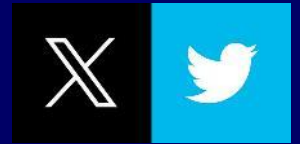




Friday 12th July 2024

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@GillespieSchool

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 SATS's results

I am very proud of the hard work of our Year 6 class and of all the staff who have worked with them. This year, Class Teacher Hassan and TA Mariam have supported the pupils very effectively! We are very proud that our results are well above the national average and demonstrate the impact our school has supporting our children's learning and achievement.

	Gillespie percentage	National average
Reading	93%	74%
Writing (teacher assessment)	89%	72%
Maths	93%	73%
Grammar, Punctuation and spelling (GPS)	93%	72%
Science (teacher assessment)	89%	81%



Solo Music Concert

Congratulations to our solo performers from years 1 to 6 who performed this week. We had children singing songs, playing the piano, violin, guitar, viola and a number of small group performances. There was a staggering amount of creativity and talent on display. It was such a pleasure to see so many children trying out different things and it showed a lot of courage! A special mention to our year 6 children who were very supportive of each other. I wish we could keep you in the school and carry on sharing your talent but we know you will continue to flourish in secondary school!



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

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!

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 08/07/24
Reception	96.67%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	95.86%
Year 6	94.29%
Total	96.69%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
08/07/24

Year 3!



Diary Dates

Date	Event
WB 15th July	No in house after school clubs this week
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

Summer Fair

With huge thanks to the FoG team and Gillespie community for making this annual event a great success, despite the wet weather! See a roundup from the FoG team below including the whopping total raised by our wonderful community.



Wishing families a lovely weekend,
Mark Owen
Headteacher



Summer Fair 2024

a HUGE thank you to all involved!

What a day! Despite the rain and a buckled gazebo, everyone embraced this year's fair with true British summertime spirit and made it another memorable occasion. Highlights included the **Fire Engine** (obvs), **ClayTime skull painting** and the innovative new **Ping Pong Prize Challenge**! A massive shout out to all the **FoG members** who worked tirelessly on the planning and execution of various sections of the fair, to all our wonderful **Class reps** for coordinating the stalls, **the staff** who gave up so much of their precious free time to help out and of course all of our wonderful **parent volunteers**. Feedback from children and their families has been so positive, and we are delighted to share that we were able to raise over **£4000** for the school funding pot... imagine if we had sunshine!

We are always looking to improve on events like these, so any feedback you have please pass on to your class rep so we can go bigger and better next time!



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- Huffy Bikes**
30% off RRP
- Scoot & Ride**
30% off RRP
- Skate Hut**
50% off RRP

↓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.
- One off donations of any amount are always welcomed.

Community pages

Mimi's Space Adventure

Discover how the science of space can help us here on Earth.

Free family activities this summer

Weekdays 25 July - 29 August

Plan your adventure iop.org/spaceadventure

#MimiSpaceAdventure

Join Mimi for a summer Space Adventure!

The Institute of Physics invites you to ignite your curiosity in our interactive exhibition and fuel your imagination with hands-on physics experiments, demonstrations and puzzles. Launch your creativity with a range of crafting activities and meet our wonderful physicists to find out how you could travel through space. Plus, you can pick up your free copy of the Mimi's Space Adventure storybook to take home and enjoy.

Free family activities, ideal for families with children aged 5-9.

Open weekdays, 10.00 - 16.00 from 25 July until 29 August (excluding bank holidays)

Institute of Physics,
37 Caledonian Road,
London, N1 9BU.

A 5 minute walk from King's Cross St Pancras station

Plan your launch
iop.org/SpaceAdventure

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Date: June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Has your child had their pre-school immunisations?

I am writing to encourage you to check that your child is up to date with their immunisations before they start school in September. If your child is aged between three and five years old, they should be up to date with their immunisations before starting school. These pre-school immunisations (also known as vaccinations) will help protect your child against many serious infections, for example, there is currently a large measles outbreak in London.

Now is a good time to catch up with any of the usual immunisations your child may have missed as a baby or toddler. Just ask your GP practice or clinic about catch-up doses. It is never too late to have your child immunised.

Pre-school vaccines:

Vaccine	How it is given	Details
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (Whooping cough), polio	One injection	This is a booster dose of the vaccine your child had as a baby.
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	One injection	This is a second dose of the MMR vaccine. If your child has not had the first dose yet, it should be given now and they should have their second dose one month later.
Flu	Nasal spray	This will be given in the autumn/winter by the immunisation team at the school. Children who cannot have the nasal spray for medical reasons will be offered a vaccination by injection.

To make sure that your child is fully protected, contact your GP or Practice Nurse for an appointment. For more information you can also visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations and [4-in-1 pre-school booster overview](#) or call the free NHS helpline 111. This link, [Pre-school immunisation booklet](#), is a guide to pre-school immunisations from two years old until starting primary school.

Alongside immunisation, there are other ways in which everyone can help reduce the spread of infections in schools. Here are a few helpful links which you might like to look at to help you and your family learn about what else you can do:

- e-Bug <https://www.e-bug.eu/>
- Health protection in children and young people settings, including education [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Health protection in children and young people settings, including education: tools and resources [Children and young people settings: tools and resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish your child and you a happy, healthy start to school.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Yvonne Young
Regional Deputy Director for Health Protection
UKHSA London Region