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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6/5 residential to Cardfields

This week some children from both Year 5 and 6 travelled to Cardfields Environmental Centre in Hatfield where they engaged in adventurous activities including BMX biking, archery, trebuchet and canoeing as well as exploring, hiking, den building and let's not forget the all important Thursday night disco! The children have had a fantastic time! With thanks to Hassan and Mariam for supervising all the fun with me. Wishing all, a very restful weekend!



Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 24/06/24
Reception	96.67%
Year 1	98.67%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	97.93%
Year 6	92.86%
Total	97.64%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
24/06/24

Year 3!



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tue 2 nd 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.
Wed 3 rd 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.
Thu 4 th July	2:30pm Year 3 class assembly
Sat 6 th July	12:00-3:00pm Summer Fair
Tue 9 th July	4:00-6:00pm Solo concert
Thu 11 th July	Nursery-Year 2 fluoride varnish dentist treatment
Wed 17 th July	Sports day
Fri 19 th July	10:00am Year 6 leavers show
Tue 23 rd July	Last day of term – school closes 2pm

Whittington Health

Wishing families another warm weekend!
Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen, Headteacher

Ocean Conservation Trust fundraiser

3:30-4:30pm Tuesday 2nd July

Dear School Community,
Please support the Eco-Committee in their endeavour to raise awareness of the damage that is happening to our oceans. Along with our STEMAZING club members, they will be selling ocean-themed food and drinks in the playground after school (3:30 - 4:30) on Tuesday 2nd of July. We will only be accepting CASH. Money raised will be donated to the Ocean Conservation Trust. There will also be some ocean-themed activities for everyone to enjoy. Thank you,
Meg, Scientist in Residence, Lab_13

Whittington Health

Fluoride Varnish at Gillespie Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers

The **Whittington NHS Community Dental** Fluoride varnish team will be visiting your child's school next week to see children in year groups.

Nursery-Year 2 for fluoride varnish application on

Thursday ,11th July 2024

Your child received a form and cover letter to take home ,you must fill and return the form to the school office as soon as possible before this date.

What is Fluoride Varnish? It is a pale-yellow gel applied to children's teeth using a small soft brush. The varnish sets quickly, has a pleasant taste and a fruity smell.
Specially trained dental nurses apply the varnish to children's teeth using a soft brush.

Why is Fluoride Varnish applied to teeth?

Fluoride varnish provides extra protection against tooth decay when used in addition to toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste.

It is strongly recommended for children from the age of 3 years, to have fluoride varnish applied twice every year*. The fluoride varnish application can be applied at school and/or at their regular dentist.

Delivering Better Oral health <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/delivering-better-oral-health-an-evidencebased-toolkit-for-prevention>

Are there any reasons why it might not be applied at school?

- If your child has asthma /severe allergies / carries an Epi-Pen
- If your child is unwell or has sore areas in their mouth on the day. Please ask their regular dentist about having it at the dental surgery

Please ensure you enrol your child by filling out and returning the blue consent forms to the school ahead of our visit. The form has an FAQ (frequently asked questions) section.

For queries, please contact the programme lead. Email: a.iorga@nhs.net Phone: **07469 271 851**

Top tips for good oral health

- Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste. Spit don't rinse!
- Reduce the frequency and quantity of sugary foods and drinks.
- Visit your dentist regularly (Scan the QR code to find an NHS Dentist)

Community page – October Gallery events

Education Exhibition

Thursday 4th July - Saturday 6th July 12.30-5.30pm

Theatre Space, October Gallery

Free Drop in. Please note there is no disabled access to this exhibition

Private view

Thursday 4th July 6pm - 7.30pm

Please RSVP using this link: <https://OGeducationexhibition.eventbrite.co.uk>



October Gallery Education invites you to their 2024 annual exhibition, [P.O.V: Pigeons Don't Run This City](#) featuring innovative mixed media artworks. Curated by the [OG Youth Collective](#), this exhibition offers a unique exploration of how individuals are perceived in various contexts and environments.

Artworks with themes of "Person and Place," reflect different viewpoints on the vibrant city of London, capturing its movement, energy, and the layered communal memories it holds.

It will include work by schools, youth and community groups and artist educators who work with OG Education .

Family Art Day:

Saturday 6th July, 10 am – 12 pm.

Gallery Space, October Gallery

The session is free and open to families with children of all ages.

It is situated on the gallery's ground floor with disabled access.

This special Family Art Day will be run by members of the October Gallery Youth Collective. During this event, participants will have the opportunity to explore October Gallery's new exhibition, [Inner Worlds, Outer Journeys: Ablade Glover at 90](#), as well as the annual OG Education Exhibition [P.O.V: Pigeons Don't Run This City](#) through a series of interactive games and can create their own art piece inspired by the works in both exhibitions.

