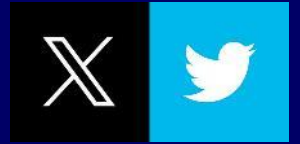




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding at Gillespie

Staff and governors have carried out our annual review of safeguarding policies taking in to account latest government legislation in 'keeping children safe in education 2024'. Parents can access this along with policies on the school website. The policies inform a school culture that helps us keep all of our community safe and supports our well-being. If any parents wanted to discuss any policies further please catch Mark in the playground or email the school office.

The following policies have been updated and can be accessed here or on the school website:

- [Accessibility Policy](#)
- [Anti Bullying Policy](#)
- [Asthma Policy](#)
- [Attendance & Punctuality Policy](#)
- [Behaviour policy](#)
- [Child Protection policy](#)
- [Data Protection Policy](#)
- [Educational visits Policy](#)
- [Freedom of Information and publication](#)
- [Governor Behaviour Statement](#)
- [Health and Safety Policy](#)
- [Online safety policy](#)
- [Privacy Notice – Gillespie Governors and Volunteers](#)
- [Privacy Notice – Gillespie Staff](#)
- [SEND Policy](#)
- [SEND Local Offer 2024 2025](#)
- [Staff/Visitor and Governors Acceptable Use Policy](#)
- [Volunteer Policy](#)
- [Whistleblowing Policy](#)



Other related documents

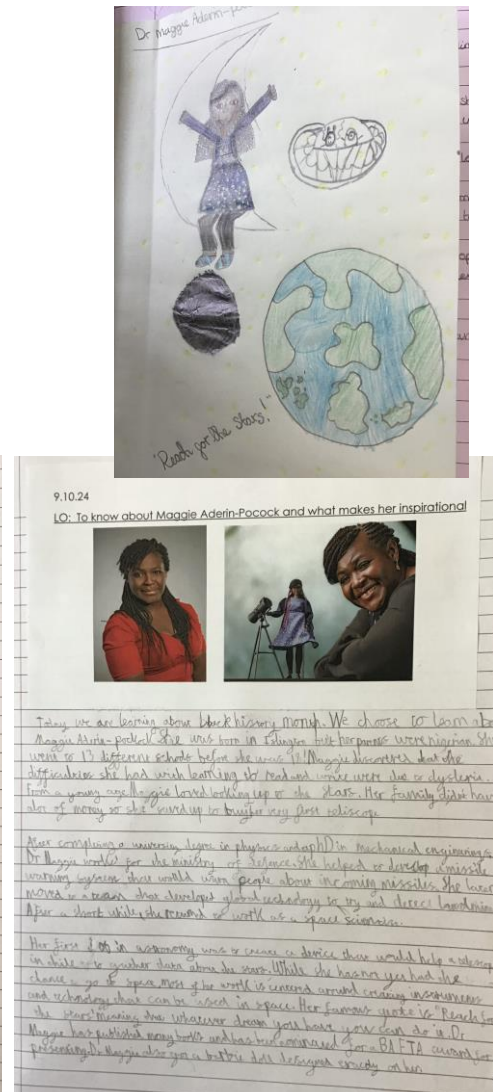
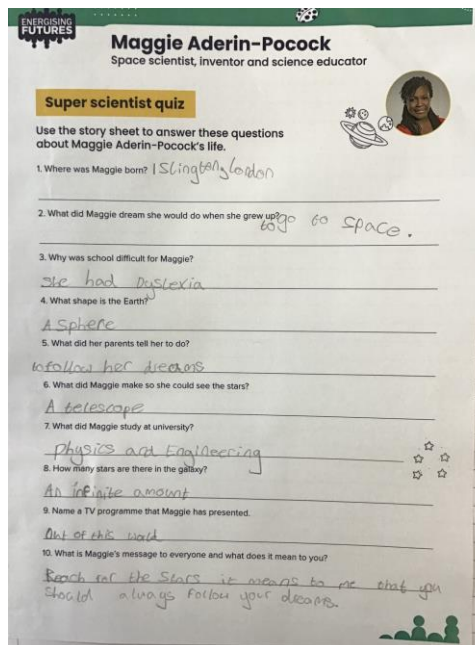
- [Anti-bullying digest for parents](#)
- [NSPCC Talk Pants and Stay Safe Booklet](#)

Black History Month assembly

Today we celebrated black history month in our whole school Friday sharing assembly. The theme this year is focussing on role models in our own lives. Year 4 shared their black history studies of Islington born astro-scientist and inventor Maggie Aderin-Pocock and we watched Maggie sharing the role models that she had in her life that



inspired her to want to become a world leading scientist focussing on the stars in space.



