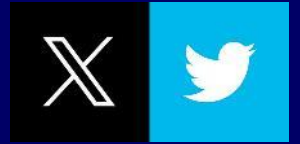




Friday 4th October 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School uniform

We are collecting vast amounts of school uniform including coats that are not labelled and therefore difficult to hand back to children. Please ensure ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled. Thank you.



National Poetry Day

Today in our assembly children from years 1, 3 and 5 shared poems they had written in class to celebrate the annual national poetry day. Well done to the brave pupils who proudly shared their work with us all!

Year 6 Learning

On National Poetry Day, Year 6 were Curious Camels, exploring a range of poetry on the Poetry By Heart website. They then chose their favourite to learn off by heart. Next week is poetry performance time!



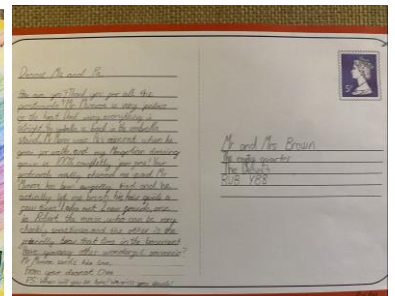
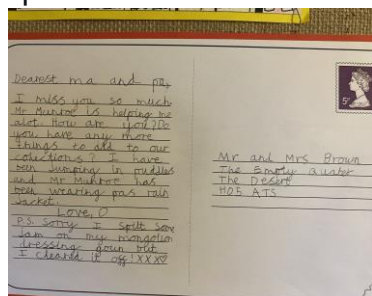
Perform for Schools workshops for Reception – Year 2

On Wednesday the Little green alien from Perform came in her spaceship today and took us on a trip through the universe. We saw Mercury, Venus, stars and found a planet that was covered in love dust. We collected up as much as we could and went to find the Cruel Commander. She wasn't a very nice person, but we thought we could help. We sprinkled love dust whenever she wasn't looking, but had to disguise ourselves as stars when she came back as she didn't like anyone near her stars. We eventually managed to spread enough love dust to turn her into the Kind Commander.



Year 4 Learning

Year 4 are reading and enjoying 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' by Chris Riddell. We wrote postcards in the role of Ottoline to her parents.



Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 30/09/24
Reception	96.67%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	94.48%
Year 3	99.31%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	90.71%
Total	96.45%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 30/09/24

Year 3!

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 16 th October	Individual and sibling photographs
Thursday 17 th October	Reception-Year 6 flu vaccination clinic
Friday 18 th October	FoG AGM
WB Monday 21 st October	Scholastic book fair
Thursday 24 th October	FoG event - Halloween disco
<i>WB Monday 28th October</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school

Rosh Hashanah

We wish all of our Jewish families Rosh Hashanah and a wonderful time of celebration together. Thank you to Willow and Giulia for sharing your traditions with us today in sharing assembly.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher



Dear parent/carer,

Re: School-aged Flu Immunisation - Islington 2024

The school nursing team of Islington will be visiting your child's school on 17th October to carry out nasal flu immunisations (there is an option to choose porcine-free Injection). **Please complete an e-consent form for your child to be immunised against the Influenza virus.** This can be done by clicking the link: <https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/Islington>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form as a decline so that we can record your wishes and update your child's records.

For further information, please see the e-consent letter attached, and for further queries, please email: islington@v-uk.co.uk.

- Video link in different languages - <https://www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk>
- Vaccination UK website - www.schoolvaccination.uk
- NHS – Children's flu vaccine - <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>



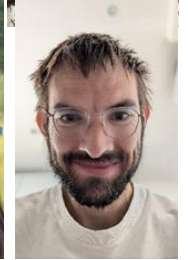
Amazing response to call for support!

What a fantastic start to the year! Following calls for people to register their interest in both FoG Committee and Class Rep roles, we now have the following individuals stepping up to support the school community:

FoG Committee: **Alison Stokes** - Alongside her current role as Class Rep for Yr 3, Alison will now be joining the FoG Committee team as co-chair to support the team's work on the agreed priorities for the academic year.

Class Reps: **Tiffanie Lee/Mathias Kilmman** - With the phased entry for Reception Class now complete and the children starting to settle into school life, Tiffanie and Mathias have teamed up to take on the responsibilities as class reps for the year.

Alongside the recruitment drive, FoG are also introducing a **Class reps coordinator** role to ensure reps get as much support as possible, and will be working over the next week to finalise **key dates for upcoming events** such as the Annual General Meeting, Yr 4/5/6 Bake Sales, Carol Singing and the Winter Fair, so watch this space!



Halloween Disco - Call for volunteers

One date we have confirmed is for the Halloween Disco on Thursday 24th Oct between 5-7pm. As usual we are looking for as many volunteers as possible to make sure the set-up, delivery and clear run as smoothly and simply as possible. If you can spare any time from 2pm until 8pm on that day then please speak to your class rep or contact **Sean on 07986792367** or **Vicky on 07877984367**

Ways to Support Friends of Gillespie and the school community

- 1. Financial donations:** A monthly direct debit donation of any amount you choose can be set up [here](#) in less than 5 mins, or you can use this QR code to access the site. As an example, if just half of the families at Gillespie contributed the cost of a cup of coffee on a weekly basis, FoG would raise an extra £20,000 a year!
- 2. Item donations:** Whether it is unwanted toys, books, sports equipment or uniform, any donation that you can make to FoG for reuse or resale is a huge boost to our efforts. Speak to your class rep about delivering the items, or simply drop them in the front office for a FoG member to come and collect them. Easy!
- 3. Time donations:** If you would like to help out in this way then please do get in touch with your class rep or a FoG Committee member - we will certainly have something for you to do!



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- Skate Hut** 50% off RRP
- Scout & Ride** 30% off RRP

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