



Friday 8th November 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday assembly celebrations

In today's whole school assembly we celebrated our harvest festival. A huge thank you to parents and carers for your donations of food and provisions which will be gratefully received by Islington Food Bank Aid.



Year 3 led our celebration of the festival of Diwali. Our stage was lit with mini diva lamps and children shared the rangoli patterns they had made and retold the story of Rama and Sita. Reception class have also been busy making and decorating their own diva lamps.

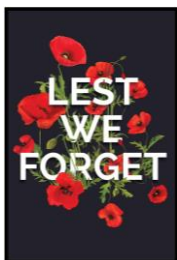


Anti-bullying week and Odd Socks Day



This coming week is Anti-Bullying Week with the theme 'Choose Respect'. On Tuesday we encourage everyone to wear odd socks to celebrate differences and uniqueness of individuals.

This Anti-Bullying Week encourages adults and children alike to come together and have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, how to avoid resorting to bullying, and how we can all choose to lead by example. We'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.



Marking Armistice Day

On Monday 11th November the school will come together in a whole school assembly to quietly mark armistice day and to reflect and join in on the national minute of silence at 11am.

Children in Need Friday 12th November

Children and staff are invited to wear spots, stripes or pyjamas for Children in Need on Friday 12th November! Children in Need is committed to funding grassroots organisations and project workers in every corner of the UK, who provide the vital relationships and support to help the children who need us most. Donations can be made to our page here: <https://tinyurl.com/4dyybmyj>



**I'M RAISING MONEY FOR
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 04/11/24
Reception	96%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96.90%
Year 3	98.28%
Year 4	97.67%
Year 5	95.67%
Year 6	99.29%
Total	97.23%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 04/11/2024

Year 6!

Class assemblies

Please note the date change for the Year 2 class assembly. Location to be confirmed based on Sadler's Wells confirmation.

Class assemblies	
Thursday 7 th November	Year 6
Thursday 14 th November	Year 1
Thursday 28 th November	Year 4
Thursday 5 th December	Year 5
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 2

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
WB 11 th November	Anti-bullying week
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13 th November	9:30am Understanding your child's emotions workshop
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 21 st November	Flu immunisation catch up clinic
Wednesday 4 th December	2:00-7:30pm Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 18 th December	10am & 2pm Christmas shows 3:45pm Christmas Fair
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term School finishes at 2pm

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher



School Wellbeing Service

Workshop: Understanding Your Child's Emotions

A workshop for parents and carers at Gillespie Primary

- understand why emotions are important for your child's development
- understand how emotions can impact behaviour
- explore practical ways to support your child with managing how they feel

When?

Wednesday, 13th November 2024

Where?

Gillespie Primary School

What time?

9am-10.30am

Who with?

Rosie Davies and Lisa Bliedtner (SWS)

Please let school (Lyn Jones) know if you would like to join!



November is Cut Your Carbon month!



find out more!

Eco-Schools is challenging young people across the UK to take action on their carbon footprint. Completing these 6 simple actions with family and friends will raise awareness, change behaviours, and Cut Your Carbon - a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.

So grab a magnet, stick this checklist to your fridge, and take action!

Throughout November...

1

Make 5 miles of travel 'active'. Did you know, a petrol car creates around 1kg of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (or 'CO₂e') every 5 miles? 'Active Travel' - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, we're challenging you to make 5 miles of travel active. Whether it's a single 5-mile trip, or five 1-mile trips... ditch the drive!

2

Go plant-based for a day. Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. Choose a day to go plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be! By switching from a meat-based diet to a plant-based diet, for just one day, you can reduce your emissions by nearly 3kg CO₂e.

3

Turn down the heating by 1° for a week. Heating is the biggest source of carbon emissions in many homes. So pop on a jacket and drop the thermostat by 1°. Completing this challenge could prevent an additional 6kg CO₂e!

4

Buy nothing new for 1 month. The production of every item that you buy has a carbon footprint. Write a list of every non-essential item that you bought (or was bought for you) last month. Put them into categories - e.g. clothing, toys, or cosmetics - and don't buy anything from one of these categories for 1 month. If you purchase 1kg less stuff during the month, you can save an average of 6kg CO₂e.

5

Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes. Cleaning and pumping water to our homes creates carbon emissions. So does generating energy to heat it. This means that shorter showers are good for our planet! Limiting 4 showers to 4 minutes will save around 1.5kg of CO₂e. We recommend using a 4-minute song as a timer that you can sing-along to!

6

Switch off all of your non-essential electrical devices for an hour. Electricity can account for 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Think about when your family uses the most unnecessary electricity, maybe you're gaming, or perhaps watching TV? At that time, turn off all non-essentials for 1 hour and do something device-free!



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Carol singing - Saturday 14th December



A major FoG festive-fundraiser is the annual **Carol Singing Bucket Shake!** This year's gathering will be held on **Saturday 14th Dec from 13.30pm until 15.30pm.** Singers, shakers, fancy dressers and drum bangers of all ages and abilities are most welcome, so please do come along to support this fantastic festive event. Last year we raised an incredible £1000, which would cover the cost of repairing all of our stringed instruments for the pupils and the recycling bins for the playground.

Even if you don't want to sing there are loads of ways to support us:

- Collect donations from passing Gooners by using the Zettle app on your phone or shaking a bucket.
- Make a fancy sign (like ones below) and wave it around on the day.
- Get your Santa hat on and bang a tambourine or similar (rhythm and musical timing optional).
- Live nearby? I'm sure our carol singers would love a cup of something warm and a biscuit to keep them going!

If you would like to help out or come and join in the fun please get in touch with **Anna Payne** on **07718915189** or **Sean** on **07986792367**



Winter Fair - 18th December

The annual **Gillespie Winter Fair** will be running on **Wednesday 18th December 3.30 - 5.30pm.** Work is now in full flow to ensure that we are offering the usual festive fun, warm food/drinks and various stalls and activities to get everyone in the mood for the holiday season. As with previous years, each year group will be running a stall on the day, so do **keep an eye out for requests from your class reps for helpers.**



Dates!

Upcoming events this term:

Day	Date	Time	Event
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
Sat	14th Dec	13:30-15:30	Gillespie Carol Singing
Wed	18th Dec	15:30-17:30	Winter Fair

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 would raise an amount you choose, it 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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KiDSiE Discount Offer



KiDSiE
Your Premium Outlet for Kids' Stuff

Get BIG discounts on:
**Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards,
Roller Skates, Heelies, and more!**

Use this referral code to get £5 off and we will donate £5 to your school PTA

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