Queen Square Community Picnic

12.30 - 3pm Queen Square, Free drop - in bring your own picnic

Join us for a fun community event celebrating our rich neighbourhood. Bring your own picnic and blankets and enjoy exciting art activities provided by OG Education artist facilitator [Georgie Fay](#) inspired by the [Ablade Glover](#) Exhibition at October Gallery. This event is organised in partnership with Holborn Community Association, St George the Martyr Church and Love Camden

Camden Schools Art Biennale, Family Workshops

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July 12pm-3pm

Lethaby Galleries, Central Saint Martins , 1 Granary Square, King's Cross, London, N1C 4AA

Free drop in open to families with children of all ages.

October Gallery is pleased to be part of the [Camden Schools Art Biennale](#), a borough wide celebration of art in schools. It will bring together artwork from all of Camden's Schools in an exhibition at Central Saint Martins.

Join OG Education for some family workshops during the exhibition at Central Saint Martins with our artist educator [Melissa Fry](#). Look round the exhibition to get inspired and spark your imagination then join us to exploring mark making and experiment with using different materials to create your own art works.

Looking forward to seeing you at an OG Education event soon!



Summer Fair 2024 Saturday 6th July 12-3pm



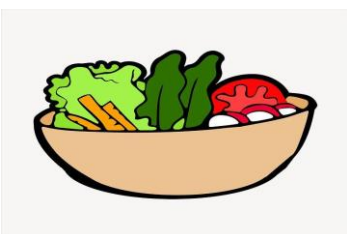
Along with the classics of previous years - **delicious BBQ and salads, Bouncy Castle mayhem, Tombola, Toy and Book sales, the unrivalled Gillespie Raffle, Hook a Duck, Food hatch, Ice Creams, Nail and Glitter stations, Henna painting etc** - we are delighted to announce that there will be a **Fire Engine** paying us a visit at the fair this year. Attendees will be able to explore the engine, speak to the firefighters and learn more about what it takes to become a member of the emergency services. No hoses though! We'll also have an array of stalls set up by staff, including the very popular **Smoothie stall**, and **Eco-Committee stand** and also a stall dedicated to **Travel Awareness** - so we'd like to offer a huge thank you to **Shelley, Meg and Florie** for their support, and to **Orlando** who will be running through his usual musical repertoire!

For those who can offer some support at the fair, we are still working on the following:



Volunteers: Class reps will be asking for support on specific stalls that they are running, but we need as many people as possible for general set-up/tidy and additional features that we are planning to offer. Any time that you can spare will be fantastic, so please get in touch with **Sean on 07986 792 367 as soon as possible** to assist with the allocation process.

Grill Skills: Fancy yourself with a spatula and tongs? Want a guarantee that you'll have rain cover throughout the fair? Not bothered by some minor smoke inhalation? Then FoG needs you! The BBQ is a mainstay of the Summer Fair, and we are looking for any parents and carers who are a dab hand at churning out burgers and hot dogs for the hungry masses. If you are keen to get involved then please contact **Caroline on 07540355054**



Veggie Options: Another fantastic way to contribute to the success of the fair is by rustling up a delicious vegetarian option for the food stall. Whether it's a secret family recipe or something (simple) from that Ottolenghi recipe book that hasn't been opened in a while, we would welcome any contributions that people are willing to make. If you plan to bring along a dish on the day, please get in touch with **Caroline on 07540 355 054** and as always, No Nuts please!

Toy and Gift Donations: The Tombola is always a huge hit at these sorts of events, but that only works if we are able to pull in donations from the Gillespie School community. **Anything that you are willing to contribute/part with that is suitable for either adults or children then please drop them in to the office. For now can we ask for no book donations, as we are bursting at the seams currently!**

Reception Bake Sale

Last Friday saw the final bake sale of the year and it was quite a spread that their team put together! It is no surprise that the sale was a success, and combined with the neighbouring ice cream stand and uniform stall we were able to raise a whopping £440 to contribute to the FoG funding pot. Special mention need to go to **class rep Charlie Collins** and her many willing volunteers for such a great effort - quite the standard you have set yourselves for next year!

KiDSiE Discount Offer



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30% off RRP
- Skate Hut**
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Roller Skates, Heelies, and more!

Use this referral code to get £5 off and we will donate £5 to your school PTA

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www.kidsie.com

↓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.

Gillespie School **6th July** 12pm - 3pm

SUMMER FAIR

free entry

- BBQ
- Music
- Raffle
- Games
- Bar
- Cakes
- Bouncy Castle
- Nail Painting
- Penalty Shoot Out
- Glitter Tattoos