Learning in Year 3

This week, year 3 were kindly invited to Lab_13 to investigate the hardness of rocks. Our scientist in-residence, Meg, had them test different rocks and decide which would be most appropriate to build a statue with.



Attendance Matters!

| Class | Attendance WB 07/10/24 |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Reception | 95.33% |
| Year 1 | 96.67% |
| Year 2 | 96.21% |
| Year 3 | 96.21% |
| Year 4 | 98.33% |
| Year 5 | 99.67% |
| Year 6 | 95.71% |
| Total | 96.88% |



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 07/10/2024

Year 5!

Upcoming Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 16 th October | Individual and sibling photographs (full school uniform required) |
| Thursday 17 th October | Reception-Year 6 flu vaccination clinic |
| Friday 18 th October | 9:00am FoG AGM in Lab_13 |
| 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 |

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher

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/>

Gillespie School Halloween Disco



Thursday 24th October
5.00 – 7.00pm

**£3 per child, £5 family ticket
(Adults free, all children must
be accompanied)**

The children's favourite, the Gillespie Halloween Disco will take place in the playground, so wrap up warm. Come to school dressed up and ready to dance and play spooky games.

Have your dinner at the disco - pizzas, hot dogs, cakes, sweets and drinks will be served throughout the evening.

Bring your carved pumpkins to the school hall on the morning of the disco and you'll see it lit up that evening. Make sure your name and class are on the back. Prizes to be won.

If you are able, please donate Halloween cakes and sweets to sell at the disco. Please drop any donations into the school office (remember no nuts please).

And, if you can help before, during or after the disco, please let Vicky Hatchett (Year 5 parent) know on 07877 984367.



Dates! Dates! Dates! Dates! Dates! Dates! Dates! Dates! Dates! Dates!

Key dates for your diaries –the **FoG Annual General Meeting** next Friday morning 9:30 – 10:30 am in the main hall. This is a great chance meet the FoG team, find out how FoG works and what lies in store for the year to come. It would be great see as many of you as possible!

On Friday afternoon its back to baking with the **Year 6 Bake Sale and Uniform Stall**.

Other Autumn Term dates including the Halloween Disco and Winter Fair are:

| Day | Date | Time | Event |
|-----|----------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri | 18th Oct | 09:30-10.30 | FoG AGM – Open to all parents and carers |
| Fri | 18th Oct | 15:00-16:00 | Year 6 Back to school Bake Sale & Uniform Stall – Payment and donations can be made using either card or cash |
| Thu | 24th Oct | 17:00-19:00 | Halloween Disco |
| Fri | 22nd Nov | 15:00-16:00 | Yr 5 Bonfire Night Bake Sale & Uniform Stall - Payment and donations can be made using either card or cash |
| Fri | 13th Dec | 15:00-16:00 | Y4 Christmas Bake Sale & Uniform Stall - Payment and donations can be made using either card or cash |
| Wed | 18th Dec | 15:30-17:30 | Winter Fair |



Halloween Disco - Call for volunteers



The childrens favourite – the Halloween Disco will be on Thursday 24th Oct between 5-7pm. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible on the day for set-up, delivery and clear-up! We also need bakers to make cakes and treats to sell at the event. If you can bake or spare any time from 2pm until 8pm on the 24th then please speak to your class rep or contact **Sean on 07986792367** or **Vicky on 07877984367**

Festive Cards



Every year FoG organises the Festive Card Project. Children have been busy making festive artwork in class. If your child has completed artwork it will be sent home shortly with instructions on how to order cards, wrapping paper, mugs and present tags. If you would like to order any of these, just follow the instructions stapled to the back of your artwork. All profits fund FoG projects.

DEADLINE SHOP ORDER DATE IS THE 27TH OCTOBER. Any questions, email marydecinque@gmail.com. Please note you don't need to send artwork anywhere, it's already been scanned.

Ways to Support Friends of Gillespie and the school community

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!



Islington Football Development Partnership

We're delighted to announce that Islington Football Development Partnership will be running a NEW, GIRLS ONLY football camp during the upcoming October half-term.

For girls only in school years 3-9. Limited spaces available to book early to avoid disappointment.

📅 Mon 28th October - 1st November 2024

🕒 10am-3pm each day

📍 Sobell Centre, N7 7NY

Just £30 for the whole 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.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday 21 September, 2pm

Saturday 19 October, 2pm

Saturday 30 November, 2pm

N4 Library
26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW
020 7527 7800