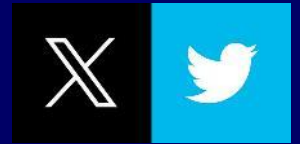




Friday 13th September 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday library open mornings

I'm delighted to inform parents that our Friday parent/carer/children library open mornings are starting again from Friday 20th September. Please remember that this is an informal opportunity for parents and children to read together in the lovely environment of our library. Children are not allowed to attend unsupervised. Huge thanks to parents Amelie and Deidre for continuing to support the management and running of our school library, we can't tell you how grateful we are that this fantastic library, one of the best primary school libraries in Islington, is so well looked after by our parent community. On a Friday morning please buzz breakfast club and state library and sign in under the 'Event's' section on the sign in screen at the office.

myHappyMind

We teach a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. myHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!



myHappyMind is delivered in school by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day. To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, myHappyMind has developed a set of resources for parents and carers. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone or tablet. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as Happy Breathing, for you to learn more about what they are learning in the program. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is **100405**.

I really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact Steph Welburn Y1 class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org.

Learning in Year 4

In year 4 this week we have been exploring in science, what happens to raisins when they are put in lemonade.



Learning in Year 6

Y6 were Curious Camels exploring all the books in our class book corner and sorting them by genre. They then selected one of their favourites to read with their newly created origami monster bookmark.



Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 09/09/24
Year 1	99.67%
Year 2	96.43%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98.33%
Year 6	97.86%
Total	98.6%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 09/09/24

Year 4!

Term dates 2024/25	
Autumn Term 2024	
28 th October – 1 st November	Half Term
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of Spring Term for pupils
17 th – 21 st February	Half Term
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	First day of Summer Term for pupils
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
26 th – 30 th May	Half Term
Friday 18 th July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET Day

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
WB Monday 16 th September	Ready Set Stage after school clubs begin
Tuesday 24 th September	3:45pm Year 6 secondary transition meeting
October	Black History Month
Thursday 3 rd October	National poetry day
Wednesday 16 th October	Individual and sibling photographs
Thursday 17 th October	Reception-Year 6 flu vaccination clinic
WB Monday 21 st October	Scholastic book fair
Thursday 24 th October	Halloween disco
WB Monday 28 th October	Half term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher



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Upcoming dates:

Saturday 21 September, 2pm

Saturday 19 October, 2pm

Saturday 30 November, 2pm

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