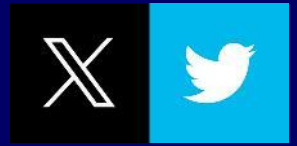




Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

# Newsletter 442

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The big day is finally upon us, we're looking forward to spending tomorrow with the whole Gillespie community celebrating at our annual summer fair! For last minute fair arrangements please contact Sean on 07986 792 367.



### Children and smartphones survey

Deadline extended until 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024- we are very interested in parents and carers responding to the below survey on the use of smartphones. This survey should take approximately five minutes and is completely anonymous. Mary and Victoria will share the survey findings and proposed next steps at a later date.

Complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/CMSHP2xGPpzB2M5KA>

### Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 01/07/24
Reception	96%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	99.33%
Year 3	98%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 5	96.90%
Year 6	98.93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.02%</b>

Attendance Cup  
Winner  
Week Beginning  
01/07/24  
**Year 4!**



### Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> July	4:00-6:00pm Solo concert
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery-Year 2 fluoride varnish dentist treatment
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00am Year 6 leavers show
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term – <b>school closes 2pm</b>

Sport's day is fast approaching!

### 9:45am – Nur, Rec, Y1 & Y2

Please can Nursery & Reception parents who are coming along to sports day help accompany children to the park and back; we will be leaving shortly after drop off.

### 12pm – Year 6

Year 6 children will be running the day along with Hassan and taking part in their activities between 12 and 1pm. Children will require a packed lunch as they will remain at the park all day.

### 1:15pm – Y3, Y4 & Y5

Parents/carers can join us at the park from 1:15pm for KS2's activities.

This year there will be team colours – your child's class teacher will indicate which colour your child is in (red, yellow, blue). If possible please can your child wear a t-shirt/ item of clothing in this colour.

Please ensure children are well dressed for the weather and have a hat, sun-cream applied and a full water bottle!



JOIN US AT CLISSOLD PARK FOR

# GILLESPIE'S SPORTS DAY

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY  
9:45 - NUR, REC, YEARS 1 & 2  
12PM YEAR 6  
1:15PM - YEARS 3, 4 & 5

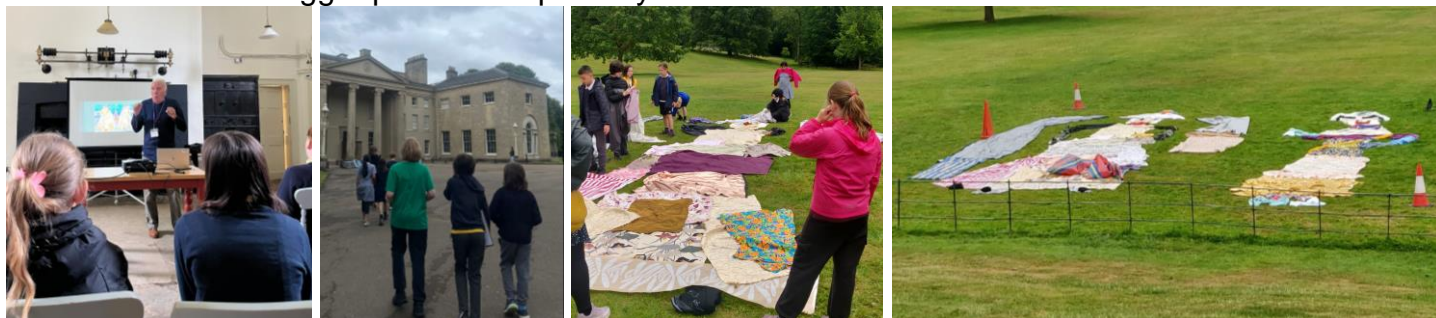
## Year 4 Learning

As part of our science work on habitats and endangered species, year 4 have been doing some art work inspired by the work of Andy Warhol. We created polystyrene tiles with an image of an endangered animal, printed them and then added lots of colour in the style of Andy Warhol. The results looked great!



## Year 6 Learning

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Kenwood House yesterday where they met painter Stephen Farthing. The children created swagger portraits inspired by his work.



See you all tomorrow! Sincerely, Mark Owen Headteacher



## Learning in Lab\_13

### Science Committee Engineering Event

On Wednesday, the Gillespie Science Committee worked extremely hard to deliver an Engineering event for the whole school and parent community. They spent a number of weeks planning and testing out ideas for it.

The pupils arrived at 8:15 for their weekly committee meeting and started setting up. They led differentiated activities throughout the day for pupils from Nursery through to Year 5 and then for parents from 3:30 – 4:30. There was information on hand about different types of engineers including aerospace engineer, structural engineer, civil engineer, boat builder, renewable energy engineer, electronic engineer and automotive engineer. Activities included the following: making a boat to float, rocket mice, film canister rockets, cup towers, bridge building, wind turbines, catapults, testing passwords, balloon rockets, balloon buggies, paper aeroplanes, spinners, and investigating strong shapes. A good time was had by all.

I was absolutely astounded by what the science committee members achieved on Wednesday. Over half the committee are in Key Stage One! The leadership and communication skills; as well as, stamina and enthusiasm they demonstrated went far beyond my expectations. Congratulations Science Committee on an outstanding achievement and thank you to the school community for getting involved; having fun and providing your kind feedback.

### Meg, Scientist in Residence





## Eco-Committee and STEMAZING Club Marine Awareness Event

On Tuesday, our Eco-Committee and STEMAZING Club pupils did a grand job of raising the school community's awareness of the range of beautiful marine animals in our oceans and of how we need to avoid littering so that harmful plastic and other rubbish does not end up in our waterways. They provided information about a variety of animals which our school community enjoyed colouring in and drawing. The pupils came up with their own ideas for activities which included Pin the Tail on the Whale and removing plastic from a marine habitat. Pupils created their own stickers with messages for participants.

In addition, pupils helped me to create delicious ocean-themed snacks at school and families donated treats which we sold at our stall to raise money for the Ocean Conservation Trust. Thank you very much to those families who made this extra effort. We raised a whopping £132.40.

Congratulations to all the pupils for their compassion, enthusiasm and leadership and thank you to the school community for sharing your compassion and generosity.

Meg, Scientist in Residence



## Community page

### Islington Football Development Partnership Summer Half Term Football Camp

Camp runs 10am-3pm each day at Whittington Park N19 4RS.

Cost for is £30 per week (Only weekly booking is available, no day rates). [Sign up here](#)

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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 29 June, 2pm
- Saturday 13 July, 2pm
- Saturday 24 August, 2pm

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