeks we will share an anonymous survey to better understand how parents and carers feel about this topic and whether you would find more information helpful. The survey will be optional but we would really value your response.

Victoria and Mary are very happy to talk to any parents about this and are happy for you to contact them via your class rep.

### Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 03/06/24
Reception	94.33%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	99.33%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 4	95.33%
Year 5	96.55%
Year 6	96.07%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.04%</b>

Attendance Cup  
Winner  
Week Beginning  
03/06/24

**Year 3!**



**What a fantastic start to summer 2! Thank you to families for their continued effort and support.**

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
WKBG 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2:30pm Year 4 class assembly
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	2:30pm Year 5 class assembly
WKBG 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6/5 Cardfields residential
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	3:30 - 4:30 in the playground: Eco-Committee will be holding a food and drink stall to fundraise for the Ocean Conservation Trust. There will be activities for pupils and parents to take part in.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	all day and 3:30 - 4:30 in the top hall: Science Committee will be delivering engineering activities to classes during the school day and to parents after school. All are welcome to attend.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2:30pm Year 3 class assembly
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
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00am Year 6 leavers show
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term – school closes 2pm

### Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts

Last week pupils from Gillespie who attend the Kuk Sool Won martial arts club in Elizabeth House took part in a tournament.

Tony Marco (Gillespie parent and club instructor) reported “on Saturday there was a European tournament and our club did extremely well. Finishing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 47 clubs with only 17 competitors. (All the other clubs above us had at least 10 more competitors).”

A huge congratulations to the following children who won at least one medal each!

<b>Year 2</b> Jacob and Arin	<b>Year 4</b> Gabriella-Maria, Nathan and Ivan
<b>Year 3</b> Sachin and Ruby	<b>Year 5</b> Arlo B, Arlo K-S and Kiran

Mark Owen,  
Headteacher

#### Caterlink Survey

Caterlink have asked families to complete the below survey, providing feedback on the current term's menu and service.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>



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## Summer Reading Challenge 2024

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Welcome to the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers, where you can explore your creativity – whether that's arts and crafts, music or dance.

Join the challenge at your local library, read 6 books over the summer and pick up mini prizes after each book. Completers get a certificate and a medal.

You can join at any time during the summer holidays (from Saturday 6 July) at your local library - it's free to join!



### Sign Up Saturday!

Pop into your local Islington Library on Saturday 6 July to join in our Fun Day. There will be face painting, crafts events, stories and more to entertain the whole family. Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and start your summer reading journey!



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# FAMILY ART DAY

FREE ART AND PLAY AT OCTOBER GALLERY

10AM - 12PM

USUALLY

SECOND SATURDAY  
OF THE MONTH

FREE  
DROP-IN  
FOR ALL  
AGES

SATURDAY 11TH MAY

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

SATURDAY 6TH JULY



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